

Oregon Pays \$2 in Auto Fees For Every \$1 in Direct Property Tax

240,000 LICENSES SEEN DURING YEAR

Income From Motor Vehicles Estimated at \$9,500,000 Says Secretary Kozer

Returns from motor vehicle license fees in Oregon during the year 1926 will be approximately twice as much as is contributed in direct property tax for the support and maintenance of all state institutions, departments and activities which are provided for through appropriations made at the biennial session of the legislature. This information was contained in a report prepared here Monday by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state.

"If the number of motor vehicles which have been licensed thus far during the year 1926 is to be accepted as indicative of future registrations," read Mr. Kozer's statement, "there will be not less than 240,000 motor vehicles licensed in the state of Oregon on December 31. The resultant fees from these registrations would aggregate \$6,000,000.

"This amount, with the gasoline tax estimated at \$3,500,000, would return from motor vehicles operated in the state more than \$9,500,000 during 1926. Thus far this year 162,000 passenger and commercial cars have been licensed, from which the fees aggregated more than \$4,445,000. During the same period in 1925 the number of motor vehicles registered was 147,600, with license fees totalling \$3,930,000.

"The outlook for tourist travel in Oregon is more promising at the present time than ever before. With the completion of many of the main highways and with the opening of additional highways during the next few years, travel in this state from other sections of the country will increase rapidly.

"Comparing the license fees and taxes which the motor vehicle owners of the state pay for the privilege of operating their cars on the highways, it was found that during the year 1926, the returns will be approximately twice as much as contributed in direct property tax, for the support and maintenance of those state institutions which receive appropriations from the legislature.

"The direct property tax in 1926, exclusive of the two mill elementary school levy, is a trifle excess of \$5,000,000. Motor vehicle owners will contribute \$9,500,000 during the same period for the privilege of driving their cars under state regulation."

STATE CAGE TOURNEY WILL OPEN THURSDAY

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nine state districts are again full this year and the teams seem to be stronger than ever.

The following teams will be in the tournament this year: District No. 1—Baker, Astoria, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

District No. 2—Benton, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

District No. 3—Benton, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

District No. 4—Benton, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

District No. 5—Benton, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

District No. 6—Benton, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

District No. 7—Benton, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

District No. 8—Benton, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

AT THE THEATRES

Oregon—Milton Sills in "The Unguarded Hour."

Heilig — "Sally, Irene and Mary"

vs. Astoria; 8:30 p. m. Salem vs. Hillsboro.

Friday—9:30 a. m., The Dalles vs. Eugene; 10:30 a. m., McLaughlin vs. (winner Medford-Marshfield); 7:30 p. m., (winner Baker-Astoria) vs. (Salem-Hillsboro winner); 8:30 p. m., winner The Dalles-Eugene vs. (winner McLaughlin-Medford-Marshfield).

Saturday—1:30 p. m., (winner 7:30 Friday game) vs. (winner 8:30 Friday game), final.

In the second flight series the following games are listed:

Friday—2 p. m., loser Thursday 4 p. m.) vs. (loser Friday 10:30 a. m.); 3 p. m., (loser on Thursday; 7:30 p. m.) vs. (loser 8:30 p. m.).

Saturday at 9 a. m., (winner Friday 3 p. m. game) vs. (loser The Dalles-Eugene game); Saturday, 2 p. m., (winner 7:30 Friday game) vs. (loser 7:30 Friday game); Saturday, 3 p. m., (winner 9 a. m. Saturday game vs. (loser 8:30 Friday game. Second flight finals: 7:30 Saturday; main finals, 8:30 Saturday evening.

The trophy is given this year by a sporting goods firm in the east and will be on display in Hauser Bros. today. The trophy is in the form of a backboard and basket with a ball suspended in the basket, all metal being silver-plated. Second and third places will also be awarded silver loving cups.

During this week extra bleacher seats have been provided in Willamette university gymnasium to meet the requirements of the large crowd expected. The first game will start on Thursday at 4 p. m.

PROHIBITION, GOOD? EVIL? DEBATE TOPIC

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versity, and member of the negative team, said: "More arrests for drunkenness do not show increase of drunkenness, but increase of enforcement."

"The Volstead act hasn't had a fair chance. It has only been in the last year that adequate money was provided for enforcement. We are just coming to the place where it is to be given its first fair test."

"The change has certainly been desirable from every standpoint. A working man gave a good share before prohibition the average of his weekly wages to the saloon. Now he puts money in the bank, gives his wife more money for the house, and buys more insurance.

"Prohibition has decreased the amount of alcohol consumed. Dr. Neal of Los Angeles, who ran 62 institutions for alcoholic patients, went out of business two years after prohibition.

