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ON A WRONG BASIS

A recent statute of Oregon requires that gasoline shall be 56 degrees gravity Baume to be salable in this state. All gasoline marketed by the Standard Oil company (California) outside of Oregon has a Baume gravity of approximately 54 degrees. The effect of the Oregon legislation will require the special manufacture of the gasoline sold in this state and a resulting advance in price. The supply for Oregon will be affected by the fact that general stocks of gasoline, with the accompanying equipment, will be unavailable for consumption in Oregon.

It might be expected that legislation imposing such burdens and inconveniences on the public has for its object some definite benefit, and is grounded on some sound consideration of public interest. Such, however, is not the case. No greater efficiency will be obtained by the consumer from gasoline of 56 degrees gravity than from the gasoline regularly refined and sold in other states. On the contrary, the better results in power and mileage than the gasoline which must be especially made for Oregon. Not only does the public find gasoline of the usual grade satisfactory, but its quality conforms to the specifications prescribed by the United States government in its purchases. On the other hand, Oregon gasoline will be more expensive to buy, more difficult to make, and will reduce the volume of gasoline extraction from crude oil.

While the legislation is burdensome, with no compensating benefit, its theory is unsound and ill-conceived. Gravity is a poor measure of the quality of gasoline. The accepted standard for the measurement of gasoline quality is its range of boiling point. This is indicated in the report of the United States fuel administration committee, in which it is said:

"There are no gravity limitations in the specifications for aviation gasoline, nor in the specifications for motor gasoline, which are given later, for it has been found that gravity is of little or no value in determining the quality of gasoline."

Perhaps it is not to be expected that legislators should be familiar with these matters of technical and expert knowledge. But the situation illustrates the unsoundness of government interference in the affairs of its people. Trade conditions, competition and the law of supply and demand will better fix the proper standards of commercial products than the arbitrary edicts of non-expert lawmakers.

The executive authorities in Oregon appreciate the difficulty of the situation created by the law in question, and are endeavoring to devise some means of relieving the public from the law's burdensome result until the next legislative session. But the whole incident shows the folly of trying to regulate ordinary commercial concern by legislative fiat.

The Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. T. C. Lord, corner 58th avenue and 83rd street, on Wednesday afternoon, January 7.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD HELD ELECTION OF OFFICERS

St. Paul's guild held an especially interesting meeting on Wednesday, December 24, at the home of Mrs. S. J. Allen, of Woodmere, when officers for the coming year were elected. After the business session Mrs. Glover, in a very charming and witty manner, presented in behalf of the guild as a token of love, esteem and appreciation, the retiring president, Mrs. J. Maffett, with a beautiful White Shrine pin. So cleverly did Mrs. Glover arrange her words the victim didn't "tumble" till the pin was handed her. After Mrs. Maffett had somewhat recovered from the surprise she in turn presented the retiring treasurer, Mrs. Parish, and secretary, Mrs. Glover, each with a token of esteem. Mrs. Sarah Chittenden, of Potsdam, N. Y., was present and donated \$12 to the guild. The following officers were elected for the coming term: President, Mrs. A. N. Parish; vice-president, Mrs. C. Schulenberg; secretary, Mrs. J. Glover; treasurer, Mrs. H. A. White.

Lents Evangelical Church

The regular services will be held at the Evangelical church next Sunday.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching services at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Church Awakened by Her New Opportunities."

Junior Y. P. A. at 3 p. m.
Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching service at 7:30 when the subject of the morning will be continued.

The morning subjects are assigned by the committee on arrangements for the week of prayer.

On Friday evening of this week a stereopticon lecture will be given in the interest of the Armenian sufferers. Admittance free.

Lents Baptist Church

Services will be held as follows Sunday, January 4:
Sunday school at 9:45. Good music and good classes.

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