

### GASOLINE HOAX IS STANDARD'S LATEST

Shortage Claim Disproved by Government Report.

RESERVES ARE DOUBLED

Price Increase Not Based on Diminished Supply as Production Shows Gain.

In the face of claims by the Standard Oil company of a great gasoline shortage, on which it has based recent price increases, the latest government reports show that instead of a decrease in reserve stocks there actually has been an increase to such an extent that the reserve stock on hand April 1 of this year was virtually twice that of one year ago.

Attention to official figures on gasoline stocks in this country, as compiled by the United States bureau of mines and the United States geologic survey, was directed yesterday by C. L. Boas, Portland automobile dealer.

Reserve Supply on Increase. "Recently in The Oregonian in an interview as to this alleged gasoline shortage, I cited official facts about stocks on hand, and called attention to the fact that the United States bureau of mines is always about 30 days delayed in its reports on the gasoline situation," said Mr. Boas.

"Since that interview, there has appeared a later report of the bureau of mines, which shows that the reserve of gasoline in the United States had been increased from January 1 to February 1 of this year, to the extent of 100,000,000 gallons.

"On January 1, 1919, the reserve stock of gasoline on hand in the United States, according to official figures, was 297,326,933 gallons. The reserve stock of gasoline on hand January 1, 1920, was 397,326,933 gallons, an increase of 100,000,000 gallons.

Production Shows Gain. "There was a greater reserve stock on hand February 1 than the same date a year ago by 249,466,443 gallons, or a total reserve stock February 1, 1920, of 546,793,431 gallons, almost double the reserve on hand the year previous. Yet we managed to worry along last year without any serious shortage of gasoline.

"Now comes the latest gasoline report, giving figures for the month of March. It shows a 20 per cent increase in production, the figures being those of the United States geologic survey. At the same time the importation of crude oil from Mexico was 6,600,000 barrels, while the consumption for March was 12,000,000 barrels, greater than the consumption for March of 1919. This left the reserve stock of gasoline in the United States on April 1 just about twice as great as it was one year ago.

"I have studied the gasoline situation for a number of years and have followed the facts closely. I have become convinced that the most serious thing about the gasoline situation is the ease with which big companies can manipulate the situation to suit their own ends.

Women Impression created. "Neither the Standard Oil company nor anyone else can go behind the official facts and figures of the United States bureau of mines. Yet that is just what the company appears to be trying to do, apparently in an attempt to produce a wrongful impression as to gasoline facts in the minds of the public.

"I am sure the public generally would be interested to hear what the Standard Oil company has to say about the great gasoline shortage hoax in view of the official figures as to the increase of reserve stocks of gasoline."

STANDARD MAY ACCEPT PLAN Partial Pleasure Car Ban Likely to Stay Some Time.

General feeling prevailed yesterday that the officials of the Standard Oil company will accept the plan outlined by Governor Olcott, whereby gasoline below the 26-degree alcohol content may be used in Oregon during the alleged gasoline shortage.

Nothing definite was known until officials in San Francisco have reviewed the statements, issued on the subject by Governor Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff. If the plan is accepted, the gasoline shortage will slowly be relieved. The partial ban now placed on pleasure cars cannot be lifted at once, it is announced, but as quickly as gasoline manufactured for use in California and which can be shipped into Oregon, the situation will probably become easier.

Some relief was afforded in Eastern Oregon yesterday, when ranchers operating tractors were given permission to bring gasoline into the state from Washington and Idaho. This stock, together with that shipped from Portland by the Standard Oil company, will probably permit the operation of tractors until the general situation has been improved.

In towns where more than one gasoline company is operating the shortage is not felt. For instance, in Salem there are four companies and the motorists are enabled to obtain all gasoline desired.

In Marshfield, reports stated, gasoline is not being sold to passenger cars. In many other cities where the stocks are low this same rule prevails.

