

PRICES SEE  
OIL PRICE INCREASE

Chairman of Roads Commit-  
tee Wants Light on Subject.

SOLOM ASKS FOR FACTS

Arlington Chamber of Commerce  
Takes Lead in Pushing Bond  
Issue for Highway.

The sudden announcement of an advance in the price of gasoline, following the call for a special session of the legislature, was promptly met by the oil company as a method of inducing the legislature to abolish the standard of gasoline required in Oregon is a method which has reached political circles. W. B. Dennis, chairman of the roads and highways committee of the house, has stated that such is the prevailing impression, in a communication addressed to Ben C. Dey, lobbyist for the standard oil company. Mr. Dey, as attorney for the oil company, looks after the interests of the corporation in legislative matters at Salem.

"I think the feeling of the people is pretty general that the cent and a half which was added to the price of gasoline in Oregon on the 17th inst. and was announced by the Standard Oil company in a large page advertisement was a move on the part of the oil companies for the express purpose of influencing the legislature at the coming special session, and that this price would have been added at this time if a special session of the legislature had not been called," writes Mr. Dennis.

"Please understand that I am not charging that the above is the case, but I think I am correct in saying that the advertisement of the Standard Oil company of this rise in price, coming as it did at this particular time and accompanied as it was with the propaganda favoring the repeal of the law, has given the impression to the public that it is not a bona fide rise based on commercial necessity, but a move pure and simple to influence legislation. If this impression is to be successfully counteracted it will be necessary to present to the legislature a verified and definite statement of facts to support the contention that the present law requiring 56 degrees gravity gasoline is not an advantage, but in fact detrimental to the best interests of the people."

Mr. Dennis further assures Mr. Dey that he is of an open mind on the question; that the argument of the oil company sounds plausible, but that before he is willing to reach a definite conclusion it will be necessary for him to ascertain the facts from unprejudiced sources.

Mr. Dey has written Mr. Dennis that "all the gasoline manufactured meets the specifications of the federal government. That being true, why should it be necessary for any state to duplicate specifications for the government?" Replying to this, Mr. Dennis has requested Mr. Dey to furnish him documentary evidence in support of the statement that the federal government has passed such a law or that some department has made a ruling requiring the sale of gasoline to meet certain specifications. He has also requested Mr. Dey to submit a copy of the specifications of the federal government.

The chamber of commerce of Arlington has adopted resolutions memorializing the special session of the legislature to adopt and submit to the people an amendment to the constitution authorizing a bonded indebtedness for highway construction in an amount sufficient to complete trunk highways of the state and to match such federal aid as may be available.

The memorial further urges the special session to submit such an amendment to the people at the primary nominating election in May, 1920, and that the legislature provide further legislation under the terms of which funds will be available, provided the amendment carries.

The memorial has been signed by Dr. J. W. Donnelly, president, and Charles H. Morris, secretary, and forwarded to the governor for reading at the special session. This is the first public body to go on record in support of the prospective road legislation.

No one knows how extensive the scope of the special session will be, but good roads boosters in many parts of the state are now advocating the policy which the chamber of commerce of Arlington has set forth in its memorial. The rough draft of a \$5,000,000 road bond bill, dependent on the adoption of the constitutional amendment, has already been prepared and copies of it are being distributed among members of the house committee on roads and highways.

The proposed constitutional amendment increasing the indebtedness from 2 to 4 per cent has already been written and is ready for introduction. Both the amendment and the bond bill are to be introduced the first day of the special session, according to present plans.

Christmas Mail at Yakima Heavy. YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Yakima postoffice officials stated yesterday that a count of the Christmas parcels handled at the office here showed the total Monday was 23,260.

Bring the Boys to Cherry's NOW Cherry's is ready to help parents solve the boys' clothes problem—and a mighty serious problem it is, too, with prices so high and the wear of boys' clothes so appallingly swift as the usual thing.

But Cherry's will make it easy for parents to buy the clothes—and make it hard for the boys to wear them out—for our terms are so low and the quality of our boys' clothes so high that parents will save money both ways.

We have just installed a special department of boys' clothing, having in stock some of the best makes of boys' clothing produced. Bring the boys in and have them fitted. You can pay by the month as convenient. Cherry's, 391 Washington.—Adv.

THE American Legion auxiliary will give the fourth of their series of dances this evening at the Multnomah hotel.

Many people are planning to attend this after-Christmas affair as these dances are growing in popularity, and are doing a great deal of good as they provide an attractive place where ex-service men and their friends can meet under proper chaperonage.

All funds received are used to help ex-service men in hospitals and convalescent homes.

