

ROAD PROGRAM HALTED BY INITIATIVE BILL ON BALLOT

Oregon motorists and taxpayers will be interested in the fact that the so-called \$3 and \$5 measures, which would have affected the state highway program, will not appear on the November ballot, as the necessary signatures to initiative petitions were not filed at Salem.

The public mind has become confused through extensive preliminary discussion in the state press of these bills, and it should be pointed out, as a matter of interest of the highest importance, that the only measures relating to motor vehicle licenses and a tax on gasoline which will have a place on the ballot are those initiated by Joe Dunne, of Portland.

Mr. Dunne's license bill, says the Oregon Good Roads Association committee, provides for a general reduction in license fees of approximately 50 per cent. If this bill should be approved by the people in November, the state highway fund will lose about \$3,000,000.

The other initiative measure would increase the gasoline tax from three to five cents per gallon. If both bills should pass, the state's income from the gas tax would be increased about \$1,200,000, leaving the highway department with a net loss of nearly \$2,000,000.

Should the people approve the decreased license fees set up in the Dunne bill and reject the increased gas tax of his other bill, the net loss to the highway fund would amount to a sum equivalent to that now available for new construction and betterments. Under this threatening situation the highway commission has been forced to call a halt in its contemplated program for next year and hold in abeyance any expenditure other than maintenance and the mandatory payments of principal and interest on road bonds.

The above figures are based on careful and conservative estimates of state revenues relating to the highway fund, which was set up by the people and the legislature to accomplish a definite program of state road construction. This program is far from completion at this time.

Alford Arrows

(Enterprise correspondent)

Earl Ringdorf and family visited at the Chris Sorenson home Sunday.

Landis Philpott and family of Noti were guests at the Chester Curtis home Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Sickels and children of Halsey visited her sister, Mrs. E. D. Isom, Monday.

Harold Sickels of Halsey spent the week end at the home of his aunt, Mrs. E. D. Isom.

Carl Isom spent the week end at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. L. E. Bond, in Albany.

Jay Curtis of Lebanon was a visitor at the home of his brother, Chester Curtis, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Foresman were afternoon callers at the J. F. Isom home Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. L. H. Armstrong and daughter, Rhetta, were afternoon callers at the A. E. Whitbeck home Sunday.

A. F. Robnett and family of Eugene visited at the E. D. and J. F. Isom homes Thursday evening of last week.

C. A. Curtis the building for his new service station which is to be operated on the corner of his place next to the highway.

Miss Lillie Rickards is keeping house for her uncle, Michael Rickard, while Mrs. Rickard is in Toledo caring for her daughter, Mrs. Guy Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Foster and a party of friends from Portland visited at the home of Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Cogswell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hawkins and daughter of Portland, spent Wednesday night of last week at the A. E. Whitbeck home while on their way home from a trip to California.

Mrs. J. F. Isom enjoyed a visit from her mother, Mrs. C. N. Lusby of Springfield, her sister Mrs. Bessie Grimes of Eugene, and her aunt Mrs. Lillian Cowley of Los Angeles Tuesday.

Lake Creek News

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Dica Brock spent Saturday night with her cousin, Doris Brock.

Georgina Clark of Halsey was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Henry Brock Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sisk and family visited at the J. S. Nicewood home Sunday.

Howard Bertsch a student at O. S. C. was a guest at the George Hockensmith home Sunday.

Carma Seek of Portland is visiting here at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ardry, George Ardry and Dorothy Hathaway were guests at the Martin Cummings home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gormley accompanied Oliver Coldiron and daughter Nora to Waldport and Yachats on a pleasure trip Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Lowery Jr. and daughter Carol are spending a few days at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Palmer.

Jack Underwood was a business visitor in Corvallis Tuesday and while there purchased a roadster in which he will ride to school this winter.

Among those from Lake Creek driving to Cascadia to spend the day Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jackson and niece Vera, Newt Cummings and family, and Mr. Joseph Drinkard and granddaughter, Carma Seek.

Spoon River Sparks

(Enterprise Correspondence)

Leroy Straley spent Sunday in Portland on a pleasure trip.

W. R. Kirk and family spent Sunday afternoon at Sodaville.

Nellie and Everett Falk spent Wednesday with Edna VanNise.

Richard and Harvy Harding

were guests of Paul Quimby Sunday.

Last Sunday Ava and Edna Falk were guests at the R. E. Miller home.

Grace Kirk left for Salem Monday on a visit of several days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davidson of Shedd were visitors at the W. R. Kirk home Saturday evening.

The J. H. and M. L. VanNise families enjoyed a picnic on the banks of the Calapooia Sunday.

L. R. Toedemeier and sons were the first in this community to start their threshing outfit. They commenced threshing at the R. B. Miller home Monday.

C. H. Falk is working with the Hillery hay baling outfit and during his absence from the farm, Milton Elliott of Brownsville is helping H. J. Falk with the harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rike and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. George Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bierly and son Kenneth, and Mrs. L. R. Falk were among Spoon River people transacting business in Albany Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Straley and the latter's cousin, Ruth Williams who has been visiting them for some time past, went to Albany Sunday. From there Miss Williams went to Portland from which

city she will leave by steamer for her home in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sawyer and children of San Diego, California, arrived here Saturday evening on a visit at the home of Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Masters. They visited relatives at Cottage Grove on the way here. They report a pleasant trip over the 1200 miles covered between San Diego and Spoon River.

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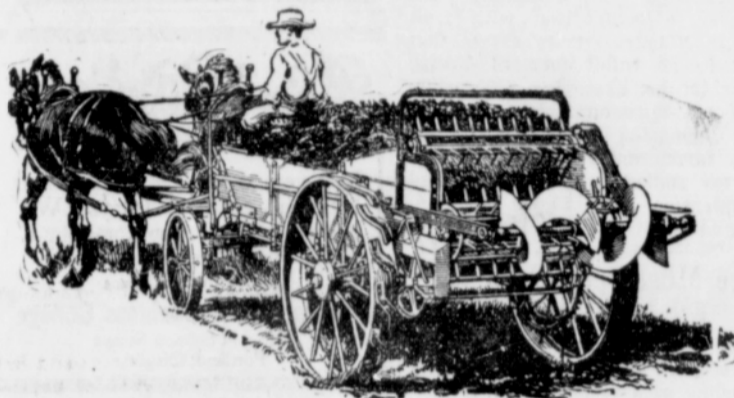
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