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Oregon's state highway department received about \$750,000 in additional revenue this year that may be traced directly to advertising by the commission's new travel promotion bureau, the Oregon State Motor association and other organizations.

Although scores of Oregon motorists have visited Mexico since the improvement of the Pan-American highway, only 17 Mexican cars have been registered in Oregon this year, reports the A. A. A. The number of California visitors in Oregon increased from 52,000 in 1935 to 70,000 in 1936.

### OUT OF STEP

A favorite pastime of some American prophets is to point at other countries as examples of progressive economic thinking. Implied in their remarks is a denunciation of the past in America and a warning to this country to do an about-face. The past, they tell us, is dead. Look at these other countries for a hint of what the future holds.

In substance, this means that the United States is out of step with England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Russia, China and the Fiji Islands. In a word it means that anything peculiar to the United States in the dead past such as the world's highest standard of living, such as an automobile to every four families, such as three radios to every four families—anything so peculiar to the American past as this is to be condemned.

There can be no doubt that these prophets are absolutely right on one point. Politically, socially and in the field of economics, the United States has been out of step with the rest of the world, all right.

What's more, the United States has been out of step with the rest of the world for a hundred and fifty years. We must be something apart because we have fed upon a brand of fodder not grown beyond our borders.

Out of step with the rest of the world! What American would not proudly admit this fact! And yet, wouldn't it perhaps be a bit nearer the truth to phrase it this way: "The rest of the world is out of step with the United States."



The forthcoming legislative session promises to be a liquid one in many respects. Gasoline, milk, beer, wine and hard liquors will come in for their share of consideration at the hands of the lawmakers, according to reports already filtering into the capital from the far corners of the state.

County court will support a move for a bigger cut of the gasoline taxes for county roads. Nor are they all going to be satisfied with the tentative agreement already arrived at in which \$400,000 a year would be added to the present \$1,800,000 fund which is being distributed among the counties under an act of the 1931 session.

Representative Eckersley, of Clackamas county, has announced that he would demand an investigation into the activities of the Milk Control Board looking to the possible abolishment of that regulatory body as a result of the recent hike in the price of milk to consumers in the Portland area. In this move Eckersley will have the support of a number of his colleagues while many others, particularly those from the dairy counties, will just as strenuously oppose any tampering with the milk control act.

Ideas about what should be done with the problem of liquor control seem to be about as numerous as the legislators. There is a well defined move on foot to abolish all beer parlors and to confine the sale of both beer and wine to liquor stores and agencies in the original package. This move has its incentive in the lax regulation of beer dispensaries under the present system with its wide open drinking and drunkenness on the part of women and girls and the rowdiness which prevails in so-called night clubs, especially those outside the ju-

isdiction of city police. Countering this move the Liquor Control Board has recently started to clamp down on beer parlor operators who fail to preserve order in their places of business. In direct opposition to this move to concentrate the sale of all liquors in the hands of the state, hotel and restaurant keepers are expected to renew their fight for the right to serve drinks to their patrons, a fight which served to enliven the last regular session in the attempt to pass the so-called "cocktail" bill.

While Oregon went democratic in a big way in the recent presidential election the republicans elected a majority of the county officers throughout the state, a compilation of election returns just completed by Dave O'Hara, elections clerk in the state department, reveals. Of the 237 county officials elected in November, 139 were republicans, 93 democrats and five independents. O'Hara's compilation reveals the following results:

- County judges—9 republicans, 4 democrats, 1 independent.
- Commissioners—19 republicans, 13 democrats.
- Sheriffs—17 republicans, 13 democrats.
- Clerks—23 republicans, 11 democrats.
- Treasurers—9 republicans, 24 democrats, 1 independent.
- Assessors—22 republicans, 7 democrats, 1 independent.
- Surveyors—16 republicans, 9 democrats, 1 independent.
- Coroners—24 republicans, 9 democrats.

Oregon's 1937 state fair will open on Labor Day, September 6, according to announcement by Solon T. White, director of agriculture. The Labor Day opening of the fair was strenuously opposed by county fair managers who favored a later date for the state fair. White, however, insists that the Labor Day crowds are necessary to a successful fair unless the legislature can be persuaded to make a more generous contribution toward financing of the annual show.

Maintenance of Oregon's penal and eleemosynary institutions during 1937-38 will cost at least ten per cent more per capita than during the current biennium, according to Dan Fry, state purchasing agent who points to the steadily increasing cost of foodstuffs, clothing and other supplies.

