

FUEL BILLS TO BE DOWN BY AUDITOR

County Commissioners' Gasoline Bills Total \$332.10.

PRIVATE CARS ARE USED

Inability of Official to Determine Quantity Used in Public Service Causes Decision.

Bills aggregating \$332.10, contracted by the county commissioners of Multnomah county in the purchase of gasoline and oil which they said was for use in their private automobiles when they were being driven in the transaction of official business, were returned to the commissioners yesterday by County Auditor Sam H. Martin, who refused to make the payment.

At the same time, Mr. Martin issued notice to the commissioners that the order of the commission, October 2, 1918, authorizing the county purchasing agent to supply gasoline, oil and tires at the expense of the county to the district attorney and the county commissioners for their private automobiles would not be recognized hereafter by him, and that such bills would be rejected.

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Bills which Mr. Martin refused to consider yesterday and returned to the commissioners were for two quarts of gasoline, totaling \$8.80, and for two gallons of oil, totaling \$11.90, and for two gallons of oil, totaling \$11.90, and for two gallons of oil, totaling \$11.90.

Each of the gasoline bills contains 100 tickets, each ticket being good for a gallon of gasoline. Thus, it is pointed out, each of the county commissioners received tickets enough to carry one, at a conservative estimate, some 8000 miles over Multnomah county roads on official business.

Mr. Holman and Ralph Hoyt both own machines, while A. A. Muck, the third commissioner, drives a county car. Inability to determine the amount of gasoline and oil which is used by the commissioners in their private cars in the actual transaction of county business, when they are driving on their own machines, and when they are driving on county machines, led Mr. Martin to reject the bills and serve notice upon the commissioners that all such bills in the future will be turned down by the auditor, regardless of all rules and regulations of the board of county commissioners of Multnomah county.

Huling Applied to Mr. Evans.

The same ruling holds in regard to District Attorney Evans' machine but it is said that that official some time ago discontinued sending in bills for his automobile fuel, inasmuch as it was impossible for him to determine how much gasoline and oil was used by him for official business and how much for his private purposes. The commissioners, however, have continued to charge their bills to the county, and up to the present time all such bills have been paid.

Has Board of County Commissioners.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find bills aggregating \$332.10 for 15 gallons of gasoline furnished by the Associated Oil Company, Portland, Ore., for use in private automobiles, which bills are for 60 cents for two quarts of Monogram oil furnished by Portland Garage Company.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to your order of date August 1, 1918, which authorized the use of Multnomah county of the privately-owned automobiles of the county commissioners, in which you direct the county purchasing agent to supply the district attorney and the county commissioners at the expense of the county, oil, gasoline and tires for automobiles which are their private property. I have passed upon these bills in the manner provided in the statute and have come to the conclusion that the use of private automobiles in the transaction of official business is not authorized by the statute, and that the bills should be rejected. I am, therefore, returning to you the bills with this explanation. I am, therefore, returning to you the bills with this explanation. I am, therefore, returning to you the bills with this explanation.

BRYAN OPENS CHAUTAUQUA

Chehalis Meeting Hears Nebraska Orator on National Topics.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Chehalis heard the Nebraska orator yesterday afternoon with a super-attraction in the personage of William Jennings Bryan, Nebraska's world-renowned orator. The speaker, who is one of the oldest and most distinguished of the platform speakers, and for almost two hours entertained his audience with a discussion of national questions and the telegraph, telephone and railroad lines was urged by Mr. Bryan. He urged the ratification of the peace treaty by the senate, but came out squarely against the special treaty for an alliance to help France in case of invasion.

VALE MILL INCORPORATED

New Company to Erect Modern Building in Three Months.

VALE, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The Vale Milling & Elevator company was organized last week and within the next 60 days will have completed a three-and-one-half-story modern flouring mill just south of the Oregon Short Line depot in Vale.

Boy Jail Breakers Not Found

SPOKANE, Wash., July 14.—No trace had been found this afternoon of Ellis Ogilvie and Alton Gordon, Seattle boys who escaped from the juvenile detention building here last week and later broke jail at Rathdrum, Idaho, after having been arrested. The boys are wanted in connection with a burglary at Wenatchee, Wash.

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Women's Activities

TEN Red Cross nurses in Portland yesterday from Camp Lewis

arrived at 3:15 yesterday afternoon, were taken over the city in automobiles, had dinner at the Portland hotel, enjoyed a theater party and a ride to Council Crest. The nurses left at 1 o'clock this morning for the Letterman hospital in San Francisco, to which they have been transferred. Word that they were to pass through Portland was not received until yesterday noon.

The women's advertising club will give its weekly luncheon in the Tyrol room of the Benson hotel today. It promises to be a meeting of great interest, as Sheldon P. Coons will address the club on advertising.

