

AUTO LICENSES MAY COST MORE

HIGHWAY COMMISSION PROPOSES 50 PER CENT INCREASE

\$11,000,000 Can Be Secured for Good Road Work in This Way 1917 Road Issue Not Enough

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—By increasing auto license 50 per cent \$11,000,000 can be raised for highway work. Between \$7,000,000 and \$11,000,000 was proposed for the state highway commission by Representative B. C. Shelton at a meeting Wednesday. The commission declined to indicate what amount it may require in the coming two years. Commissioner W. L. Thompson and Commissioner A. Heath declared that as the legislature meets every two years funds sufficient for the intervals can be provided as the scope of road work looms.

The \$6,000,000 bond issue, passed by the 1917 session, and approved by the people, which gave the state its first class on 4 cent composite road system and hard-surfaced highways, has been used, or appropriated for prospective projects, but it has been insufficient to accomplish all the hard-surfacing which the original bill called for.

Paving and road building done since the 1917 session has aroused an enthusiasm for good roads to such a point that another bond issue looms, the principal and interest of which are to be paid out of the automobile license fees. Mr. Sheldon's table of statistics indicated that several million dollars in license money can be raised.

Future road development in Oregon depends, it was stated, on the federal government's appropriation of road money. The commission aims to match the sum offered by the government.

Increase in License Favored. The commission is opposed to doubling the cost of the automobile license but may allow an increase of 50 per cent. If a tax is placed on gasoline, said Commissioner Heath, a 25 per cent increase in license fees will be sufficient. Statistics presented showed that 25,000,000 gallons of gasoline were used in Oregon last year.

That the quarter-mile road tax should be continued is the firm conviction of the commission.

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PLANS FOR CONTROL OF RAILROADS

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relinquish federal control until congress has had opportunity to legislate, Mr. Cuyler declared. He read a message he sent Walker D. Hines, assistant director general, on December 21, saying in part:

"We cannot help but urge upon the director general the great disaster that, in our judgment, would ensue, both to the owners of the roads, the security holders and the public at large, if the roads should be returned until time has been given to fully consider these problems (plans for the future)."

Mr. Cuyler explained that the Association of Railway Executives represented 92 per cent of the railway mileage of the country and included virtually all the big lines except the Southern railway.

Wages Depend on Trade. Mr. Cuyler said future wages, in case roads are returned to private control, must depend on trade conditions. He added that the railroads could not do business profitably under private control with the present scales or rates, wages and costs of materials.

Senator Townsend suggested that Director General McAdoo had testified that the government expected to be able to reduce rates, and Senator Kellogg interjected: "But every act of his indicates he is planning to raise them."

McAdoo's Rates Not Scientific. "Have the rates made by the director general been as satisfactory as if they were made by the interstate commerce commission?" inquired Senator Gore.

"I don't believe they are scientific at all," replied Mr. Cuyler.

Senator Townsend inquired what the big railroads would do to short lines under the program presented. Mr. Cuyler said the executives had no particular plan further than the provision for merger under supervision of a secretary of transportation.

Discuss Political Aspect. Several senators asked whether a secretary of transportation might not be subject to strong political influences. Mr. Cuyler declared that a secretary of transportation probably would rise above political considerations.

Senator Cummins suggested that through frequent changes of policy by a cabinet officer, at least once every four years, railroad conditions might be disrupted. Senator Smith of South Carolina, chairman of the committee, said:

"I am rather of the opinion that a cabinet officer, changing every four years, would create a situation in which we would never know where we were."

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WHAT WILL THEY DO?

SALES. Jan. 10.—The city has passed an ordinance to prevent loafing and loitering in the desire to help stand on the income tax.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure." —Adv.

The soda fountain business is now open. All kinds of hot drinks, tipples, eschelades, chili con carne, hot malted milks and hot chocolate and coffee are served at all hours from 8 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. at Silverthorn's 1-4-3t

MIRE WINTER HELPS. PENDLETON, Jan. 10.—Stock men are happy here over the mild winter, for it is saving them heavy sums which otherwise would be expended for feed. Ranchers are saving their food and it is possible considerable hay will be carried over until next spring.

