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HOW HIGH GASOLINE TAX?

EVERY STATE in the union will have adopted the gasoline tax when, on August 1 next, a law providing for a tax of three cents a gallon goes into effect in Illinois. Oregon-originated the gasoline tax. It has taken ten years for all states to follow our leadership. New York and Massachusetts have come into line this year. Illinois had a gasoline tax law, but it was held unconstitutional last year. The new one enacted this spring is believed to be court-proof. The average rate of gasoline tax for all the states is three cents a gallon. The highest rate in any state is five cents and the lowest two cents. In 46 states last year \$300,000,000 in gasoline taxes was collected. In 35 states the total revenues from this source were applied to the highway fund, while 11 states used parts of them for other purposes.

Protests are being raised in some quarters against a tendency by some states to raise the gasoline tax too high and to seek to make that tax produce revenues for miscellaneous purposes. The states which have done this do not follow Oregon's example fully. Here, although sometimes assailed, the principle has been maintained thus far that a tax imposed solely on motorists is properly to be devoted only to the building and upkeep of roads which the motorists use. The Lamp, organ of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, said recently that:

It is not the character nor the theory of the gasoline levy that is of concern to students of taxation, but the ease with which it lends itself to abuse. Just as soon as legislators found they had a new and convenient way open to them to increase state revenues, they began to raise the tax. The result is that today the rate has been advanced in many states until it is far out of proportion to the sales price of the article taxed. If the present tendency continues it will be only a question of time until the public revolts.

And the directors of the American Petroleum institute recently adopted this resolution:

That we do not oppose the levying of a gasoline tax where all the revenue derived therefrom is used solely for highway construction and maintenance purposes; but we oppose the fixing of a rate per gallon tax beyond reasonable bounds, or where the rate the consumer must pay is out of equitable proportion to the price of the gasoline.

There were efforts in the last Oregon legislature both to increase the amount of tax to five cents a gallon, the present maximum for any state, and to divert a part of it to the general fund. Perhaps the mere fact that the oil interests oppose proposals of that kind is unimportant, but the basis of their protests is logical.

Congress has passed the reapportionment bill. After the completion of the 1930 census, states will be given numbers of representatives in accordance with their respective populations. Oregon will still have three representatives as now, but a number of other agricultural states and several southern states will lose, while some of the industrial states will gain representatives.

POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

THE GREATEST TITLE OF THEM ALL

A keen-eyed, frank, sincere woman's picture went the round of our papers recently and underneath was the following story from London, England, by the Associated Press:

"Miss Margaret Bondfield, minister of labor in the government of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Great Britain's first woman cabinet member, has earned her place as one of the staunchest and most able of her political faith."

"Miss Bondfield, 'Our Maggie' as her colleagues affectionately call her, is 56 years old. In her youth in Somerset she was a 'school marm' and shop girl. She early identified herself with the labor movement, first becoming assistant secretary of the shop assistant's union in 1898."

The greatest title of them all—
"First Woman in the Cabinet Hall!"
I'm glad she has no other title—
Just womanhood is far more vital.
She needs no title made by man—
She's in the great Creator's plan.
Since man and woman are at par
Her sex no longer is a bar.

The shop girls in the country towns,
On city street or on the downs,
Are strong of heart and full of pride
Their "Maggie dear" will set the stride;
The gateways upward are unlocked
And no one now can claim he's shocked
To see the women rule the hour,
And rising to the place of power.

And all about, among the schools
Where they would shape keen mental tools,
To build anew the growing state
And govern all the people's fate,
Each "school marm" now is wreathed in smiles—
Miss "Maggie's" step will lead the styles,
And every girl is on tiptoes
As "Maggie" to the Cabinet goes.

When woman comes into her role
I'm glad it's labor leads the poll,
And "Maggie" knows well how to work—
Ah, never was she known to shirk!
A pioneer in this new age,
She'll write her name on history's page,
She well deserves her people's love,
God grant her wisdom from above!

OUT OUR WAY



WOMANS SUPERIORITY.

By Williams

GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

By Max Trel

KNARF'S NAUTICAL EDUCATION HAS BEEN SADLY NEGLECTED, YES, INDEED

Mil, Flor, Hanid, Yam and Knarf—the shadow-children—were taking a trip around the world with their little masters and mistresses. The ship they were on was resting in the harbor of Smyrna which, if you have studied your geography, you will know is in far-off Turkey, on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea.

Now, as nothing pleased the shadow-children more than to go roaming about the ship, they left the real children asleep in their cabin and went off by themselves.

"Let's go to the—," began Flor. "To the front of the ship," concluded Mil, who was Flor's twin.

"You can't say front of the ship," broke in Hanid. The others looked up at her in surprise.

"Why not?" inquired Mil.

"Because front isn't ever said aboard a ship. A sailor would say: 'Let's go forward,' or 'let's go to the prow.'"

"Of course," interrupted Knarf, trying to appear very wise. "That's just what I was about to say."

Yam gazed at him in astonishment. "How did you know that to think of saying?"