Mrs. Carrie Jacobs Bond, well-known composer, will be the guest at a meeting of the Bond club this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Carrie R. Beaumont, 345 Glenn avenue. Mrs. Bond will give an informal recital at the meeting.

Columbia lodge, No. 1, of the Degree of Honor, met Wednesday night and Mrs. Edna Williams and her members of division No. 1 entertained with an attractive programme. It was decided to give a picnic on Wednesday from 4 to 10 P. M. at Columbia park. James L. Gilchrist is chairman of the committee, assisted by the officers. Tabor lodge, No. 55, has been invited, also all members and visitors, their families and friends.

A tea will be given by Mrs. M. Chernis in the vestry room of the Congregation Novah Zedek Talmud Torah, Sixth and Hall streets, Wednesday at 3 o'clock. This will be a joint benefit for the Jewish sufferers of Europe and to help the stragglers. Everyone is cordially invited.

The regular meeting of Portland U. M. No. 1, of the United War Mothers, will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in room 320 courthouse.

EUGENE ELKS TO ATTEND

Three Cars Chartered to Take Lodgers to Convention.

Three cars on the Elks "de luxe special," which will operate from Portland to Eugene, will be chartered to take the delegates and members of the Oregon State Elks' association to the second annual convention in August, have been chartered by the Elks' lodge here. This information was sent yesterday to William S. Kennedy, president of the association, by Tom O. Russell, state treasurer, and J. A. Sorley, deputy state treasurer, of Eugene. William McGinn, chairman of the transportation committee, yesterday sent out letters to all lodges in eastern Oregon and in the western states, asking the accommodations desired for the membership of the various lodges on the special Elks' train.

GOODS SOLD TO PAY TAXES

Fixtures Worth \$10,000 Gop for \$332 at Greene Park, Camp Lewis.

TACOMA, Wash., July 14.—Restaurant fixtures estimated to be worth \$10,000 were sold for \$332.28 today, when P. W. Gardner, deputy county treasurer, and J. A. Sorley, deputy prosecuting attorney, journeyed to Greene park, Camp Lewis, and superintended a sale of personal property and fixtures contained in the number 10 concession buildings for the payment of general and personal taxes of 1919. In addition to the restaurant sale the contents of a photographic studio brought \$50; a shooting gallery, \$25, and others were in proportion.

Salem Printers Ask Rise.

SALEM, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The Salem Typographical union today made formal demand upon local employers for a new wage scale, to become effective September 15. The scale as fixed by the union calls for a day wage of \$1 an hour, and night wage of \$1.10 an hour. The period of work asked is set at 7 hours and 20 minutes, with time and a half for overtime.

Road Inspection Begins.

SALEM, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Herbert E. Nunn, state highway engineer, and R. A. Booth, state highway commissioner, left here today for Miss Elsie and Co. B. county, where they will pass several days inspecting road work already in progress, and making plans for improvements under contemplation.

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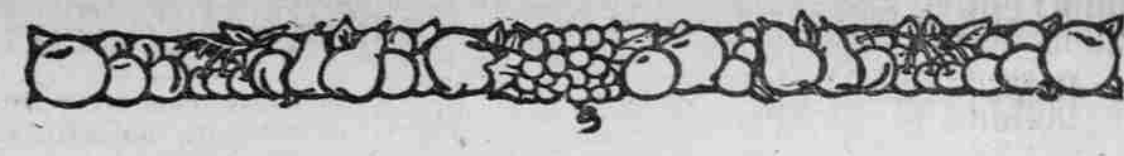
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CHERRY HARVEST IS ENDED

Last of Shipments from Hood River Country Is Made.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Hood River's cherry harvest is ended as the last carload of black cherries, the crop of which reached eight cars, was shipped east by the apple growers' association. The fruit, packed in 16-pound boxes, lined with paper, will be distributed at Minneapolis, Chicago and New York City; a total of 84,750 pounds of Royce, Anna and other white varieties were shipped to canners. While the crop was about 25 per cent short of last year's, the quality of the fruit, it is declared, set a record.

SOIL TEST PLANS MADE

O. A. C. Professor Asks Co-operation of Hood River Station.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Professor J. S. Jones, of the department of agricultural chemistry of the Oregon Agricultural College, visited here today in an attempt to obtain the cooperation of the local experiment station, and announces a campaign of wide scope to make tests of soil. That department of the Agricultural college also will seek the co-operation of experiment stations and county agents in determining the fertility of legume crops.

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Advertisement for Butter Nut Bread featuring an illustration of a man holding a loaf of bread. Text includes 'Butter Nut Bread', 'Is wholesome, nourishing and delicious—good from "heel" to "heel"', and 'James C. Crane, Sole Agent'.

Advertisement for Boradent toothpaste featuring an illustration of a toothbrush. Text includes 'BORADENT THE MILK OF MAGNESIA TOOTH PASTE' and 'A Schilling & Co San Francisco'.