"Col. L. C. Nutt of the United States bureau of narcotics declares that use of drugs has decreased since the days of prohibition.

"People of this country are, as a whole, opposed to any modification of the Volstead act. Ninety per cent of the land area in the United States was already dry before the federal law went into effect."

"We favor the prohibition of high voltage beverages," declared G. Stanford Reese, Utah member of the affirmative team. "But a man can't get drunk on light wines and beer."

"We argue that the present law is too dry. The American people want something to drink in the way of alcoholics.

"The people of this nation are divided into three classes: First, those who want to get drunk; they will always get drunk. The only way to get rid of them is to wait until they bury themselves.

Second class includes those who, wretchedly, want enough for stimulation.

The third class is composed of those who drink only because they like the taste of malt liquors.

He contended that if the United States will permit the sale of light wines and beer, the bootlegger will be driven out by competition. We have modification of the law which is wet enough to satisfy the public as a whole."

Representative of Willamette university, the negative team, declared that bootlegging is in business because the money he can make of it. He contended that those who are not law want high voltage beverages, else they would insist that the bootlegger give them beer and wine.

Star's Way of Fielding Isn't Always Best, Rookies Learn in Training Camp



Bob Smith, brave pitcher, who also can pray the outfield, showing (left) the way an infielder would trap a ground hit ball at his feet and (right) how many outfielders, including Eddie Roush, trap it. It is apparent the man on his knees will lose time in returning the ball because he must arise first.

This is one of the series of articles by Brown on the problems of the big league managers at the training camps and the faults they find in rookie players which go unnoticed to the casual observer or critic.

By Norman E. Brown, Central Press Sports Editor. ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 8.—Until the introduction of the "rabbit ball" a few years ago baseball fans cared little about outfielders except as far as their stick work went. A club's strength was often measured by the attacking power of its outfield trio. Later an outfielder came to need endurance, a motorcycle and a telescope as well as a bat to land a big league job.

But even back in the good old days there were good outfielders and poor outfielders. And every outfielder seems to have his own peculiarities in the matter of fielding.

This is what makes, in the opinion of Manager Dave Bancroft of the Braves, the matter of picking and training outfielders a problem.

To be a good "ball hawk" an outfielder must cover the maximum of ground—and must return the ball quickly when he does get it.

Bancroft points out, for instance, that Eddie Roush and Tris Speaker, two of the game's greatest outfielders, play their fields entirely different. Roush plays a deep field, preferring apparently to take a long run in toward the infield for short flies rather than go back for the long flies. Speaker has always been noted for his ability to go back at a greyhound pace from his usual position in short center. It has been said of Speaker that he is the only center fielder to ever play that position from second base.

It rests with the big league manager, then, if the youngster's earlier bosses have not done it, to discover his weak point in fielding and overcome it some way.

"George Whitted was terribly weak at going back for long drives when he first entered the big show," said Bancroft in his discussion of outfielders. "But George used to practice hours a day doing nothing but run toward the back fence for long hits. Constant practice improved that part of his game."

"I believe, too, that an outfielder should field a ground-hit ball just the same as an infielder does. Most outfielders are content to 'trap' a grounder. They feel that is the safe way to play it. But they lose time in returning it. If an outfielder fields such a ball while on his feet he is in position to make his return throw instantly. Roush frequently goes to both knees to trap ground-hit balls."

However, Bancroft pointed out that Roush ordinarily goes to his knees to "trap" a ground hit ball but has become so accustomed to fielding them that way that he has minimized the loss of time in getting in throwing position.

"But as far as outfielders are concerned the fielding weaknesses are easier to eliminate than the mental. How many times have fans seen an outfielder field a doubtful double in short left, center or right with a man on first and then throw foolishly to third too late to catch the base runner (letting the batter reach second, of course) when a throw to second would at least have held the batter at first?"

"So an outfielder must think as well as cover ground and field cleanly. And you can tell whether they're thinking by the way they handle themselves and the ball."

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

All correspondence for this department must be signed by the writer, must be written on one side of the paper, 6x9, and should not be longer than 150 words.

Editor Statesman: The Oregon State Automobile Association is to be congratulated for the inauguration of its new parlor car service between Roseburg and Portland. The first unit of this service was put on some time ago and has proved a very popular one with the patrons of the line. The second unit is a Fageol deluxe chair car, carrying 30 passengers and is the last word in motor coach development. The car is equipped with the Westinghouse air brakes, and the factor of safety is three times that of the latest developments in touring cars. The seats are the result of years of experiment in the development of the most comfortable type of seats and are designed to take care of the passengers' comfort over the long haul between Portland and Roseburg.