But Knarf pretended to be very busy, looking at the captain, who was gazing out over the sea.

"There's the captain," he exclaimed. "He's standing on the upper deck."

"That's not the upper deck," chuckled Hanid. "That's the bridge."

Instead of being abashed, Knarf merely smiled. "I knew it was the bridge all along," he said; "only as I didn't want Yam to misunderstand me, I called it the upper deck."

Yam was about to object. However, at this moment they all started to walk towards the prow. Halfway only they passed a large room from which came the appetizing smell of dinner.

"Captain, weigh the anchor!" "It's the—," began Flor.

"The kitchen!" concluded Mil. "You might call it the kitchen," said Hanid, "but in nautical language it's the galley."

Knarf gazed severely at the twin. "It's high time you knew better," he reprimanded. "Everyone knows that a kitchen aboard a ship is called the galley."

By and by, they reached the prow of the ship. From here a heavy chain, at the end of which was the anchor, reached under the water.

Without a word, Master Knarf slid down the chain and disappeared under the waves, followed immediately by the other four shadows, who, as it happens were curious to know where he was going. It was no trouble at all for them to stay under water. All they had to do was to change themselves from shadows to water-reflections. You might try it yourself some day, provided, however, that the water does not reach above your little toes.

They found Master Knarf regarding the anchor which was imbedded deeply in the bottom. He tried to lift up the anchor. But though he tugged and tugged, he couldn't budge it.

"Ugh—," he cried. "It's an old stick-in-the-mud! I'll tell the captain to weigh it. He's always weighing the anchor, you know."

"That's something else," said Hanid. "Weighing the anchor does not mean to weigh it. It means—"

"Nonsense," interrupted Knarf. He shouted up: "Captain, weigh the anchor at once!"

Curiously enough, at this very moment the captain, finding it time to sail out of port, gave orders to weigh the anchor. Instantly the machinery was set going and up rose the anchor, for that is what weighing the anchor means.

"That's enough, that's enough!" shouted Knarf. "Half-way up is enough."

But the anchor went up the whole way, which wasn't Knarf's idea of the way to weigh an anchor at all.

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BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN EXPECTED TO ADD WEALTH TO THE UMPQUA VALLEY

Editor News-Review: The Chamber of Commerce through its board of directors desires to publicly thank the News-Review management for the quick and hearty response it gave to our City and County Beautification project, and the forceful manner in which it is giving the plan strong endorsement.

The Chamber of Commerce is firmly convinced that it present plans, now in the making, are carried out to their logical conclusion not only will the entire Umpqua valley be considered one of the most beautiful spots in America, but untold wealth will be added to our present values.

City and county personal pride would see this thing through it there were no other urge, but there is a new angle to the question and it is this: We are absolutely forced to this advanced step in county-wide beautification if we ever expect to attract our share of the thousands of people who are seeking new homes where the environment is attractive and inviting.

There is no use going into raptures over soil production possibilities with the home-seeker if our yards present a flea-bitten appearance and the buildings are covered with moss instead of paint. The stranger cannot be interested and this is the whole story. He simply drives on to a more prosperous-looking community. Not only are he and his money lost to the Umpqua valley, but he sends the word back to his friends, and we lose them also.

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce is engaged in a vigorous campaign to locate its share of the right kind of people in the Umpqua valley, and it sincerely hopes and honestly believes that not only Roseburg but the entire valley will readily respond to this campaign and dress-up plan that we are fostering.

ROSEBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
A. C. MARSTERS, President.

EGG MARKETING MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK

A series of egg marketing meetings have been arranged by the state college extension service through County Agent J. C. Leedy. The first meeting will be held at the Baptist church in Oakland, Thursday, June 20 at 8 p. m. The second will be at the city hall in Roseburg at 1:30 p. m. Friday, June 21, and the third will be Friday night at 8 o'clock in the grange hall at Myrtle Creek.

Douglas county farmers, Mr. Leedy states, are justified, in view of present conditions, in increasing egg production, and he urges that farmers now having 100 to 200 hens increase their flocks to at least 400, which is believed to be the minimum for successful operation.

The poultry association reports that 50 per cent of the second grade eggs received come from small flocks of less than 400. This is because there are not enough eggs to cause the owner to collect and ship the eggs regularly, and he does not give sufficient attention to the flocks. With more than 400 enough time is demanded to provide regular attention, and as a result first class eggs are produced.

George O. Gatin, extension marketing specialist and E. J. Dixon, manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, will be the chief speakers. Agricultural committees of the granges are cooperating and profitable meetings are in prospect.

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CHICAGO, June 18.—An 11-year-old boy, playing with a group of children about a school building under construction, was shot and seriously wounded yesterday when the children refused to obey a watchman's commands to leave the building. The watchman, George Meservey, was arrested and charged with the shooting. Police were told he had fired one shot into the group.

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MINNEAPOLIS, June 18.—Despite the strongest democratic challenge for many years, the fifth Minnesota congressional district stayed in the republican column Monday with the election of Lieutenant Governor W. F. Nolan to succeed Representative Walter Negron, resigned.

