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## MOTORISTS TO PAY FEE OF \$8,750,000

**Cut Rate To Be Collected January 1; Gas Tax To Be Increased.**

Salem.—Approximately \$8,750,000 will accrue to the state of Oregon from October 1, 1929, to December 31, 1930, from motor vehicle fees, according to a projection of receipts from such sources made by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

"A break in the registration year and a change in the license fees, both authorized by the 1929 legislature, have made the estimate of probable receipts from automobile fees difficult and the department has been conservative in outlining the anticipated revenues," said Mr. Hoss.

"The state will receive during 1930, fees from licenses covering a year and a half, as the motorist will be required to take out a half year license January 1, and at the expiration of this license on June 30, 1930, payment will be due for a year's license to run until June 30, 1931.

"Adding to the collection of 18 months' revenue within a 12-month period will be the income from the normal increase in the number of motor vehicles registered in the state, bringing the total collections for the 15 months starting October 1, 1929, to \$8,758,323, according to statistics compiled. Of this total, administrative expense will require \$350,332, leaving a net revenue of \$8,407,991 to be distributed to the counties of the state and the state highway fund."

Under a new apportionment basis established by the last legislative assembly, effective January 1, 1930, counties of the state will receive one-third of the motor vehicle revenue instead of one-quarter as the division is made now. This change in apportionment was made to compensate the counties for the decrease in license fees which would cut down receipts to the counties from the motor vehicle registration and transportation fund.

The state highway fund will not suffer a decrease from the cut in licenses due to the additional 1 cent a gallon added to the gasoline tax, effective January 1, 1930. Receipts derived from the tax on gasoline sales are not included in the county apportionments, but are held for the state highway fund.

Of the funds to be distributed next year, counties of the state will receive \$2,802,663 and the state highway share will be \$5,605,327. The approximate amount to be received by Umatilla county from receipts in 1930 is \$77,143.98, and the total of the apportionment made to the county in March and September, 1929, was \$53,601.87.

## State Sends Hordes of Fish to the Ocean

Portland.—Eighty-five million salmon fingerlings, myriads and shoals of four-inch chinooks, silversides and sock-eyes, were liberated last year to sea where they will grow and fatten in preparation for their return to Oregon streams two, or three, or four years hence.

That gigantic planting of fish which will result in a harvest of salmon when they mature in the ocean deeps, done in much the same manner as a farmer plants wheat for the yield of the fall, was outlined by Hugh Mitchell, director of hatcheries at the meeting of the fish commission. His report on the liberation of salmon for the fiscal year ending September 30, was the highlight of the session.

In addition to that, the commission has on hand in its hatcheries, more than 9,000,000 salmon waiting liberation within the next six months.

The figures given by Director Mitchell showed a vast increase over the work of the past two years. This season an exact total of 85,157,319 were released, in 1928, only 71,055,069, and in 1927 the total reached 81,022,144.

## For Scout Award

John Barrie, Eagle scout of troop 4, Walla Walla has been nominated for the Harmon Foundation Award to Boy Scouts. This award is for \$100 and four such prizes are given each year to premier scouts in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The nomination of the Walla Walla scout the first to be made from here this year, was endorsed by the troop committee.

## Class Sees Linotype Work

Mias Benlah Smith of the high school faculty, brought her English class to the Press office yesterday, where the operations of the Linotype and printing process were explained. The class evinced marked interest in the mechanical construction and operation of the machines, and especially did the Linotype interest class members.

## UNIVERSITY OF OREGON RIFLE TEAM RATES HIGH



In the national rifle matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio, last August, Harvey Wright, senior in the University of Oregon, tied for third place. He was also individual high point shot in the R. O. T. C. at the university last year.

**UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore.**—Competing for the famous trophy, "The Warrior of the Pacific," the University of Oregon R.O.T.C. rifle team representing the Ninth Corps Area, defeated all other teams in the mainland United States and was only defeated by the team representing the University of Hawaii, it was announced here by Major F. A. Barker, commandant of the unit here.

