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More Than 100,000 Cars Enter State

OUT OF STATE VISITORS SHOW AN INCREASE OVER NUMBERS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

With every month of the year except February exceeding the corresponding month in any year since registration of non-resident automobiles was started by the state, the report of tourist bureaus shows a much heavier influx of visitors into Oregon this year. From statistics compiled thus far by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, it is expected that the tourist registration will reach a total of more than 100,000 cars for the year.

Visitor's cars registered for the nine months ending September 30, 1929, brought a total of 89,071, which compares almost to the total of 90,248 for the entire year of 1928. The peak year since registration started was 1926 with a total of 92,050 cars coming into the state. In accordance with the way registration has gone during the final three months of previous years, it is anticipated that at least 12,000 more cars will be registered to bring the total to 100,000 for 1929.

"Although enforcement of the law providing for tourist registration is as strict as possible with the number of traffic men patrolling the roads," says Mr. Hoss, "my own opinion is that we register but about 60 per cent of the foreign cars which enter the state. With this per centage used as a basis for computation, it would be safe to estimate the actual number of out of state cars at 165,000 for this year. This would mean with an average of three persons to the car, that of some 500,000 tourists would be in the state during 1929. What this means in terms of money to the state can only be conjectured as the length of stay of each car is difficult to determine."

Figures for the nine months give California 62 per cent of the visitors' registration, Washington 17 per cent and Idaho 5 per cent, with every state in the union registered in the list.

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NATION TO OBSERVE LIGHT'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Next Monday, October 21st, the whole nation will celebrate "Light's Golden Jubilee" and will join in paying tribute to Thomas A. Edison upon the 50th anniversary of his marvelous invention, the first incondescent electric lamp. Community, civic and business organizations everywhere will honor the great American benefactor with appropriate progress and special decorations and elaborate electrical effects will be featured throughout the entire nation. In many cities proclamations will be issued by the mayor calling attention to this big national event and asking that the day be observed by all citizens.

Light's Golden Jubilee recalls October 21, 1879, when Edison turned the electric current into a bulb fitted with a filament of carbonized cotton and produced a light that glowed for forty hours. That lamp was the parent of the efficient lights of today. From it Edison has developed so much to aid humanity that last year he was presented with a Congressional Gold Medal. At the presentation Calvin Coolidge, as President of the United States, paid him this tribute: "Noble, kindly servant of the United States and benefactor of mankind, may you long be spared to continue your work and to inspire those who will carry forward your torch."

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As a green manure crop, or for silage or hay purposes, oats and vetch are hard to beat. The Oregon experiment station finds that the crop is best when fall sown, in western Oregon.

JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH ASSN. MEETS AT PROSPECT

The Jackson County Health association held its bi-monthly meeting at Prospect, Wednesday afternoon. Sixty-five persons attended and felt well repaid for the trip.

The beauty of the hill-sides with their autumnal foliage, the bounteous luncheon served on the hotel grounds of Mrs. Jim Grieves, the informal and interesting talk by the President, Miss Carlton, and the fine views of the health parades of the children by Mr. Bromley of the Copco gave all a most delightful time.

The Gold Hill committee was represented by the Misses Nellie and Lyndall Jacobs, Mrs. Reis Chapman, Mrs. J. Madison Lively, Miss Bertha Coy, Mrs. McOuat, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. W. Wing and Mrs. Clark.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM TOWN OF ROGUE RIVER

Mrs. Burnell is helping in O'Kelly's store during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelly who have gone on a hunting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright are the new owners of the local butcher shop. They have taken possession.

The little Hepburn girl has been so ill in Grants Pass hospital with typhoid fever, is slowly improving.

Several from here attended the Murphy dance last Saturday night and report a good time.

The high school has posted some mysterious bills called "Oh Kay". Trying to fool the public we guess.

Daisy Laws left Thursday night for Portland to visit her daughter Mary who is working up there.

Florence Taylor, a local high school girl has taken a few steps in matrimony and her name is Mrs. Lawrence. Florence is going to finish school.

Savilla Holebrite is clerking at Corey's store for a while.

Mrs. Tayolr Baily was operated upon last week and is in a very critical condition. Her daughter arrived today.

Al Love has been doing a little carpenter work out on Applegate.

