

MOTOR FUEL TAX LEADS REVENUES

Law Originated in Oregon Now Raises Millions a Year in Nation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The most important single source of state revenues says the commerce department, is the motor fuel tax.

Revenues from this newcomer among taxes—Oregon enacted the first state gasoline tax in 1919—nearly quadrupled in the decade from 1927 to 1937, reaching a total of \$627,000,000 for all states in the latter year.

At the same time, said the department in another review of state revenue sources, income from state inheritance, estate and gift taxes have been declining since 1931, in both amount and relative importance.

They brought the states \$114,905,000 in 1937, compared with \$180,794,000 in 1930 and \$142,954,000 in 1932. In 1937 only 2.8 per cent of all state revenues came from inheritance, estate and gift taxes, compared with 6.6 per cent in 1932.

Collectors doubled between 1924 and 1937, said the bureau, largely as a result of the federal revenue act of 1924 which allowed credits up to 25 per cent of the federal assessment for taxes actually paid to the states, and the federal revenue act of 1936, which increased the credit to 50 per cent.

Tax Ranges Up To 7 Cents

Since Oregon started the gasoline tax, the bureau said, it has spread to every state and the rate has climbed from Oregon's original one cent a gallon up to as much as seven cents in three states. Missouri, with two cents, had the lowest rate in 1937. Ten states levied three cents a gallon, 18 had a four-cent tax, and ten a tax of five cents. The levy was six cents in five states, and six and one-half in one—Arkansas.

Nevada was the only state in 1937 which has no succession or gift tax. Of the others, 27 imposed both inheritance and estate taxes, 9 levied estate taxes only, 11 levied inheritance taxes only, 5 levied inheritance, estate and gift taxes, and one—Oregon—imposed an inheritance and gift tax, but no estate tax.

Pennsylvania's 1937 revenue from motor fuel taxes was the largest—amounting to \$54,424,346, compared with \$40,000,000 in 1930. Nevada's \$1,198,000 was the smallest. In 1937 revenues, compared with 1930, were:

Oregon collected \$9,550,000 from motor fuel taxes in 1937, compared with \$5,741,800 in 1930.

In Oregon the 1937 collection from estate taxes amounted to \$450,000, compared with \$1,230,000 in 1930.

OREGON PROGRAM AT S. F. FAIR PLANNED

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 22.—(Special)—Calling the attention of California folk and their thousands of visitors at the Golden Gate International exposition in the attractions Oregon offers, arrangements have been perfected for a four-day program at Treasure Island under the heading "Travel to Oregon Days." Plans for the event, August 22 to 25, have been worked out by Keith Southard, administrator of the Oregon exhibit, and Jack Fitzwater of the highway department's travel division on Treasure Island.

Over San Francisco radio stations and in the newspapers of that city folk will learn of the attractions Oregon offers the visitor. Center lake, Mt. Hood, Timberline lodge, the Oregon caves, the coast and the state's wild life will be featured. Arrangements have been made for showing "The New Oregon Trail," a film depicting the outstanding scenic and recreational attractions of Oregon to a number of important non-day clubs in the bay region.

Various events planned include a fly casting tournament at which time Oregon's fishing attractions will be emphasized.

Dude ranches of the state will be among attractions featured. The Oregon staff employees, singing "Travel to Oregon Days" on Treasure Island will be performed in western outdoor costumes.

To date more than 80,000 persons have viewed "The New Oregon Trail" in the highway department's title theater in the Oregon exhibit and many thousands have been furnished routings and other information in connection with trips planned to Oregon.

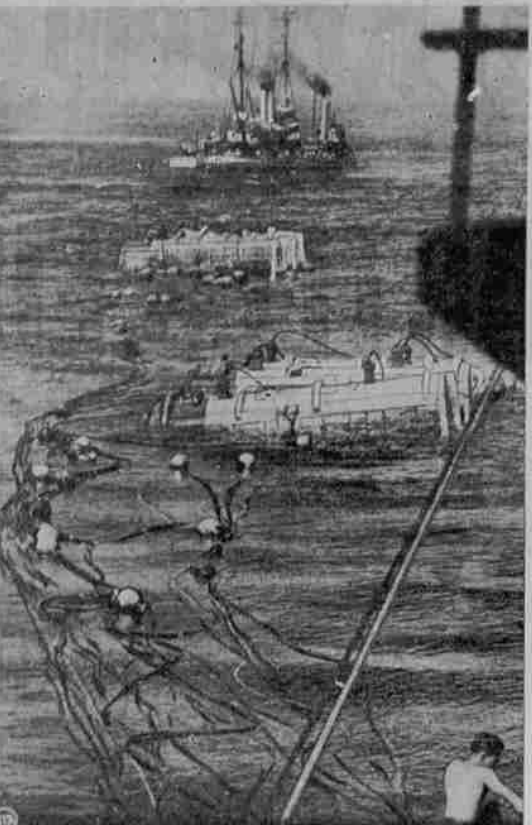
TUG BURNS, CREW OF THREE SAVED

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Three crew members escaped injury yesterday when the tug Van can burned to the waterline in the Columbia river near Cascade locks.

