

# ASSEMBLY BALANCES ITS DEED

### Session Produced Tax Program and Defiance of People's Will — Another Income Tax Election Looms To Vote On Cabinet Form For Oregon Assured.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 2.—(AP)—Forty-eight days of actual legislation has whipped the thirty-fifth assembly into such shape that history will distinguish it for two outstanding features:

It decided and enacted the most comprehensive taxation program any session ever evolved.

It disregarded the sentiment of the people as expressed at the polls as no previous legislature had dared do.

The forty-ninth legislative day will be put in Monday with the legislators cleaning up odds and ends to earn the \$5 a day fee they voted themselves when it was certain the session would overrun the regular 49-day period.

Despite the eight-time defeat of the personal income tax, the lawmakers turned a deaf ear to the voice of the people and refused to submit the ninth to the acid test of the ballot. Eleven senators from counties which repeatedly opposed the income tax voted in favor of it. If the referendum is invoked a special election will be held.

Confronted with a deficit of \$2,500,000, the lawmakers solved the financial problem by enacting an excise tax on banks and business corporations and to tax on intangibles. The two measures will produce \$1,200,000 each year.

Besides solving that problem, the legislature abolished the board of regents of the University of

Oregon, the Oregon State college and three normal schools and created a board of higher education. Names of nine men were submitted to the senate today by Governor Patterson for confirmation. They will comprise the board.

It has reduced motor license fees and has levied an additional penny on the gas tax.

On the ballot at the next general election will be the question of whether a cabinet form of government should be inaugurated or whether the state shall continue to be governed by innumerable boards and commissions.

## CHICAGO TOUGHS DENIED BAIL IN GANG MASSACRE

CHICAGO, Mar. 2.—(AP)—The state today won a court skirmish to hold two men charged with seven murders, one charge for each member of the Moran gang slaughtered in the St. Valentine's day massacre, in the St. Valentine's day massacre.

Arraigned in municipal court, Jack McGurn, and Rocco Fanelli, the accused, reputed members of the gang of "Scarface" Al Capone, were ordered held on a continuing without bail until March 16.

The hearing was not without a reference to the work of the authorities in investigating the wholesale gang killing. Attorney Thomas Nash, representing McGurn, charged the police did not have any evidence against his client but had arrested him because they were forced to arrest somebody to allay criticism.

Attorneys for Fanelli said he had surrendered voluntarily when he heard he was wanted and the complaint against him was signed by policemen who knew nothing whatever of the seven slayings.

**Obituary**

McCONICHIE.—The funeral services for Shirley May McConichie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest M. McConichie will be held at the graveside in Medford cemetery, Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Reverend Carmen Mell, officiating. Arrangements in charge of the Fort Funeral Home.

## CONGRESS HOLDS SUNDAY SESSION TO FINISH WORK

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—(AP)—For the first time in recent years both houses of congress will be in session on Sunday, the senate late today deciding to follow the decision reached earlier in the day by the house and meet tomorrow morning for the consideration of general legislation.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—(AP)—Every ounce of power at the command of its leaders was brought to bear on the seventeenth congress today in an effort to complete all legislative tasks before its passage into history at noon on Monday morning, with the Coolidge administration with which has served.

Both the senate and house for the second consecutive night were held in session at the Capitol and house leaders arranged for a meeting tomorrow—the first Sabbath session in years—to dispose of an eleven-hour deluge of bills and resolutions.

The eve of adjournment found three big deficiency appropriation bills still pending but leaders were confident that final action on these would be taken in the hours of legislative life remaining and, with the exception of minor matters, the congress could close its doors with its work well done.

In both houses bills were being acted upon with but little discussion and reports on measures were being hurried from one chamber to another by messengers and sometimes even the members themselves, throughout the big Capitol building everybody was astir. The long corridor between the two houses was filled with senators and representatives, secretaries and clerks, while hundreds of the inaugural visitors crowded to the congestion.

**NEW FEE OF PACKERS**

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packers representing a majority of the tonnage that would be custom packed, that they would pack for the season of 1929 on a basis of a flat rate of 55c, provided certain abuses, chargeable to the grower, could be removed.

ured by cooperation with the Fruitgrowers' League.

Of course there's a number of packers, who either would not, or being out of touch with their principals, could not agree to this reduction.

Your committee, after going as far as they could, drafted a report covering the situation fully and presented it to the Board of Directors of the Fruitgrowers' League about a week ago. After a thorough discussion at this board meeting the committee was sent back for further negotiations with the packers. In an endeavor to work out a definite program to remove the abuses complained of by the packers, the board felt that this arrangement would prevent any further misunderstandings and would make our report full and complete.

As soon as your committee started to confer with the packers on these matters it became evident that the agreement negotiated on a basis of a flat rate of 55c had been discredited and misconstrued by such a large number of the packers that the whole agreement was in danger of failure, so a meeting of all packers was called with your committee last Wednesday afternoon at the Holland hotel, Mr. Burch, president of the Fruitgrowers' League, attending this meeting with your committee.

After spending a whole afternoon in an endeavor to adjust the wide differences of opinion and simply cover and harmonize all misunderstandings, and failing to accomplish this purpose, a committee was appointed by the packers to meet the next day at 10:00 o'clock with the president of the Fruitgrowers' League and with your packing charge committee. The committee consisted of C. C. Lemmon, E. S. Coe, H. W. Hamlin and J. E. Edmiston.

