

filled on 57,472.773 gallons of gas-
oline and 2,593,475 gallons of distillate.
The 1922 revenue represents an in-
crease of approximately 12 per cent
over the sales of 1921 and nearly 26
per cent over the sale made in 1920.
To date the operation of the motor
vehicle fuel tax law has brought to
the state treasury a total of \$2,993,
782.37.

The world war veterans' state aid
commission sold \$5,000,000 of soldiers'
bonus bonds to John E. Price & Co. of
Seattle, representing a syndicate of
New York bankers. The successful bid
called for \$4,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent
coupon bonds and \$1,000,000 of 4 per
cent coupon bonds at \$1000.26, or a
basis of 140. The sale ignores the
total of soldiers' bonus bonds sold to
\$20,000,000. There are yet \$10,000,000
of these bonds in the hands of the
bonus commission. It probably will
be at least six months before the de-
mands will necessitate the sale of
more of these bonds. There were five
bidders for this offering.

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The editor's office hours are from
10 to 5 every week day except
Monday, when he is liable to be
away all day. For the rest of the
time he is in or out, day or night,
(often in at night,) as the busi-
ness requires.

AN OREGON "FARM BLOC"

We have a "farm bloc" in Sa-
lem, as well as in Washington,
and in Salem the ultra democrats
and ultra republicans have not
combined, as they have in Wash-
ington, to frustrate attempts at
action independent of party or-
ganization. These ultras are for
government by party, and to them
"party" means either republican
or democratic.

The prospect of spoils is the
magnet which produces party co-
hesion, and if possession of that
magnet by other than one or both
of those two parties is threatened
their alleged fundamental differ-
ences are ignored and they combine
to defeat any independents who
would poach upon their preserves.

In Salem just now the farm bloc
is against any appropriations of
questionable utility. It echoes
Sam Garland's demand for more
economy in the management of
the U. of O. and the O. A. C.
Senator Strayer of Baker declares
he has it "on the word of one of
the regents of O. A. C. that we
could cut the appropriation for ex-
tension work in two without injur-
ing the college," and says that
with regard to this institution and
the U. of O. "we should demand
one of two things, either that the
millage tax be repealed and these
institutions made to come before
this committee with their budget
every two years, or they should be
compelled to live within the mil-
lage tax," and that they "solemnly
promised the state when asking
for that tax that they would keep
their expenditures entirely within
its scope."

The opponents succeeded in cut-
ting the O. A. C. appropriation
from \$62,000 to \$55,000 in com-
mittee; the state library appropria-
tion from \$82,000 to \$75,000; de-
partment of public instruction from
\$47,000 to \$45,000, and food com-
missioner from \$50,000 to \$40,000.

Oregon is pretty deeply in debt.
That debt is a mortgage on your
home and your neighbor's. We
gave a graphic illustration last
week of how it compares with the
debts of other states in relation to
assessed valuation, exceeding them
all. On this page is a similar
chart showing that Oregon's debt
amounts to \$54.50 for every
man, woman and child in the state.
How much of this is your share?
Do you want a few more commis-
sions and officials provided for, to

pile a little more on the load?
Are the Solons at Salem helping
you, or are they increasing the
total on which the next generation
will probably be paying interest?
Shall we keep on until we outdo
South Dakota and soviet Russia
in amount of debts?

Do you think this true picture
will attract settlers to develop our
vast idle resources?

What gives one man an undue
advantage over the acquirement of
wealth?

Excess profits.
What makes the farmer receive
less for his produce than it is
worth while the consumer pays
more than it is worth?

Excess profits.
What finances the fights at
Washington and Salem against a
graduated income tax?

Excess profits.
What is able to bear all the
burdens of state without skimping
in food or clothing?

Excess profits.
We are likely to have an income
tax that will take 5 1/2 per cent from
incomes of \$12,000 or more and 1
per cent from \$1000 incomes. And
Linn county gets a share of the
credit. The Oregonian's headlines
announce: "McMahan bill used as
basis of compromise."

But there are still a hundred
and one grafts and grafters, big
and little, with backers at Salem,
who want the receipts from the
income tax distributed among them
rather than subtracted from the
back-breaking taxes the farmers
bear.

HARDING WAS AMUSED

When Mrs. Poindexter's expose
of graft among cabinet officers and
others standing high in Washing-
ton society was made, the first
manifestation after a gasp of
astonished consternation at her au-
dacity was a threat of revenge. As
she was personally invulnerable,
the scourge must fall upon her
husband and Washington corres-
pondents sent out words of caution
from sinned officials or officials' wives
against provoking retaliation by
telling tales out of school.

Poindexter's hopes of obtaining
the Peruvian mission were declared
to have been destroyed by his wife's
indiscreet writing, and anybody
else who might feel like following
her example was warned that to
do so would blast any hopes of
political preferment entertained by
any of their near or remote kin.

But Mr. Harding proved to be
not as little a man as the smug
graffers had supposed. He openly
stated that Mr. Poindexter's
chances had not been dimmed
a whit by his wife's letter
writing. It can even be read be-
tween the lines that the president
enjoyed the correspondence that
had put Mrs. Denby and the rest
of them in such a rage.

Mrs. Poindexter happened to be
away from Washington when the
storm broke and the reporters were
told that she had fled, terrified,
on seeing the results of her lese
majeste. But now she comes back,
smiling, not in the least perturbed,
and announces that she will write

more letters of the same sort.
Shocking!

One bill for more Oregon bonds
has become a law, and no farm
bloc opposes it. It extends for
two years the time within which
the state may bond for \$2,000,000
for the Roosevelt highway, the
one through road that will help
develop Oregon by opening up
some of its undeveloped resources.

Conan Doyle says that in ten
years we will talk with the spirits
of the departed as readily as we
talk with distant friends now.
Are we going daft as fast as that?

It is said that 1000 persons died
from drinking moonshine in the
United States last year. And
thus the United States is well rid
of 1000 blamed fools.

President Harding and Gover-
nor Pierce are in the same boat in
demanding enforcement of pro-
hibitory laws, and it is a pretty
good boat, too.

Isidora Duncan says she tells the
naked truth in giving her disapp-
roval of America. She showed
the naked truth, too, when she
danced here.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the un-
designated has been appointed admin-
istrator of the estate of W. G. Carter,
deceased, by the county court of Linn
county, Oregon, and has qualified.
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same to the undersigned at her residence
in Halsey, Oregon, duly verified and
with proper vouchers as by law required.

within six months from the date of this
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Dated and first published this 1st day
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