The tug, owned by the Lake-Nichols company, White Salmon, Wash., was towed to shore by a tug which took off Captain Jack Frederick, Les Egan and Dell Nichols.

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JAPS TRYING TO EXPORT GUNS HELD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The treasury department yesterday arrested two Japanese residents of Los Angeles for attempted exportation of pistols and ammunition to the Japanese naval attaché at Shanghai.

The men, identified by Elmer H. Frey, treasury enforcement coordinator, as Kintaro Asano and Kane Hiyao, were held on charges of illegal exportation of munitions in violation of the neutrality law.

Under the neutrality law, exportation of munitions is not barred unless the president formally declares the country of destination is at war. It does, however, require exporters to obtain permits before taking munitions out of the country.

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POSSIBILITIES OF ALASKA PONDERED

Response to Program for Colonization Reveals Hopes and Doubts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The intrepid leader of Canadian stick maker takes hope with doubt when he contemplates Alaska as a possible empire of overlooked opportunity.

He still is a little confused on the extent of advantages realized by agricultural settlers in Alaska's Matanuska valley.

This intrepid department official said today, because evident in the first round of public response to the Slattery program for colonization of the vast northland.

The department has received 500 requests for additional information since August 14, when Secretary Lick made public the plan submitted by Harry Slattery, his undersecretary, to grubstake in Alaska with private capital equal numbers of native Americans and political refugees from central Europe.

The Slattery report said Alaska colonists could build a new empire of opportunity with private corporations—similar to historic Hudson's Bay colony—financing selected workers skilled in non-competitive industries of the old world.

Many inquiries pour in. Business houses quickly wrote for details. Prospective settlers expressed personal ambitions, frantic desire for a new chance at life or, sometimes, purely tile curiosity.

A struggling New York bank clerk wrote of his hope to find "some opportunity in Alaska for a young man with a wife and child."

An unmarried New Jersey woman, despairing of economic security, said she "eventually hoped to settle there."

An Iowa asked if Alaska was "still open to Americans."

From Ohio came: "Kush details on opportunity in Alaska. I am a married man and might want to go there."

The chief difficulty in Matanuska, Lick once said, was in clearing the dense woods and constructing roads. The roads have cost about \$1,000,000 of the \$4,165,371 allotted so far for the colony, and only about 15 acres of farm land per family have been cleared.

Named Bridges' Campaign Chief

Charles Hawks, Jr., above, representative from Wisconsin, starts planning a presidential campaign for Senator H. Styles Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, who recently tossed his hat in the ring.

FARM INCOME HAS GAINED IS REPORT

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—U. S. farm income for 1939 is headed toward the nine-billion dollar mark—1 to 4 per cent below that of 1938.

That's based on total farm income for the first six months—\$3,381,000,000—plus government estimates of crop conditions and marketing prospects for the remainder of the year.

Cash income from crops and livestock is expected to fall \$100,000,000-\$250,000,000 below 1938, in line with lower prices. Value of products retained for consumption of the farm, such as milk, eggs, hogs, will drop about \$50,000,000.

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Local wheat growers may insure their 1940 yields at 75 or 80 per cent of the normal or average yield assigned the farm as provided under the crop insurance program. Wheat insurance premiums are determined on the same basis as the other insurance premiums. That is, the premium is in proportion to expected losses. A farmer with few losses will have to pay a smaller premium than an operator having a record of greater losses.

Full information on crop insurance as it applies to wheat may be secured at the agricultural conservation office, room 321, Perkins building, in Roseburg.

STATE FAIR SETS GOOD MUSIC BILL

SALEM, Aug. 22.—Outstanding musical talent and musical educational features will be presented at the 78th Oregon state fair, which opens in Salem Labor day, under auspices of the Oregon Federation of Music clubs of which Mrs. Kate Bell Marden, Portland, is president.

These programs will bring to the fair the best available musical talent from all parts of the state, including artists from Portland, Corvallis, Beesport, Gardiner, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Canby, Dallas, Tillamook and Salem. Oregon concerts will be an additional feature, with well known organists playing.

Young musicians, as represented by the winners in state and national high school music contests, will also be featured. Voices of the finest singers, ensembles, quartets, trios and choruses, will be heard in the state fair concerts which are presented free.

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