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PLAN TO FIGHT \$3 AUTO LICENSE FEE

The meeting held in Portland a few days ago to organize good road enthusiasts for the purpose of saving the road program was undecided as to whether they ought to submit a counter proposition, or simply oppose the proposed \$3 auto license fee.

Several of those present seemed to think that if a plan was agreed upon to reduce the present fee according to the age and value of the car, there would be a far greater chance to save the road building program.

Oregon needs money for roads and will continue to need it in large amounts for many years to come, in addition to the large sum required annually to retire the bonds issued to build the roads we now have. But, in our opinion, the proposition being submitted this year will go over by a big majority, unless some compromise is submitted by those opposed to the bill.

In the state of Washington the license fee is lower than in Oregon, but with the property tax added, the cost to the operator is near the same. In some instances it costs more to own and operate an auto in that state than it does in Oregon. There is not half the objections to the system in Washington that there is in this state, because all the tax does not have to be paid at one time. The license fee is due the first of the year and the property tax the first of May.

If some similar plan can be worked out here it will make it much easier to continue the road building program without interruption.

As the matter stands now, the \$3 auto license fee will be adopted by the voters, most emphatically, if the writer is any judge of public sentiment.

If the gas tax could be increased to make up the deficiency, that would be the most equitable system of meeting the situation, but the voters would never approve a gas tax of six cents per gallon. Some compromise should and must be agreed upon if the road funds are to be kept in tact.

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THE BIG FIGHT OF 1928

Present indications are that the republican national convention this year will be practically a repetition of that convention held eight years ago. Gen. Leonard Wood went into that convention with more instructed delegates than any other candidate. Frank Lowden was not far behind him, and every possible effort was put forth to nominate Wood without success, and then the Lowden delegates made a supreme effort to nominate their man without success. The result was the nomination of Warren G. Harding, a dark horse.

Herbert Hoover and Mr. Lowden today have somewhere near the same number of delegates to the convention, and it is possible that Mr. Hoover may gain a sufficient number to nominate him. We think it doubtful. In fact, the News does not believe that either Hoover or Lowden will ever be nominated, and, as in 1920, a dark horse will win. And we are guessing that man will be Charlie Dawes.

The farmers of the country prefer Lowden to Hoover, and Dawes, or any number of possible candidates to the present secretary of commerce. It is an interesting contest, all right, and the final outcome is going to remain in doubt until the convention meets, that's certain. We do hope that if it is either of the two men it will be the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Lowden.

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Scientists tell us that fifty million electrons can sit on the point of a pin. Gosh, most everyone knows from personal experience that a pin is not a comfortable seat for just one.

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Fashion says that skirts are to be two inches below the knee, but skirts and taxes are somewhat alike, and we all know how hard it is to lower taxes.—Des Moines Register.

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If some one can invent in the way of platform timber a plank that will look dry to the drys and wet to wets, he could sell it for a fortune to both the democratic and republican parties.

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There is at least one consolation in having enemies. They do not pester one with a lot of unwelcome advice.

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It is said that the little red school house is passing. We wonder if any one ever really saw one painted red.

ADVANCE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, world-renowned surgeon of Rochester, Minn., is quoted as saying that medical knowledge of the underlying causes of disease has advanced more during the last 25 years than in the preceding 25 centuries.

This is a strong statement, but if the doctor had gone back a few years farther to include the discoveries of Walter Reed and others in connection with infectious diseases it might be accepted as literally true.

Recent advances in surgery have been even more remarkable than those in medicine, and have been tremendously aided by the X-ray, improved anesthetics and more effective means for the prevention of infection.

There are still many diseases which have so far baffled all efforts to control them, but in the light of the accomplishments of the recent past it is reasonable to expect that these, too, may ultimately yield to human science and skill.

EAGLE CREEK

Ben Blaisdell's and Mr. Weber's business trip to Salem Friday almost ended in a catastrophe. When nearing the railroad crossing on the return journey both were apparently so absent minded they failed to notice a large freight train which held the right of way. Weber awoke first and shouted just in time for Ben to slam on the brakes. Due to the sudden stop and a slippery pavement they landed safely and unhurt in the ditch.

Out driving one day last week Dan Kinley had the misfortune of breaking the windshield in the old lizzie. He blamed it on the disreputable condition of the roads. If that is so, which we have no reason to doubt, it would not be safe to take the lady that Henry has made out of lizzie out on such roads after dark.

The Eagle Creek Trading company has a new clerk and delivery boy, who can also clean windshields so you can see through them without spectacles. His system is rubbing so hard that the glass disappears altogether.

Major Felker, owner of Hill Toy Orchard, is very busy these days with the care of his orchard. The prospects for a bumper crop again this year are very promising. The major has one of the best orchards in this part of the state. His assistant, Dan Kinley, is also doing his part in caring for the trees, but is handicapped on account of household cares, which takes up much of his time. But if the crop is as good as the promises, he thinks he will get a good cook to help him out.

B. F. Forrester, one of the prosperous farmers of the community, is having his two sons Roy and Paul haul the old straw and spread it over the land to be plowed as soon as the weather permits. Mr. Forrester has learned that hard work and fertilizers such as old rotten straw will pay good returns for the labor, instead of burning the straw as many of the farmers practice.