Brownie Bangert and Gus Sutherland are down to Galice on a hunting trip.

Several local people viewed the battered safe in the Golden Rule Store in Grants Pass. The mess of an amateur burglar.

The Ladies aid is giving the teachers a reception next Friday night at the Community hall.

The Freshman are going to travel a wierd trail of tricks put on by the higher classmen. Thursday night, listen for their cries.

If there is anyone that really wants good information as to how to kill a deer just ask Kewpie O'Kelly, he killed one last Monday.

Live Oak Grange is planing to give a real carnival in the near future.

Mrs. Shepherds sister Mrs. Music left for her home back east after spending her vacation with her parents and sister.

Paul Wright is near Roseburg as an assistant to the State bridge inspector.

Mrs. Martha Bangert and Mrs. Geo. Badley were Medford visitors, Wednesday.

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MUCH COPPER ORE IS SHIPPED FROM GRANTS PASS DISTRICT

The Queen of Bronze and Cow Boy are shipping copper ore from the mines of Waldo and Takilma, as is also another large producer of copper in southern Oregon, the Silver Peak mine south of Riddle. They are also shipping to Tacoma, and produced in July and August 137,040 pounds of copper, 3426 ounces of silver, and 147.75 ounces of gold a total gross value of $29,293.76. They are now installing $22,000.00 worth of machinery, which is all paid for. Their engineer, Mr. H. H. Lotz says this record is hard to beat and we could make more properties here, but it takes men with mining experience to be successful.

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PORTLAND TERRITORY TO GET CHEAP POWER

Cities and towns in the territory adjacent to Portland will profit by reductions in power rates which have been announced tentatively by power companies and the public service commission, members of the commission said today.

When the new schedules are made effective the cities of vancouver, Gresham, Salem, Oregon City and other towns will have much lower power rates than are enjoyed by small cities and towns in the Puget Sound district.

It looks as though the Oregon Journal's campaign against the power interests in the northern part of the state is bearing fruit.

Story Tells Tale Of Early Rail History

The early days of Oregon's railroad history, when Joseph Gaston, of Jacksonville, and Simon G. Elliott, of California, together with pioneer residents of Portland and Salem, promoted the rival companies that built the first railroad lines on the east and west sides of the Willamette river, is to be told as part of a story entitled, "From Trail to Rail", now being published in the Southern Pacific Bulletin.

The first chapter appears in the October issue of the magazine which is now being distributed among employes of the company in Oregon. The next few issues of the magazine will be devoted to the history of the organization, construction and development of the various railroad projects in the state which were in later years consolidated to form the now famed Shasta Route of Southern Pacific.

"The railroad development of no other western state," states the article," offers the student of transportation a more fascinating field for study than does the chain of events forming the genesis of the railroad lines in Oregon. Across the pages of such an historical review flash the colorful personalities of some of the West's most enterprising and resourceful pioneer railroad promoters. To Simon G. Elliott, Joseph Gaston, Ben Holladay, Henry Villard, Richard Koehler and Wm Reid is due the credit for launching and carrying forward the various projects that in latter years were completed under the direction of Collis P. Huntington, Leland Stanford and Chas. Croker.'

Railroads were projected in Oregon as early as 1850, but it was not until 1863 that substantial headway was made toward building a road through the Willamette valley. In that year Elliot came to Oregon representing a group of California men. He sought aid in financing the making of a survey for a railroad from some point on the Central Pacific, (now Southern Pacific) in California to Portland. He met with little success except in southern Oregon where the little inland towns were anxious for better means of transportation between San Francisco and Portland.

While in Portland, Elliot enlisted the assistance of Geo. H. Belden, a civil engineer, and during the summer of 1863 the two men started the the survey for the railroad. Elliot headed a party north from Marysville, California, through the Sacramento Valley and was met at Yreka by Belden. Together they located a line over the Siskiyou mountains and reached Jacksonville in October.

In the meantime Joseph Gaston has become interested in the project and it was through his promoting that the California and Columbia River Railroad company was organized at Jacksonville in October, 1883. While this company lived but a few months, it had the distinction of being the first company to make real progress in advancing the railroad. The company's activities were coordinated with those of the California & Oregon Railroad Company, organized at Yreka in November, 1863.