Assessed valuations of real and personal property as returned by the various county assessors, as well as that of utility property as determined by the state tax commission for the current year show a decrease of approximately three per cent below the 1935 figures, according to a report released by the tax commission this week. Local assessments shrank from \$761,128,734.32 to \$736,384,750.06 due in part to foreclosures on tax delinquent property by the counties and in part to a general deflation of land values. Utility valuations dropped from \$162,941,886.52 in 1935 to \$156,423,247.58.

Reduction in local assessments are shown in every county with three exceptions. Crook, Curry and Sherman counties show slight increase in assessed valuations. Morrow county valuations dropped approximately 25 per cent from 1935 levels. Clatsop county valuations are 13.72 per cent lower and Marion county valuations are 6.80 per cent lower than in 1935. Utility valuations in Marion and Sherman counties shrank 13 per cent. In the case of Marion county the reduction is accounted for largely by the sale of the privately owned water utility to the city of Salem, taking nearly \$1,000,000 of taxable property off the tax rolls.

Valuations on tillable lands alone show a shrinkage of nearly \$20,000,000, while valuations on town and city property dropped nearly \$14,000,000. The boom in the lumber business is reflected in an increase of more than \$4,000,000 in the assessed valuation on timber lands. Valuations on horses, mules, cattle and swine are also higher than a year ago.

Two of the newly elected legislators resigned their posts on state boards this week in order to clear the way for their qualification as lawmakers. Phil J. Brady, representative-elect from Multnomah county, resigned as a member of the State Board of Conciliation, and Thomas P. Graham, Jr., senator-elect from Multnomah county, resigned as a member of the State Welfare commission. Several other resignations are expected as a result of the ruling by Attorney General Van Winkle that membership on state boards and commissions or employment at a lucrative state or federal job is a bar to membership in the legislature.

Wealth would become the yardstick by which votes would be doled out if the Wittwer Federation should succeed with its program. The federation has incorporated in Oregon under the leadership of a group of Portland citizens, including John Schroeder, veteran chief clerk of the

legislative ways and means committee. Under the proposal of the federation all taxpayers would be rewarded with an extra vote. Persons paying more than \$50 a year in taxes would have two extra votes and those paying more than \$100 a year in taxes would be given three extra votes. It is understood that an attempt will be made to refer the program to the voters through a proposed constitutional amendment.

While the democratic state central committee spent only \$13,892.35 in carrying Oregon for Roosevelt and Garner, records in the secretary of state's office reveal that the republican state central committee spent more than \$57,000 in their losing fight for Landon and Knox.

The semi-annual apportionment of highway funds among the 36 counties of the state was completed by Secretary of State Snell this week. Under this apportionment \$800,000 is distributed among the counties every six months on a basis established in 1931. County courts are expected to make a fight for an increase of this amount at the forthcoming legislative session.

Seven hundred automobile drivers were convicted on various traffic counts in Oregon courts during September, according to reports filed with Secretary of State Snell. The list includes 78 drunken drivers who suffered revocation of their drivers' licenses in addition to fines and jail sentences. Twenty-five reckless drivers had their licenses suspended during the month.

### False Ideas of Safety

Tuberculosis thrives on false ideas of safety. The decline in the death rate of tuberculosis has fooled many people into believing that this disease is all but conquered. For a long time plain people as well as many physicians believed that if you discovered tuberculosis early it was a simple matter to effect a cure. It is now known that tuberculosis demands skillful care even in its earliest stages. Rest and diet are important, but most cases require expert medical and surgical care to arrest this disease in its earliest stages.

Since tuberculosis begins insiduously with a bad cold or other acute disability, it is of the utmost importance that all young people under twenty years of age be examined after any of the acute infections. If tuberculosis is to be stamped out the acute infections of this period must be given more serious consideration. Many of the infections of early life are preventable. Diphtheria has been almost entirely eliminated by intensive public health work. Why cannot tuberculosis be eliminated by intensive control measures? Why should modern civilization tolerate an annual death rate from tuberculosis?