Closely contesting Nolan was Elmer Holdrege, democrat, whose showing is regarded as marking a renaissance for the party in the district where the farmer-labor party has held second place in recent years. Ernest Lundeen, who served in congress as a republican prior to joining the farmer-labor party, trailed in the race with a number of leaders of his party openly supporting Holdrege.

Senator Charles Adams of Duluth, president pro tem of the state senate, will succeed Nolan as lieutenant governor. Nolan was a member of state legislative bodies for 22 years. He was actively engaged as a professional lecturer for 25 years.

ALEX ESSELSTROM FUNERAL SERVICE HERE YESTERDAY

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral Home yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m. for Alex Esselstrom and was attended by relatives and friends from Roseburg, Ore. Interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Rev. Crook of the Bible Standard church officiated.

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The Office Cat

A man who was subject to fainting spells carried a note in his pocket which read: "If I fall and am taken to a hospital, do not operate. My appendix has been taken out 12 times already."

"This room is a little narrow." "Bah! We'll give it to Uncle Emil. He is so narrow-minded."

First Scout: Gee, I just saw a fish five feet long. (Shows with his hands how long it was.) Second Scout: Are you sure it wasn't your own reflection?

"Why do you feed every tramp who comes along? They never do any work for you." "No," said the wife, "but it is quite a satisfaction to me to see a man eat meat without finding fault with the cooking."

Hubby: This blueberry pie looks queer, dear. Wife: Oh, honey, maybe I put in too much bluing.

Each morning's great—that is go news— But Sunday morning's greater: One then can take another nap. Can be a little later.

"I hear there's a new baby at your house, William," the teacher said to a pupil. "I don't think so," replied the boy. "The way he cries sounds to me like he's had a lot of experience."

The Original Scotch Joke. Golf, no doubt, originated in Scotland because of the Scot's inherent desire to make the rounds with as little as possible.

"No man with any sense would allow you to carry on the way you do." "How do you know what a man with any sense would do?"

If you don't kick about the hotel service, very few will suspect that you eat on kitchen cloths at home.

A small boy's idea of heaven is a place where he can make all the noise he wants to and won't have to waste his feet every night before going to bed.

Men who really make big money never say anything about it.

"She asked: 'Do you think I'm an ass?' and the groom, who was in a sort of daze, replied, 'I do.'"

Now You Know Tenderfoot: How can you tell the approach of winter? First Class Scout: It begins to get later earlier.

Giving all the sidewalk to a woman was courtesy; giving her all the road is discretion.

EDITORIALS ON THE DAY'S NEWS (Continued from page 1)

chard is not only an interesting and important business transaction, but it calls attention to the fact that after 20 years orchard production are "coming back." There have been more important orchard sales since the beginning of this year than at any time since the boom days of 1916.

The Mail Tribune adds that these recent sales are being made to men who have been engaged for years in fruit raising in the West and who know what they are doing.

THESE are significant statements, because a market for

Oregon farm and orchard property is one of the requirements for prosperity in Oregon.

When it further appears that such a market is being created by men who know their business and are buying Oregon orchards because they are good investments it is additional evidence that we are on the road to better days.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF OAKLAND DIES AT FAMILY HOME

Mr. James P. Starr, a pioneer resident of Douglas county and Oakland, passed away at home early this morning after a short illness. He was born in Port Laramie, Wyoming, while his parents were crossing the plains on June 3, 1859, and with his parents came on west, locating on the farm where he has been living since 1859. He was married to Miss Sophene Smith on June 27, 1887, who survives him. He is also survived by the following children: Miss Gladys Starr, Sylvester Starr and Mrs. H. C. Underwood all of Oakland; Mrs. Fred Montgomery, Corvallis; Mrs. Beryl Starr, Portland. Also the following sisters and brothers, Mrs. Jas. Cole, Wilbur; Mrs. Lilly Roy, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Simon Starr, Fossil, Ore., and Phil Starr, Yoncalla, Ore. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. H. C. Stearns of the Douglas Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

SPINAL MENINGITIS HITS MULTNOMAH JAIL

(Associated Press Local Wire) PORTLAND, Ore., June 13.—Complete fumigation of the Multnomah county jail was ordered today following the death from spinal meningitis of Samuel Johnson, federal prisoner.

His morning another prisoner, William C. Lytle, was taken ill and was removed to the county hospital where physicians were diagnosing his case.

There are 200 prisoners in the jail. H. W. Dickinson visited here from Portland yesterday.



AUNT MAGGIE

And this is AUNT MAGGIE! AUNT MAGGIE dropped in for a TWO WEEKS' visit TWELVE years ago—she lives with, on and off the Perkins family with as little compunction as a MILLIONAIRE paying a \$2 income tax.

AUNT MAGGIE aids in creating the regular fun-melée of mishaps and adventures that is "POLLY and Her PALS"

Here is a clever comic creation that will delight you when it appears EXCLUSIVELY in the

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