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The Oregon Public Utility Information Bureau finds the United States has about one-half of the total world capacity of public utility electric plants. In only three countries, Norway, Canada, and Switzerland, is the output per capita greater than in the United States but much of the Swiss current is exported or used by heavy traction electrifications, while in the other two countries the paper-making and electrochemical industries consume large quantities. The United States is far ahead of any other country in the general household use of electricity. In Japan, which shows the next largest number of domestic consumers, the situation is quite different from that in Europe and America, for in the Far East a consumer may be represented by the installation of a single light.

One of the campaign novelties introduced by Al Smith democrats is the employment of Mrs. Ross, ex-governor of Wyoming, as a speaker. Political destiny has been kind to Mrs. Ross, in that she is one of few women who have attained the high office of governor. And indeed it would be interesting to hear her explain just why she is taking the stump for Al; how she conforms her Westernized democracy with the stripes of the Tammany tiger.

The German-Irish crew of the Bremen found New York waiting for them Monday morning, and the nation too, for that matter—over the radio. The reception was none the less great because the conquerors of the Atlantic in an east-to-west flight arrived in Gotham by train instead of swooping out of air in the Bremen. Of course the Bremen was missed, but the fliers were made to feel at home, just the same, and that is what counts.

Half of the students who drop out of the University of Oregon plan to re-enter and finish their courses, it is shown in a survey just completed. The survey shows that the number dropping out during the school year 1926-1927 reached 950, more than one-fourth of the enrollment. Although this figure will be much less this year, the total is still large enough for consideration.

It is estimated that a maximum of 5000 write-in votes will win the republican Congressional nomination in this district, and the actual winning figure probably will be considerably less than this. The peculiar nature of this campaign which must be made in order to procure the "write-in" nomination, will necessitate a lot of work on the part of any candidate who hopes to win.

Among other things modern jazz has stirred up is that wheezy musical instrument, the accordion. And jazz is not through yet. Perfection of the Jazz orchestra may be realized with the introduction of the hand-organ in its instrumentation.

One hundred twenty-one Oregon newspaper men having forever been supporting the other fellows for political office, have united in boosting one of their own into office—Hal Hoss, republican candidate for Secretary of State.

Love works wonders, even in soviet Russia, where two maids loving an artist, tied their wrists together with a woolen string and leaped to their death, fulfilling a suicide pact. Both couldn't, so neither wouldn't.

The phenomenon of "black rain" has been observed in southern Poland and the superstitious are ready to slay all the black cats in the country to avert epidemics and a bad harvest.

Locked by mistake in the safe of a Kelso business house, it was found that the office cat had given up all of its proverbial nine lives; "dead as a mackerel," so to speak.

There is a woman talking in New York. Claims to be the legal first wife of Jack Dempsey. Well, money talks too, and Jack has scads of it.

Philadelphia miser boasted that a washboiler of soup, costing him fifteen cents, would feed him for two weeks. The cheap guy!

The house of Rockefeller has been graced by the advent of a new princess, great-grand-daughter to the oil king.

Of course Nebraska filled up her ice houses, following the April freeze.

THE \$3 LICENSE FEE

(Elgin Recorder)

There are now three initiative measures which have been presented to the secretary of state for a title which deal with amendments to the automobile license law, any one of which if enacted into the statutes of the state of Oregon, will emasculate the state highway program and place Oregon 40 years behind other commonwealths in highway construction and the maintenance of the roads already built.

Two of these measures are almost identical in language, with the exception that one of them provides for a \$3 license fee on all pleasure cars regardless of weight. The first one known as the Bylander measure, provides for a \$3 license fee on all cars weighing less than 3,000 pounds and a \$5 fee on all cars weighing 3,000 or over, while the present schedule in relation to the licensing of trucks, busses and trailers is unaffected.

The third or Dunne measure, is sponsored by Senator Dunne of Multnomah county and provides for reductions from the present schedule varying from 33 1-3 per cent on low priced cars to 64 1-3 per cent on the higher priced vehicles. In the aggregate, however, the adoption of this measure would cut the present revenue from license fees at least 50 per cent, which, on its face, would spell ruin of the state highway program, since that program is based on the present receipts from automobile fees.

Any one giving a moment's thought to the situation should realize that any reduction in the present fee should be offset by some means of taxation that would permit of a continuation of the present highway program. The Bylander and Dunne initiative petitions are accompanied by proposed income tax measures to provide the funds which would be eliminated by the adoption of either measure. If either one of the proposed income tax measures were already the law of the state, this paper would have no concern in so far as a reduced license fee is concerned. But they are not the law, and it is safe to say that neither income tax measure will be adopted by the people. Both measures have placed the cart before the horse, and the only safe thing for the voters of the state of Oregon to do under the circumstances is to vote down any proposed reduction in the license fee system until such time as a revenue producing measure has been adopted which will guarantee a continuation of the good roads program to which the people of Oregon have pledged themselves.

WHEAT—WHAT IS IT?

The following explanation of what wheat really is was given The Press for publication, by a subscriber:

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"Wheat is planted in the spring or fall, mortgaged in the summer and lost in the fall.

"You can and you can't; you will and you won't. Be damned if you do, and be damned if you don't."

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1928.

E. C. PRESTBYE

Notary public for Oregon. My commission expires July 10, 1928.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of A. A. Mayberry, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by order of the above entitled court, executrix of the last will and testament of A. A. Mayberry, deceased, and that she has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at my store in Adams, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated April 16, 1928.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of William H. Bishop, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the above entitled court executrix of the last will and testament of William H. Bishop, deceased, and she has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof, to me at my home at the Umatilla Indian Agency, or at the office of my attorney, Stephen A. Lowell in Despain Block, Pendleton, Oregon.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1928. LOUISA S. BISHOP, Executrix. A20M18

W. H. DAUGHTREY

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