It may seem strange in this day, states the magazine article, "that the first successful efforts in behalf of the railroad should have been taken at two small interior towns then more than 300 miles from a reliable seaport and still off the main line of the railroad. But in 1863 Jacksonville and Yreka were logical points from which to launch the California and Oregon railroad project. They were important points on the main wagon road north and south through the two states and were the centers of trade for a large area. Produce and supplies had to be transported by wagon trains, pack horses and stage coaches more than 400 miles between the steamboat termini on the Willamette and Sacramento rivers."

Surveys were continued north from Jacksonville to Portland on both the east and west sides of the Willamette river. Gaston appealed to the state legislature for aid at its session in 1864 and as a result the state voted its first bill in behalf of the railroad but the money provided for was not sufficient to be of much assistance and the bill was never taken advantage of.

Congress passed a law in July, 1866, authorizing the building of a railroad from the Central Pacific in California to Portland and provided for a land grant to assist in building the road. In September that year Gaston started the organization of another Oregon company. This company took the name of the Oregon Central Company. In October the same year it was designated as the company to receive the land grant and to build the railroad. Later another Oregon Central Company was organized by a group of Salem men and the two factions fought back and forth for supremacy. Gaston's company was known as the West Side Company and the Salem company as the East Side Company.

News Gleaned From all Over The Nation

The Grants Pass and Josephine Bank of Grants Pass has let the contract for a building to cost 840,000 to be used as the home for that institution.

Douglas county will dedicate their $175,000 court house Saturday at Roseburg. The event has been made a gala event at the Douglas county seat.

The Philadelphia Athletics won the world series by taking four of the five games played. Two of the games were won by the Athletics after the Chicago Cubs virtually had the games sewed up.

The U. S. Senate placed their stamp of approval upon the presidents appointees to the Farm R... board.

Senators Borah and Smoot had a verbal tilt before the U. S. senate upon the merits of the new tariff regulations as proposed by Senator Smoot of Utah and Congressman Hawley of Oregon.

Great Britain has at last completed the construction of her huge apartment air ship. The great ship will be capable of carrying 100 passengers and was five years in the building.

A San Francisco man who attempted to commit suicide and was in a hospital as the result fell out of bed and broke his neck.

The Hollywood club of the coast league won the post season tilt from the San Francisco Missions.

Jackson county received $14,230 of the state highway fund, Josephine county received 4,666 and Douglas $8884 in the apportionment of the money from motor registrations.

Albert B. Fall is again on the stand to testify in a trial brought against him by the government for perjury.

The trike of the gas truck drivers in New York is becoming threatening. The Standard Oil company aid that it would be a fight to the finish with them. Many other Unions threaten sympathetic strikes if the gas drivers' strike is not settled.

Three Russian aviators are now in the northwest after a trip to this country by air from Russia in a plane known as a Land of Soviets. Their plane is a huge tri-motored ship and the flyers expect to continue their trip around the world to show that the Soviets build as good planes and have as good flyers as any other nation.

Oregon's Fire loss outside of Portland amounted to $434,825 in 147 fires according to a report put out by the state fire marshal for the month of September.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR RED CROSS ANNUAL ROLL CALL

At the regular monthly meeting of the Jackson County Board of the American Red Cross held at Medford on October 11th plans were made for the Annual Roll Call held each year from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day.

In Medford this year the drive will be made thru the Community chest Drive but in all the parts of the county the work will be carried on as in former years.

From the editorial page of the Portland Oregonian we quote the following. "As usual the Red Cross is on the job carrying forward relief work among the distressed people who were burned out in the forest fires that wrought such havoc in the vicinity of Colville Washington.

We of the Rogue River Valley have been mercifully exempt from all major disasters requiring help from the Red Cross but Miss Lillian Roberts the local secretary traveling up and down the country on her errands of mercy smoothing out a neighborhood quarrel here, and keeping a destitute family there, extending aid to ex-service men and their families in obtaining government help, in her service work which is a large part of every Red Cross program does a work for humanity which no one can fully comprehend.

To those associated with her it seems incredible that there should be one disinterested person in the entire county.

To give a dollar or more is a small thing yet in this way you do your bit to help carry forward the work of the American Red Cross at home and abroad.

Join this year—Armistice Day to Thanksgiving day.

