

### TAXES ON FUEL STILL GOING UP

Monthly Statement By Kozer Shows New Record Is Established

Taxes collected on sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month of July established a new high record for revenue received from this source, according to a statement prepared by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state. Based on a total distribution of 9,679,389 gallons of gasoline and 412,021 gallons of distillate, the tax remitted by the general dealers operating within the state aggregated \$500,682.15. This represents an increase of more than 14 per cent over the receipts for the month of June last, during which month the previous high mark for motor fuels sales was reached. The total tax for July is made up of \$98,853.99 resulting from the operation of the original law imposing a tax of one cent a gal-

lon on gasoline and one-half cent a gallon on distillate, and \$201,828.16 which was returned under the additional tax law providing for a uniform rate of 2 cents a gallon on all kinds of motor vehicle fuels. As compared with the month of July, 1923, distillate sales increased nearly 16 per cent, gasoline sales having advanced more than 22 per cent. To date the motor vehicle fuels tax measures have brought to the state treasury the total sum of \$6,526,497.91. Of the amount collected under the law of 1921 there has been returned up to August 30, 1924, the sum of \$179,686.14 to operators of farm tractors, motor boats, commercial cleaning establishments, etc., pursuant to that provision authorizing refunds of taxes on such motor vehicle fuels as are used for purposes other than in the operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways.

**LONDON TO GET RUSSIAN PRODUCTS**  
RIGA, Aug. 30.—The Soviet government shipping board has decided to open an express service between Leningrad and London. It will be principally to supply the London market with Russian butter, eggs and caviar.

### CALL IS ISSUED FOR CONFERENCE

Western Traffic Officials to Assemble in Portland in Near Future

Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, issued a call Saturday for a conference of traffic enforcement officers of California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and British Columbia to be held in Portland October 6, 7 and 8 "for the mutual exchange of ideas and information relative to the improvement of the laws governing the operation of motor vehicles upon the highways, to the end that uniformity as far as possible in such laws may be obtained throughout the states and our neighboring countries." Kozer is chairman of the executive committee of the conference of motor vehicle administrative and traffic enforcement officers of the above named states and British Columbia. Invitations

have been extended to the administrative and traffic officers of the states of Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming to join the Pacific coast association, as their problems are considered identical with those of the coast. Similar conferences are held by groups of states, one comprising the eastern and one the middle western states, and these two groups are to hold a conference at Louisville, Ky., September 29 to October 5.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

During the next few weeks more fathers and mothers, living in rural communities, are going to see the insides of schoolhouses than they have seen for many months. This is because 1924 is a presidential election year and many political meetings will be held in schoolhouses. While you are there, mothers and fathers, look around and see if these schoolrooms are fit places for your children to spend the best part of five days out of seven. Windows should be on one side of the room and the amount of glass area should be from one-fourth to one-fifth of the floor area; they should be capable of being lowered from the top and raised from the bottom and should have adjustable shades. If there is an un-

jacketed stove in the center of the room an equal distribution of heat for all parts of the room is impossible. This difficulty can be overcome by placing in a corner a jacketed stove with a fresh air intake and a foul air outlet. Is there an open water pail and a common dipper? This is condemned by intelligent public opinion, and prohibited by law in many states. Are the seats of one size or non-adjustable? If so your little five-year-old girls sit all day with their feet dangling and your big over-grown fourteen-year-old boys are stuffed into seats several sizes too small. Inspect the toilets and see whether they are an insult to decency and a menace to health.

It is most fitting that the people should gather in their own buildings—the public schoolhouses—to hear reasons why they should or should not vote for this or that party, candidate or referendum measure. It is real community civics. Out of it comes a more intelligent electorate. One of its important by-products may be a revived interest in schoolrooms and their equipment. Insects must have led a hard existence when camping wasn't popular.

### TOURIST TRAVEL IS MUCH GREATER

Increase of 27 Per Cent Noted in Year By Chief Traffic Officer

Tourist travel in Oregon for the first six months of this year, from January 1 to June 30, increased 27 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, according to an estimate by T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic inspector, in his semi-annual report to Secretary of State Kozer and the state highway commission. A recent traffic census taken by the highway department showed an increase of 25.8 per cent in motor vehicle traffic over the corresponding period of last year, and the increase in motor vehicle licenses issued is placed at 20 per cent. During the entire year 1923 the revenue credited to state traffic officers, representing delinquent fees collected, fines imposed by the courts and the value of stolen

cars recovered, amounted to \$88,158.53, while for the first six months of this year the amount was \$102,037.89. "Patrol miles covered during 1923," says the report, "total 247,906, as against 102,202 from January 1 to June 30, this year. Warnings to the number of 9,586 were issued by the officers for minor violations during the year 1923, as against 9,008 for the first half of the current year. The 1923 total arrests were 1,576, while for the first half of the current year arrests number 1,232. The resale value of stolen and embezzled cars recovered last year was \$16,300, while our records show \$26,770 as representing their value for the current semi-annual period. Activities directed against improper lighting for the year 1923 were 2,725 and for the current six months 1,978. Truck activities totaled 1,507 during the year 1923 and 1,964 so far this year, while license activities last year were 6,801 against 5,707 thus far in 1924." A total of 1,446 accidents were reported from February 1 to June 30 by traffic officers and county officers outside of Portland, and 7,662 for the city of Portland, or a full total of 9,131, the latter figure dating from January 1.

### SCOTTS MILLS

SCOTTS MILLS, Ore., Aug. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Scott and Miss Jane Hartman have gone to the coast. Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brougher and Rev. Mr. Brown were Salem visitors Friday. Mrs. Almond Rich visited her parents in Silverton several days last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kinser returned Saturday from a week spent at the coast. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Magee were Salem visitors Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brougher and daughter, Lila, and sons, John and Ira, left for Crater Lake Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. L. Ramsey and Mrs. O. H. Brougher were Salem visitors on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Amundson were in Salem Monday on business. Mrs. Emma McCown of Los Angeles, California, who has been visiting relatives at Molalla, is now visiting at the H. E. Magee home. Mrs. A. Nelson and sons, Kenneth and Glenn of Portland, returned to their home Tuesday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Magee for a week.

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