In Oregon, where life is worth living, much still can be done to prevent the hundreds of deaths that occur annually from this disease. It is known how this disease is transmitted. There are tests for determining the presence of this infection. If the disease is discovered reasonably early, it can in most cases be rendered non-communicable in a short time. Contempt for the tuberculosis danger not only holds back the conquest of this disease but may have the deadliest consequences for individuals who take the sickness lightly. Oregon can stop the spread of this disease. The disease is caused and spread by a known microorganism. It is transmitted from person to person. The discharges from infected persons carry the infection. It is necessary to discover the disease in its earliest stages. If every case of tuberculosis could secure proper treatment, the infection could be easily controlled. In order to do this, it will require the hearty co-operation of the health departments, the schools, the medical profession, and above all the public.

In the campaign against tuberculosis, the Christmas Seal Sale has played an important part toward strengthening and connecting the links in nationwide chains of tuberculosis control. Important among these links are: (1) continuous educational work; (2) facilities for early diagnosis of this disease; (3) safeguarding laws; (4) sanitarium facilities; (5) research investigation.

Everyone who buys and uses Christmas Seals is helping attain the objectives by financing the work of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association and the local organizations in every county in Oregon.

### Your Heart

(Oregon State Board of Health)  
 With all his ingenuity, man has never produced a machine so wonderful as the human heart, yet few of us treat this life sustaining mechanism with due consideration at all times. Almost one-fourth of Oregon's 11,429 deaths recorded in 1935 were due to heart ailments. For the most part the victims were elderly persons, and in that we must all die, we accept the inevitable fact that the heart is the first organ to falter among so many men and women of

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advanced age. But at least one-fourth of the 2,751 deaths from heart disease were of persons less than 60 years of age, and herein lies a challenge to the young and middle-aged group of our population.

Moderation in all things and common sense in daily habits are the means by which heart ailments can be postponed to allow thousands more of our people to reach old age in health and comfort. Heart disease is a constitutional disease and depends upon the individual's own habits of eating, sleeping, and more or less upon inherited constitutional weakness of tissues present in the disease. Everyone beyond middle age should give his heart special consideration.

Preparedness is of two main forms; the first is personal and the second professional. Primarily, individuals of mature age must realize that high-speed living, excessive use of stimulants, and unnatural drain upon vitality such as consistent lack of proper rest and over-exertion are likely eventually to backfire in the form of a weakened heart. The human mechanism apparently takes a lot of punishment, but there is a limit to human endurance. Secondly, no matter how good one's conduct toward his body may have been, once yearly a complete physical examination should be made by a competent physician. A scientific investigation thus applied will nip incipient heart disease conditions in the bud—conditions, by the way, blissfully unsuspected by the individual. The sensible person will familiarize himself with available charts showing normal weight on basis of height, age, and family characteristics. The importance of maintaining normal weight as a means of postponing heart trouble is well illustrated by the estimate that when an adult is five pounds overweight it means that no less than three miles of blood vessels have had to be added to that person's circulatory system. On that basis, a person who in middle age has been thirty pounds overweight has added some eighteen miles of blood vessels to his system, placing an abnormal burden to his heart at a time when he should be protecting it from over-exertion.

### Portland's Gifts to Bandon

The city of Portland said "Merry Christmas" to the city of Bandon-by-the-sea Monday with a truckload of Yule gifts intended to lift the load of gloom which has rested on Bandon since a forest fire blackened the city.

The truck, donated for the run by Consolidated Freight-Freight Lines, Inc., which serves Southwestern Oregon as a part of its west coast and transcontinental system, left the municipal auditorium here Sunday evening.

It carried 1000 Christmas stockings, 1000 toys donated by the Portland Police Department's Sunshine Division, more than 500 quarts of canned fruit, vegetables and meat, household goods, fresh fruit and a score of other types of goods.

The big Bandon Christmas tree for children and grown-ups was lighted up Monday night.

Women's clubs of Portland launched the drive to help Bandon residents forget the devastation of fire.

### Don't Look Back

The Bandon fire was everybody's fire.

When God told Abraham he was going to destroy Sodom, Abraham pleaded with God not to destroy the city. There might be some righteous, even one. God said if there be one righteous, he would protect him.

Then God sent her servants and look Lot and his family from the city. He also told them not to look back.

As they were fleeing from the city Lot's wife looked back and perished. Jesus told the disciples: "When you see sudden destruction coming to pass, remember Lot's wife, and not look back."

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(Above) Santa Claus goes modern and substitutes a Greyhound Super-Coach for his reindeer sleigh. (Insert) George O'Brien and his company also chose this popular means of transportation to go on location for filming of "Park Avenue Logger."