RED CROSS HAS BIG FUND. PENDLETON, Jan. 10.—The chapter of the Red Cross is in splendid condition, with over twenty thousand dollars cash on hand to care for all influenza patients. At present the chapter is supporting the emergency hospital at Hermiston, where the epidemic is bad.

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RECORD VALUE OF 1918 CROP

SOIL PRODUCTS OF STATE ARE WORTH \$92,902,000.

Wheat Heads List With \$30,608,000 Valuation—Hay Crop Is Second in Importance.

Oregon crops produced in 1918 were worth \$92,902,000, as compared with \$84,015,000, the value of the 1917 crop, according to the final estimates of the department of agriculture, issued by F. L. Kent, Oregon field agent of the bureau of crop estimates. Wheat heads the list with a total value last year of \$30,608,000, against \$22,878,000 in 1917. Tame hay is second, bringing to producers \$29,340,000, compared with \$28,955,000 in the preceding year. The value of other crops in 1918 were:

Oats	88,664,000
Barley	6,952,000
Potatoes	5,500,000
Prunes	5,000,000
Apples	3,850,000
Wild hay	3,168,000
Corn	2,114,000
Rye	1,009,000
Pears	840,000
Beans	800,000
Hops	715,000
Clover seed	504,000
Onions	282,000
Peaches	235,000

The acreage and production, in bushels, of the leading crops in the past two years compare as follows:

Crop	Acre	Bushels
Winter wheat 1918	635,000	10,795,000
Winter wheat 1917	470,000	8,225,000
Spring wheat 1918	408,000	4,433,000
Spring wheat 1917	398,000	4,323,000
Oats	1,918,361,000	9,025,900
Oats	1,917,365,000	9,125,000
Barley	1,918,178,000	4,450,000
Barley	1,917,182,000	5,278,000
Rye	1,918,41,000	492,000
Rye	1,917,31,000	394,000
Corn	1,918,44,000	1,364,000
Corn	1,917,42,000	1,260,000
Potatoes	1,918,50,000	5,500,000
Potatoes	1,917,75,000	8,100,000
Hay (tame) 1918	815,000	1,467,000
Hay (tame) 1917	840,000	1,638,000
Hay (wild) 1918	176,000	176,000
Hay (wild) 1917	198,000	218,000
Onions	1,918,750	1,176,250
Onions	1,917,1,050	268,000
Hops	1,918,10,000	3,500,000
Hops	1,917,10,000	5,090,000
Clover seed 1918	7,000	21,000
Clover seed 1917	15,000	50,000
Apples, total 1918		3,500,000
Apples, total 1917		3,725,000
Peaches 1918		118,000
Peaches 1917		250,000
Pears 1918		672,000
Pears 1917		600,000

The prairie crop was of record size, totaling 50,000,000 pounds, the estimate being on the basis of dried fruit, but includes the Eastern Oregon crop sold fresh. In 1917, the prairie yield was 25,000,000 pounds. The \$5,000,000 valuation last year compares with \$2,000,000 in 1917.

The bean crop of 1918 was 10,000,000 pounds, worth \$800,000, against 7,500,000 in 1917, valued at \$625,000.

Increases in yields last year as compared with the preceding year, were:

Wheat, bushels	2,680,000
Corn, bushels	104,000
Rye, bushels	98,000
Pears, bushels	72,000
Prunes, pounds	25,000,000
Beans, pounds	2,500,000

There were decreases in the following crops:

Oats, bushels	100,000
Barley, bushels	828,000
Potatoes, bushels	2,800,500
Onions, bushels	92,550
Apples, bushels	223,000
Peaches, bushels	132,000
Clover seed, bushels	20,000
Hay, tons	171,000
Hops, pounds	1,500,000

The yield per acre of the leading crops in the two years compared:

	1918	1917
Winter wheat	17.0	17.5
Spring wheat	11.0	11.0
Oats	23.0	25.0
Barley	3.0	25.0
Rye	12.0	12.4
Corn	31.0	30.0
Potatoes	110.0	108.0
Tame hay	1.5	1.5
Wild hay	1.0	1.1
Onions	25.0	25.0
Hops	350.0	500.0
Clover seeds	3.0	3.3


Portland—Our shipments from Portland and Astoria for 1918 amounted to 1,547,524 barrels, valued at \$3,646,808.

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