In Portland and throughout Oregon motorists will be forced to conserve gasoline, regardless of the outcome of the present situation. This conservation must come in the way of shutting off motors on standing cars and other needless wastes which serve as a constant drain on the supply. It is probable that some systematic effort to conserve gasoline will be undertaken by organizations interested in the motor industry.

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## Double Trading Stamps Will Be Given Today With Cash Purchases All Over the Store

Plan to Do Your Shopping at This Store and Reap the Benefit of This Saving—Filled Stamp Books Redeemed in Cash on the Third Floor—Bring Your Books!



### Wash Goods Remnants HALF PRICE

Main Floor—Remnants of Gingham, Lawns, Organdies, Voiles, White Goods, Outing Flannels, etc., on sale today at 1/2 PRICE.

## The Standard Store of the Northwest Olds, Wortman & King

Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

### Linen Handkerchiefs 39c

Main Floor—Extra special offering for today. Women's Linen Handkerchiefs in fancy sport colors with hemstitched edge. Extra values for 39¢

## Here Are Savings On Merchandise of Dependable Quality

### Tub Waists \$2.25

Center Circle, Main Floor—Every woman will need an abundance of dainty, cool waists now that the warm days are at hand. Friday we shall place on sale a special lot of them at a low price. Many attractive styles in embroidered and lace trimmed effects. Square, V and high necks. One model is of figured voile with pique collar and cuffs. All sizes in the sale from 36 to 46. Priced very special \$2.25

### New Bag Tops At 75c

Main Floor—These Tops are much in demand for the making of ribbon bags. Neat, attractive style. 75c Etched silver finish. Priced 75c

### Cellulose Tops

with metal frames—light in weight yet very serviceable. We show a good selection of these in shell and demi colors. Priced at only \$1.25

### New Millinery Ribbons

Main Floor—New Grosgrain Ribbons for sport hats and sailors. All widths from No. 3 up to No. 60. Black and the desirable colors. Ribbons of dependable quality at reasonable prices.

### \$18 to \$30 Trimmed Hats \$12

### Great 2-Day Sale!

—Second Floor—Twice each year we hold a Great \$12 Sale of Trimmed Hats. In the past we have offered exceptional values in these events, but this season we are going to give our customers hat values such as have not been seen in Portland for years. In all there are close to 300 Hats—none worth less than \$18.00—the great majority of them being \$20.00, \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00 models. In the assortment there are

### Sport Hats, Tailored Hats and Dressy Hats In the Season's Best Styles

—Hats for maids and matrons. Small close-fitting styles trimmed with flowers and fancies—Dressy Hats in medium and large effects trimmed with flowers, ostrich, etc. Many beautiful hand-made and hand-block models in the sale. These are made of Georgette crepe, maline, silk and braid combinations. Hats from our own workrooms and also a number of patterns from leading New York artists. Sailors and Sport Hats in the most desirable styles. Here is a splendid opportunity to select a high-class hat at a great saving. Regular \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00 models. Special \$12

### Millinery Salons Second Floor

### Groceries Fourth Floor

—Experienced telephone clerks at your service, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. Call Marshall 4800 or A 6231 if you cannot come to the store.

### Standard Corn 15c Per Can

—Standard brand Corn at \$1.75 a dozen or a can  
—Standard Tomatoes at \$1.45 a dozen; 2 cans for  
—Preferred Stock Peaches on sale today at—the can  
—Sago or Tapioca priced special for today's sale; lb.

### Model Grocery Fourth Floor

### Women's Dress Skirts Featured at \$12.75

Second Floor—There is an unprecedented call for Dress Skirts this season. They are being worn on all occasions. Today we shall feature a showing of new models particularly adapted for sport and street wear. Many smart styles with wide belts, patch pockets, etc. Wool Jersey and Novelty Plaids. Extra good values it this lot at \$12.75

### Women's Skirts At \$28.50

Second Floor—Dress Skirts in Novelty plaids, stripes and large checks. Box and knife plaited models and sport styles with patch pockets, etc. Priced only \$28.50