One of these chair cars leaves Portland each morning at 7 o'clock, arriving Roseburg at 3:40 in the afternoon, and the other chair car leaves Roseburg at 7 o'clock in the morning, arriving Portland at 4:15 in the afternoon. These parlor cars pass through Salem northbound at 2 p. m.; southbound, 9:15 a. m.

R. W. Lemen, president and manager of the line, announces also that the company has ordered new observation type parlor cars in recognition of the desire of the traveling public to see the country through which they travel. These coaches have glassed-in observation platforms and are equipped with awnings to keep out the direct rays of the sun.

These coaches will be in service during the next 60 days, and the announcement of this type of service is in line with the established policy of the company of anticipating the desires of its patrons by providing the most up-to-date equipment for their use.

RESPECTFULLY, —A. R. FISHER, 1775 Hickory street, Salem, Ore.

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Remember, there are only five more days in which to come in on the second vote period. Don't you think it is well worth the try? It will only be a matter of a few hours' call to your friends. They will be glad to help you when they know that you are really out to win. Let me see you come into the office Saturday night before the hour of eight o'clock when this big offer comes to a close. If there is anything you do not understand about this special offer, kindly write or call me and I will gladly explain it in full to you. I will also be very glad to have an assistant

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Go to your prohibition officer and ask him what is needed the most for enforcing the law in your city and county. He will tell you, if I am not mistaken, that one or two men in a county are not sufficient to run down all the bootleggers that are to be found in so large a territory.

If that is all the force our government is able to furnish for cleaning up a country, the question arises what goes with all the money paid out for fines for manufacturing this booze? A few of the offenders go to jail, it is true, but the poor taxpayers are supposed to pay for their board and lodging.

If there is a surplus, and it looks like there must be, why could it not be used for hiring more help to cooperate with those men who no doubt are doing all they can to bring those fellows to justice. And ask him if he thinks the courts in your city are doing all they can to enforce prohibition if there are adding him in every way possible? If so why is the case of the Mt. Angel men being hanging fire for a year or more?

Why is a man fined only \$10 for getting drunk, is let out on bail, jumps his bond, leaves town, comes returns under an assumed name and repeats the experiment? No, the man who drinks the stuff is by far the meaner of the two.

The latter is a man with a depraved appetite and is more dangerous to the community than his confederate in crime. If there were no drinkers, there would be no sellers of the stuff. The drinker should be fined, not \$10 but ten times that amount.

Furthermore, ask that official, if he is not handicapped by people who refuse to inform on persons whom they have every reason to believe are manufactur-

ING, OR SELLING MOONSHINE?

Because they have business transactions with them, it might seriously affect them in a financial way.

If you knew that a horse thief, or a murderer, was hiding in your neighborhood, you would have all your neighbors looking for him.

A certain garage man in a nearby city told the writer he was certain that more than one third of his customers were selling whiskey but he had not informed on them. Why? He had looked to them for his bread and butter.

When a certain fraternal organization held a pow-wow in Portland last summer, one hotel man in that town sold \$600 worth of the O. B. Joyful in one night.

All this is creating a gang that is calling for the repeal of the Volstead act, or, for a mild solution of wine and beer, that we might have more blood money. "Still crime goes on unchecked and waiting Justice sleeps." This is not a question for judges of our courts, or government officials alone to solve. Unless they have the cooperation of all the people, prohibition will indeed be a failure, and if it is a failure here other nations will not tackle it, for they look upon this nation as one that what ever we undertake we carry out.

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go out with you and give you a start. You will find then how easy it is to get subscriptions. There are just a few days left in which to win the radio. Saturday night, March 20, 8:30, we are going to give away to the candidate who secures the most money on subscriptions, this \$125 Atwater Kent radio which was purchased at Vick Bros. and on display at the Statesman Office. Every one starts even now for this special prize. Special prize contest is open to everybody in the contest, or who cares to enter now. Anyone can enter the contest this week and work for this special prize if they so desire. Remember, that the votes secured this week and next count on the regular prizes at the end of the contest. The amount of money turned in by the winning candidate will not be announced until the end of the contest. However, the name of the candidate will be published. Possibly a very few dollars turned in on subscriptions will win this radio. Anyhow it is worth the effort on the part of every one. A radio is not won every day by the efforts of a few house' spare time. See the radio at the Statesman Office.

RIFF GUN TAKEN

MADRID, March 8.—(By Associated Press).—A big gun with which the insurgent tribesmen have been bombarding Tetuan, Spanish general headquarters in Morocco, has been captured, the war office announces.

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