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BLAZING INDUSTRIAL TRAILS

There is an old and somewhat poetic sentiment to the effect that if you build the bird houses, the birds will come. And, strange to relate, in many of the practical affairs of business that is the procedure followed.

For instance, nearly every district of Oregon reaches the point of production where there is too much raised for local consumption and the chamber of commerce is asked to secure a cannery to absorb the surplus and affords an opportunity for the continued growth of the industry. The chamber contacts a successful cannery man, who investigates, and reorts, "You have a surplus but not sucicient quantity to warrant a cannery. Increase your production until you make your district attractive to an operator."

Again, dairy districts in the course of their development reach a point where there is more milk produced than the local market can consume and those interested in creating payrolls ask the chamber of commerce to secure a creamery, condensery or cheese making plant. The chamber contacts a successful manufacturer who investigates and reports, "You have a surplus but not sufficient quantity to supply a plant. Increase your production until you make your district attractive to an operator."

We have used the examples of the canning plant and the creamery which are but typical of many of the manufacturing establishments numerous communities desire. Any person at all familiar with industrial development can appreciate the problem which the local chambers of commerce have to face. "Shall we, in spite of the present surplus, encourage our farmers to further increase production in hopes that a greater surplus will be sufficient to attract capital for a plant?"

Right here is where the business leaders must do some mighty clear thinking. Right here is where they must get all the facts, all the information, all of the experience of other communities in like matters. Here is where they must examine carefully what the future may reasonably be expected to hold for the growth of their district.

If the decision is to go ahead, let them be fortified with the knowledge that many a farm home, many a factory, many a business, many a railroad has been built and has prospered when conditions at their inception might have deterred the less ambitious, the less determined. This is the type of building that requires vision, confidence and often the long struggle.

There is much in this western country that still calls for the enterprise and spirit of the pioneer. The chambers of commerce should get all the facts, all the experience and accumulate thought on our problems and then select those activities for which we are by nature and location best adapted for eventual success and then steer a straight course ahead. Business like birds will come if we build and prepare for it.

E. G. Harlan, in Oregon Business.

Gas Tax Over Three Million Paid To State

LARGE INCOME RECEIVED BY SATE FROM GAS SALES DURING CURRENT YEAR.

Continually increasing sales of gasoline and distillate have made August the peak month in the amount of tax collected from sales since the gasoline tax has been in force. Summer motoring, increase in tourist traffic and additional automobiles in operations have contributed to the month's sales, bringing an increase in total collections for August of this year of $58,029 63 over August, 1928, according to statistics compiled by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of State. The amount for this year was $540,382.40, while August, 1928, the highest peak in the year, showed a sum of $432,352.79.

Gallons of gasoline sold in August reached a new level of 17,700,925.8, with sales of distillate amounting to 374,185.3 gasoline. For the nine months of 1929, a total of 3,166,074 04 has been collected, bringing gross collections since the tax became effective in 1919 of 25,778,036.07. Of this amount, with refunds and administrative expenses deducted, $24,371,959.93 has been transferred to the state highway fund for construction of highways.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR STATEWIDE ADVERTISING

Announcement has been made by W. G. Ide, manager, state chamber of commerce that the contract for preperation of copy, booklets and other advertising material which will be used in the statewide advertising and development program, for which the recent legislature appropriated $25,000, has been awarded to the W. S. Kirkpatrick Advertising Service, Portland. The award was made by the directors of the state chamber and approved by the state board of control. Mr. Ide states that a great deal of statistical information and pictures of agricultural and industrial operation in Oregon have been collected already and preparing the booklets and literature will now go ahead. The advertising campaign in newspapers and farm publications will start on January 1, and all follow-up literature and material will be ready to answer inquiries on all phases of Oregon opportunities.

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TWO 4-H CHAMPIONS ARE REGISTERED AT O. S. C.

Two national champions in boys and girls' 4-H club work are now enrolled in the school of agriculture at Oregon State college, a coincidence not believed equaled before in the United States.

Edgar Grimes of Harrisburg ,who won the national Moses leadership trophy last year has registered as a freshman in agriculture this fall after devoting the summer to leading 14 clubs as a "sideline" to his regular farm work. He was greeted here by Alex Cruickshank of McMinnville, last year's champion, and now a senior in agriculture. Both boys own considerable stock and both plan to take up farming after they are graduated.