Eagle Creek now has a garage which is a boon for Eagle Creek folks and it is hoped that they will all appreciate the fact and give the new garage any work they may have. You will find your own home town more interested in your welfare than any place outside could be.

E. N. Foster, who has been sick for several days with the old trouble, is now able to be out again and is planning for the melon patch. He delights in raising watermelons for the children, and they are not all school kids, either. Mr. Foster can sure raise the best juicy melons in this part of the country, and all the neighbors can testify to that. Yum! Yum!

Some few weeks ago the local weather prophet, James Rush, predicted a snow storm. Most of us were rather skeptical on his prediction, but as usual he was right. It snowed. Let us hope that he will predict fair weather now.

Ernest Hoffmeister drove down to the village store Monday evening, a very unusual occurrence, and purchased a supply of nails to do a lot of repairs around the ranch. Ernest is one of those men who likes to have everything done right. He is also doing the yarding out of telephone poles for John W. Wheeler, and is very much elated over the fact that John has promised him a fine new set of harness.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Duncan Mrs. J. E. Stockley and Mrs. Emma Thomas all of whom lived a number of years in this vicinity and now of Portland, called on Mrs. William Saunders Sunday. It is just impossible for George Duncan to stay away from Eagle Creek. He says it is one of the finest places he ever struck, not overlooking the fact that he has spent some time in sunny California.

James Rush and son Dick drove to Oregon City Saturday to see the parade in honor of Quality Girl, champion jersey cow. Rush is one of the sheep and dairymen of Eagle Creek

and is very much interested in anything of that sort.

The P. T. A. held their regular meeting last Thursday at the Rehberg home. A very successful meeting was reported. President Mrs. Rehberg appointed a refreshment committee, Mrs. H. C. Glover, Mrs. Sildie, and Mrs. Ben Blaisdell. A program is to be given the last week in May which will be handled by Miss Barnett and Miss Haysany.

The Misses Moloney entertained Beulah Barnett, Flora Haysany, Herbert Suter and Paul Forrester with a chicken dinner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Johnson came from Tacoma, Wash., Sunday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Johnson returned Monday, Mrs. Johnson remaining over till next Monday when her daughter will accompany her to Tacoma.

Mrs. Kellogg was called to Wallace, Idaho, Wednesday, her grand daughter having taken suddenly ill with spinal meningitis.

UPPER EAGLE CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglass and Mrs. Linnie Gibson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bell of Sandyridge.

Mrs. E. S. Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Linnie Gibson, motored to Corbett Friday afternoon bringing home her daughter Katherine Hall, who is teaching at Corbett, to spend the week end.

The Eagle Creek grange met Saturday at the hall, 34 members being present. The May picnic committee is making plans for a pleasant time to be enjoyed by all who attend. The date is May 19.

There were two visitors from Garfield, Mrs. Betty I. Weatherby and Mrs. Mary Robertson. Four new members were admitted, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller of Woodburn and Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Holland of McCoy.

Mrs. Hattie Clester was a guest for a few days at the home of her son, T. M. Clester.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodlee and son Leslie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woodlee Sunday.

Roy Douglass sold some grain to U. S. Morgan last week, taking over three truck loads.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglass and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Preister of Logan Sunday.

DOVER

Mark Pagh expects to cut a car of ties this week as he is averaging five thousand feet a day. Jo Dusenberger has been acting as engineer part of the time.

Elmer Pagh has just finished some custom hatching of White Leghorn chicks. This is the second time he has set the incubator this spring. Local orders have amounted to all he has cared to hatch.

Quite a number from here attended the junior play, "Cyclone Sally" at the Sandy high school Friday evening. One Dover girl was a member of the cast and two others were connected with the business side of the production.

Mrs. T. C. Waite returned to her home in Portland Sunday after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph DeShazer and family.

Frank Moore, the fire warden, was out this way last week giving advice about the removal of various fire hazards around the mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeShazer of Eagle Creek spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeShazer.

Herbert Udell has recently gone to work for the Bruns Lumber company.

There will be no services at the church until May 13, as Rev. Cook comes on the second and fourth Sundays. Inasmuch as that is Mother's Day he urged that every effort be put forth to have every mother in the community present.

Spray Time

The spraying time is here. Now is the time to do your spraying. We carry a complete line of sprayers, including the Hudson Junior 2 gal. force sprayer and the force trombone. Also the Hudson sprayer with the glass jar container at 65¢. No part to rust or get out of order. Come in and look over our stock while it is complete.

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LIBERTY THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28—

"BARE KNEES"

A peppy comedy-drama with Virginia Lee Corbin Donald Keith, Jane Winton and Maud Fulton. Comedy, "The Funnymooners."

Sunday and Monday, April 29 and 30—

William Haines in

"THE SMART SET"

With Jack Holt, Alice Day, Hobart Bosworth. A big comedy drama. Also Pathe News and Mut and Jeff cartoons.

Wednesday and Thursday, May 2 and 3—

Lon Chaney in

"LONDON AFTER MIDNIGHT"

With Marceline Day and Conrad Nagel. A big mystery play. Also "Casey of the Coast Guard"

Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5—

"THE THIRTEENTH HOUR"

With Lionel Barrymore and Jacquelin Gadsdon. A big mystery play with lots of action. Comedy, "What Every Iceman Knows."

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