The Warrior of the Pacific trophy, a handsome statuette of a Hawaiian warrior, has been won every year by the team from the University of Hawaii, but this year the Islanders were closely pressed by the Oregon riflemen, who scored an average of 207.689 against 211.473 by Hawaii. Oregon led its nearest competitor, Nebraska of the Seventh corps, by over 11 points, the Cornhuskers scoring but 196. They in turn had a substantial lead over Wisconsin, which turned in an average of 151.615. Syracuse ranked next, with Texas A. and M., North Carolina State College, Drexel Institute, DePaul, and Rhode Island state college ranking in order named.

Oregon had already won the "Dough Boy of the West" trophy and the right to represent the Ninth Corps Area in the competition at summer camp this year.

## Flouting the Truth

There is no excuse for seven-tenths of the mistakes men make. The world is full of certainties; the list is so extensive that almost everything is covered. What has happened in the past is warning for the future; and nearly everything has happened. If we may know about the distant planets—and we do—how much easier it is to know about our bodies, the habits of men collectively and individually, and of other things we may handle and taste. Men are actually treacherously clever; their trouble is that after discovering the truth, they say the truth is an outrage, and try to change it.—E. W. Howe's Monthly

## Historic Lighthouse

The old Cape Henry lighthouse, near Norfolk, Va., was erected in 1790, the first of many that now dot the coast line of the United States. Recently because of its historical significance a pilgrimage was made to it by women's organizations of the vicinity. On the old lighthouse is a bronze tablet with this inscription: "Near this spot landed, April 26, 1007, Capt. Gabriel Archer, Christopher Newport, Hon. George S. Percy, Bartholomew Gosnold, Edw. Maria Wingfield, with twenty-five others, who calling the place Cape Henry, planted a cross, April 26, 1007. Dei Gratia Virginia Condita."

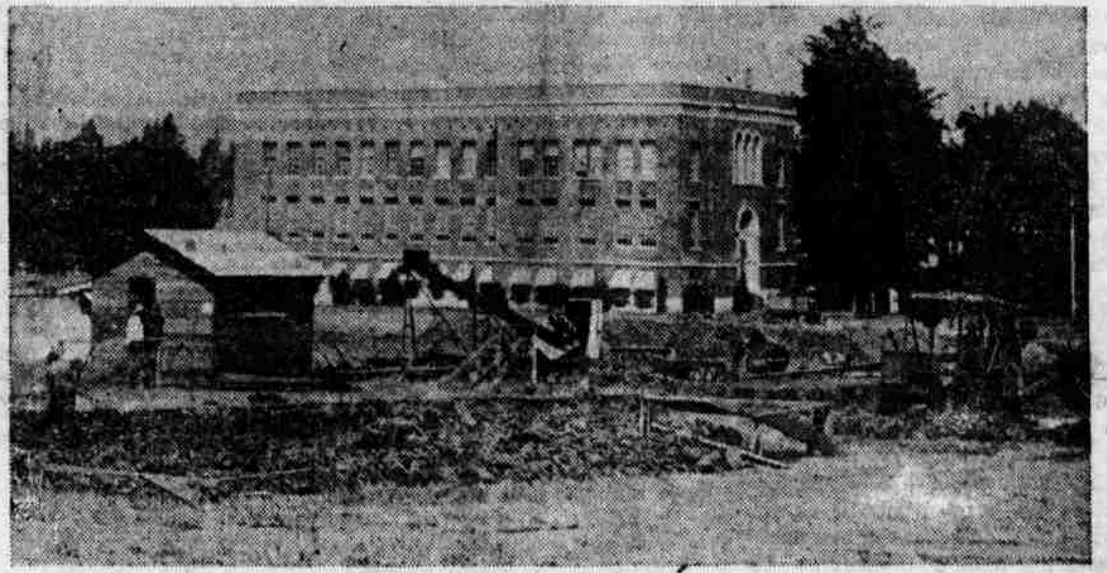
## Friends

"We must, in great measure, take our friends as they are, if we are to have them at all. We cannot remodel any of them at will. When once we have accepted this fact, and the kindred fact that our friends are probably longing quite as fervently to improve us, we shall get a great deal more pleasure out of our companionships, and escape much mental friction.—Great Thoughts (London).