The patrons for this evening are Mayor and Mrs. George Baker, Major and Mrs. M. B. Marcolino, Captain and Mrs. James Gay, Captain and Mrs. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pawke, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conly, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cooper, Captain Bert Clayton, Captain James Conville and F. Fenker.

The committee includes Mrs. C. P. Norris, president of the auxiliary; Mrs. George Foss, secretary; Mrs. R. W. Cahill, Mrs. E. F. Girth and Mrs. E. J. Elvers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoyt and their young daughter, Miss Louise Hoyt, will be hosts this evening for a dance, at the Portland Heights club, when they will entertain the young friends of Miss Louise.

The Misses Virginia Pearson, Estelle Modlin, Annette Byford and Margaret Alexander, are four charming young hostesses, who will entertain this evening at the Waverly Country club, with a large dance. The parents of the young girls will receive the party at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Walter E. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Modlin, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Byford and Mrs. Carrie Alexander, of about two hundred and fifty of the school set have been asked.

Messages of sympathy are being sent to Mrs. Polger Johnson, who is very ill at her apartment at Alexandra court.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill were charming hosts yesterday, at their dance in Irvington, for a family dinner.

Miss Edith Minnes became the bride of Dr. Blair Holcomb, at 4 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, at the residence of the bride's mother, the Reverend William W. Waldo.

Miss Dorothy Koerber was maid of honor and Roger Holcomb acted as best man. Following the ceremony an informal reception was held in the church parlors, after which the bride and party and the immediate families had the wedding dinner at the home of the bride's mother on East Harrison street.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcomb left last night for Chicago to make their home for the next year, where Dr. Holcomb is doing special work at Cook county hospital.

Mrs. Holcomb is a daughter of Mrs. Katherine Minnes, and a former O. A. C. girl.

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One of the most beautiful Christmas parties for children was given by Mrs. Frederick Peterson, at her residence in Irvington, Tuesday afternoon, when she asked 45 children to a party and see Santa Claus, who was there with gifts and all the goodies.

The Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae will have a luncheon tomorrow at a quarter past 1 o'clock at the Betty Lampe tea shop.

Mrs. James Willett Oliver of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. James F. Clackson, in Irvington.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Nelson spent Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Nelson, who are entertaining a large house party.

Miss Margaret Standish, who is attending school at Forest Ridge convent in Seattle, is passing the holidays with her mother, Mrs. F. E. Standish.

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The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

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We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

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Mr. Jones, who played football in the northwest in Hill Military academy and Multnomah teams, is a director of the Pacific Coast Aero Club. Sales agencies will be established throughout the northwest in connection with the transportation business, and Mr. Jones seeks men of experience in flying and salesmanship to take over territory in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The company will specialize in three-passenger planes.

LA GRANDE SUN IS BALMY  
Union County Christmas Is Like April, Only 10 Days After Storm.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—La Grande and other Union county cities and towns celebrated Christmas beneath a balmy sun that in every respect resembled April. Ten days ago was gripped in the worst storm in its history. Salvation Army

ABERDEEN Night School Grows. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Enrollment at the night school for foreigners continues to increase. The students now numbering 192, of whom 145 are men and 48 women.

Benton County Banks Third. PROSSER, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Benton county ranks third in the state in percentage of funds raised over its quota in the Roosevelt drive memorial fund. Prosser raised a goodly proportion of this, and Attorney Andrew Brown and W. S. Jenkins are largely responsible for the showing made.

Water Now Receding and Flood Danger Believed Past. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Rain fell to depth of 1.45 inches in Eugene during the past two days, causing the Willamette river to rise ten feet to the danger mark. The water is receding tonight and the danger of a freshet has been passed, as the rain has ceased and today was clear and sunny.

The Amazon sloop that extends through the straits and past Eugene inundated a large stretch of territory last night, causing some damage, but this stream, too, had receded today.

COAST AIR LINE PLANNED  
Vancover, B. C., to Los Angeles or San Diego Service Projected.

Establishment of an aerial transportation line from Vancouver, B. C., to Los Angeles or San Diego is the ultimate aim of the Friesley Aircraft corporation of San Francisco, whose representative, W. H. Jones, was in Portland yesterday looking over available sites for a landing field.

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Advertisement for Calef Bros. Home Furnishers, featuring a large illustration of an aluminum cooker and text promoting a special offer of 11 in 1 Aluminum Cooker for \$2.22. The ad also includes information about a free evening school for army and navy ex-service men, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities. The school offers courses in Automobile, English, Spanish, French, and Drafting, and is held at 205-6 Beck Building, Portland, Ore.