When this joint committee met it abandoned the idea of working the matter out on a flat rate minimum charge. It first took up the question of defining a Medford standard high quality pear pack. It then fixed a basic charge per box with a sliding scale of charges that would enable the grower of good fruit and who delivered his first fruit in good condition to the packing houses to secure a minimum charge for packing his fruit, and would penalize the man who delivered poor fruit in bad condition to the packing house by a higher packing charge. This is manifestly a just arrangement. The joint committee unanimously adopted the following program:

1.—Clean standard Oregon box must be used for both extra fancy and fancy grades.

2.—Pack must be capable of passing State grade requirements. (Inspection charge to be in addition to packing charge.)

3.—Wraps to be printed and to be twelve pound sulphide or better.

4.—Corrugated pads top and bottom with cardboard collar protectors.

5.—Labels to be five color lithograph or better.

6.—One machine district label printed on box.

If anything more elaborate than the standard pack is used, grower to be charged the extra cost.

Charges for 1929 season: Base price to be 45c per packed box for sizes 155c and larger, and 47c per packed box for size 150c and smaller, plus a warehousing charge of 2c per lug box of loose fruit received.

This agreement was reached Thursday forenoon, and your committee reported to the Board of Directors of the Fruitgrowers' League at a meeting held Friday afternoon at the Hotel Medford. The board, after a discussion of the matter, instructed your committee to at once secure the signatures of the joint committee to this agreement or understanding and to interview all other packers and secure their signatures to this agreement. This your committee has done, and the following packers subscribed to this agreement, which will be binding during the year 1929:

C. C. Lemmon, representing Seabel & Day.

H. W. Hearty, of E. W. H. Hearty, Inc.

H. P. Hubbard, of Steinhart & Kelly, who filed a letter with your committee, and which is attached to this report.

J. E. Edmiston, representing C. and E. Fruit Co.

E. S. Coe, representing American Fruit Growers, Inc., was a member of the joint committee and subscribed to the agreement, although his signature is not attached from the fact that at the present time he is in Portland.

C. C. Darby of the Kimball Fruit Co., has filed a letter with the committee setting forth his position in the matter.

Newby & Sons of Talent subscribed to the agreement.

Bert Standiford of Phoenix, subscribed to this program.

R. R. Beter, representing the Pinnacle Packing Co., subscribed

to the flat rate of 55c and we assume that he will be agreeable to the new agreement, although he is in Seattle at present and we cannot secure his signature.

M. E. Root, representing the Growers' Exchange, is opposed to any reduction from the 60 charge of last year.

Paul Scherer, representing the Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., respectfully asked that his company be left out of this report. This request we have complied with.

E. G. Bardwell, representing Stewart Fruit Co., has filed a letter with the committee setting forth his position in the matter.

Your committee has made every effort to carry on these negotiations in a spirit of fairness and good will. For the good of the pear industry of the Rogue river valley, the growers, packers and marketers should be willing at all times to discuss and differences of opinion that may arise and settle all of these differences on a basis of what is right and just, and with but one objective in view, which is the prosperity and growth of the industry, for if the industry does not thrive neither the grower, the packer nor the marketer can make money.

Your committee has found in the course of these negotiations that the packer and marketer is not entirely responsible for the evils that exist. We firmly believe that if economies are to be introduced and packing charges reduced, we have got to educate the grower along the lines of producing and delivering to the packing house a high quality of fruit, and in good marketable condition, and that he must be made financially responsible for lug boxes furnished to him free by the packer. On this question of lug boxes we have attached to this report a lug box contract and receipt form to be signed by the grower when lug boxes are delivered to him. We believe this will, to a great extent, cure this evil.

In closing, your committee wishes to say that while we have not accomplished everything we hoped to in the beginning, still we have made a step forward which, if the grower and the packer will honestly attempt to carry out, will bring about a greater feeling of confidence and trust between these two branches of the industry and which will make it easier in the future to get together on questions that may arise affecting the pear industry as a whole.

Your committee asks that this

report be accepted, placed on file, and that the committee be discharged.

Bert Anderson, Chairman, Carl Glasgow, J. C. Barnes.

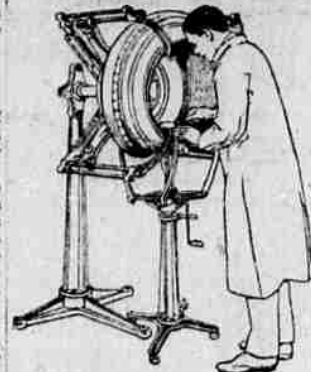
Upon the league's approval of the report a resolution, introduced by Bert Anderson, to provide for a joint committee of six members, three from the league and three from the packing interests, was adopted. Appointment of members by Albert Burch, president of the league, was deferred until a later date. The report of the committee, appointed to investigate Rose pear marketing conditions, was also postponed, but will probably be given within the next 30 days, as soon as the members of the committee have agreed upon a report.

**RAIN FOR INAUGURAL**

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party in last year's campaign, was one of these.

But on Monday the ceremonies will center about Mr. Hoover and Charles Curtis of Kansas, the vice-president-elect, Mr. Curtis' induction into office will be in the senate chamber where he will take over the gavel of the presiding officer from the hands of Charles G. Dawes, and the humor of the elements will have no effect on his inauguration.



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