### Women's Skirts At \$32.50

Second Floor—New Plaited Skirts of novelty plaid materials with leather belts. Also Skirts with satin yoke and plaid bottom. Very dressy. Latest colorings \$32.50

### Women's Dress Skirts at \$35

—Plain Colors, Plaids and Stripes  
Second Floor—Women's Dress Skirts in the latest fancy plaids—also plain colors and stripes. Accordion plaited with fancy stitching at top and bottom. Another model has bias panel in front and is trimmed with straps and buttons. Exceedingly smart for street wear \$35.00

### Women's Sport Apparel of Corduroy or Khaki

—Women's Corduroy Coats in Norfolk style and the flare effects for riding—priced \$10.50 to \$16.50  
—Corduroy Peg-top Breeches at prices ranging from \$7.95 to \$9  
—Corduroy Skirts \$8.95 to \$11.50  
—Wool Khaki Coats in Norfolk, pinch-back and long styles at prices ranging from \$8.75 up to \$15.00

—Wool Breeches \$6.95 to \$10.95  
—Wool Skirts priced only \$11.50  
—Cotton Khaki Coats with or without corduroy collar, Norfolk and other styles. Priced \$5.00 to \$7.50  
—Khaki Breeches \$3.50 to \$5.00  
—Khaki Skirts at \$3.95 to \$6.00  
—Leggings priced \$1.50 to \$2.50  
—Outing Hats at \$1.50 to \$2.50

### Women's Silk Hose \$1.69

Main Floor—Extra quality Seamless Silk Hose with mock fashioned leg. These have reinforced heels and toes and 8-inch lisle garter welt. Some have slight imperfections. Shown in white, black and a few dark colors. We also include in this sale a small lot of full fashioned "irregulars" to make the assortment more complete. All sizes in the \$1.69 lot. Special, the pair \$1.69

### Children's Wash Dresses At \$3.98 and \$4.98

Bargain Circle, First Floor—Girls' Gingham Dresses in attractive styles and patterns. Ages from \$3.98 to 6 to 14 years. Special \$3.98

### Basement Millinery Sale

—Untrimmed Hats \$1.49

Basement—More of these splendid Untrimmed Hats have just arrived. Women who purchased at our former sale will be anxious to share in this offering, too, for the values are equally as good. All the very newest styles in the sale—turbans, side rolls, droops, roll brims, sailors, etc. Also many dressy large shapes. Black, brown, navy, sand, and many other desirable colors. Hats in this great sale worth up to \$5.69

### Millinery Flowers At 49c

Basement—In conjunction with the Sale of Untrimmed Hats we offer a great lot of Millinery Flowers and novelties at a special low price. Large velvet flowers, silk and cotton flowers, foliage, sprays, wreaths, clusters of small flowers, bluets, daisies, wheat, etc., etc. Basement sale 49c

### \$1.25 Dress Nets At 65c

Main Floor—72-Inch Cotton Dress Nets specially priced. May be used for many different purposes, including curtains and linings. Shown in Paris and ecru. Well worth \$1.25 a yard. Specially priced for this sale—only 65c

### 6-In. Skirtings 23c Yard

Main Floor—6-Inch Skirting and Underwear Edges in well-worked eyelet and floral designs on fine grade cambric material. Don't fail to get a good supply of these, for they are extraordinary values. Priced special, a yard 23c

### Angora Yarn Trimmings

Main Floor—New shipment of Angora Yarn Trimmings just received. Much the vogue for dresses, blouses and sport apparel. Checked patterns; 12-inch width. \$3.75 Priced at the yd. only \$3.75

### Men's Athletic Union Suits \$1.19 and \$1.59

Main Floor—LOT 1—Men's Athletic Union Suits of splendid quality nainsook material. These garments are well made and correctly fashioned. Excellent \$1.19 \$1.75 values; now \$1.19  
—"Kerry-Kut" Union Suits, made from Kerry Kool Cloth. Nainsooks, fancy checks and madras materials. \$1.59 \$2.00, \$2.50 values \$1.59

### Negligee Shirts

Main Floor—Negligee Shirts with soft collars. Cool and comfortable for warm days. Large selection here to pick from at prices ranging—\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$5

### Men's \$2 to \$3 Ties at \$1.29

Main Floor—Hundreds of Men's Four-in-Hand Ties offered at a very special price Friday and Saturday. Latest wide end styles. Made with slip easy collar band. \$2 \$1.29 \$2.50 and \$3.00 Ties; now \$1.29  
—Double Trading Stamps given.

### Men's \$1.25 Hose at 73c

Main Floor—Men's Fancy Silk and Lisle Hose in stripes, plaids and novelty mixtures in all the most desirable colors. Very smart, with Oxford and sport shoes. Sizes from 9 1/2 up to 11 1/2. Regular \$1.25 73c grade, on sale today, a pair

### Lace Sale Extraordinary --95c a Yard

Main Floor—17 and 27-inch fine Net Lace—Flouncings in beautiful patterns for summer dresses. White and ecru of superior quality. No telephone 95c or C. O. D. orders accepted; yard \$1.00, \$1.25 Laces At 69c

Main Floor—36-inch wide Shadow Lace Allovers in white and cream. Also in the Paris shade which is being used extensively. Laces worth \$1.00 and 69c \$1.25. Priced special, the yard 69c

### Embroideries at 75c

—27-Inch Embroidery Flouncings in lace effect edges, ruffled and hemstitched. Suitable for children's wear. On special sale today at, the yard 75c



Lace Department—Discontinued line of Dress Crepes—the kind usually sold at \$2.50 to \$2.75 the yard. Black, brown, gray, blue, white, Pekin blue, navy, pink and a few odd colors from our regular stock. This is \$1.79 not Georgette; the yard \$1.79

### All-Silk Georgette \$3.45 Yd. \$2.75 Dress Crepes at \$1.79

Lace Department—Novelty Printed All-Silk Georgette Crepes in a large selection of dainty patterns in blue, brown, red and tan combinations. Dependable quality, double twisted thread—crepes that will \$3.45 give best of service; yard \$3.45

### Electric Cleaner Demonstration

IN YOUR OWN HOME—if desired. Just telephone us and a demonstrator will call and show you what an ELECTRIC CLEANER will actually do. Free demonstration. Free demostration daily, 3d Floor.

### Hoover Electric Cleaners

—We now have a good supply of Hoover Cleaners, and consequently can make immediate delivery. Free demonstration in your own home. Sold on club plan—\$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month—3d Floor.

### Sweeper-Vac Cleaners

—Exclusive Portland agency for this famous make. Let us demonstrate in your own home how much this cleaner will save YOU in hours, work and money.—3d Floor.

### Water Tumblers at 10c Each

—Every home needs a good supply of Water Tumblers for the summer months. A special purchase enables us to offer 3000 thin blown Glass Tumblers in the 10-ounce size, with dainty border decorations, similar to illustrations—at low price of 10¢ each.—Double Stamps with cash purchases.

### Attractive Silver-Plated Novelties Priced at \$1 Up to \$1.75

Third Floor—Silver-plated Novelties with engraved glass insets. Mayonnaise Dishes with Spoons—Marmalade Jars—Bon Bon Dishes, silver-plated with glass inset—Horse Radish Jars with glass top, silver-plated frame and handle—Butter Tubs with Picks—and many other articles suitable for gifts.

### Now Is the Time to Paint Up!

Third Floor—Whether you intend to paint the whole house or just brighten it up here and there we would be glad to have you come in and let us estimate the job. Complete stock of Sherwin-Williams' Paints, Enamels, Varnishes and Stains at REASONABLE PRICES—Dept. Third Floor.

### Sale of OWK Paints

—House Paint for inside and outside \$3.25 use. Several colors. Priced per gallon  
—House Paint—white, for inside or outside use. Priced at—the gallon \$3.50  
—Floor and Linoleum Varnish—a quart \$1.00