## On or Off?

Tom, age five, was getting ready for bed when he suddenly asked: "Dad, must I get scolded with my shoes on or off?"  
Dad didn't seem to understand what it was all about so Tom explained: "The nurse comes to kindergarten to scale us and I don't know whether I should keep my shoes on or take them off."

## Ground Broken For Fine Arts Building at University of Oregon



Work is being rushed on the Prince L. Campbell memorial building, which will house the fine arts museum of the University of Oregon. The structure, to cost approximately \$175,000, is a gift to the university from the people of the state, and when completed will be one of the most beautiful buildings of its kind in the entire United States.

## Federal Officers Are Investigating North Idaho Liquor Sellers

Moscow, Idaho.—Federal authorities in North Idaho started smashing what they termed a great liquor conspiracy ring which involved the sheriff and other officials in Shoshone county.

United States District Attorney H. E. Ray said more than 40 secret indictments had been returned by the federal grand jury against public officials and prominent citizens in north Idaho. By nightfall eight had been arrested.

They included R. E. Weniger, Wallace, sheriff of Shoshone county; Charles Bloom, Mullan, deputy sheriff; Mayor Arthur J. Harwood of Mullan; Chief of Police; Army Welch of Mullan; and George Huston and Elmer Olson, former city councilmen of Mullan.

Their bond was set at \$2,000 apiece, on charges of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act, and all the accused were reported making arrangements to furnish it.

The grand jury was dismissed after many witnesses had testified. Those arrested will be tried in federal court at Coeur d'Alene.

Federal officers declined to divulge the names of other men indicted, or to discuss the ramifications and methods of the alleged conspiracy. Most of those indicted are believed to be residents of Shoshone county, in the heart of the Coeur d'Alene mining district.

## Reduce Income Taxes Says Secretary Mellon

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Mellon announced that with the approval of President Hoover, he would recommend to congress a reduction of approximately \$160,000,000 in the normal tax on individual and corporation incomes, applicable to the 1929 earnings.

"That is to say," said the treasury head's formal statement, "on the first \$4,000 of taxable income the rate will be reduced from one and one-half per cent to one-half per cent; on the second \$4,000 from three per cent to two per cent, and on the balance, the present five per cent rate will be reduced to four per cent."

Mellon said it was hoped the reduction "would take the form of a joint resolution of congress, thus permitting prompt action by both houses by avoiding a general revision of the revenue law."

He revealed the proposal had been discussed with republican and democratic leaders in both the Senate and the House and said they had "tentatively approved the proposed recommendation."

## Alaska-Yukon Highway

Appointment of a committee composed of representatives of the governments of the United States, Dominion of Canada and British Columbia to investigate the cost and feasibility of a highway across British Columbia to Yukon territory and Alaska was proposed at a meeting in Victoria, B. C.

## Basketball Practice

Coach Miller is putting his basketball material through an intensive course of training in preparation for the coming basketball season. He will build the team around Rogers, Myrick and Crowley, last year lettermen. Twenty candidates are turning out for placement on the team.

## Will Barricade Tunnel

In the interests of safety, the abandoned Great Northern tunnel through the Cascades will be barricaded to prevent its use by motorists, provided King county officials agree to the proposal of County Engineer Carter of Chelan county, who has asked that such action be taken.

Mrs. O. E. Venable and Mrs. Earl Martin were Walla Walla visitors Friday last week.

## Oregon Farmers To Greet Federal Board

Oregon State College.—The largest farmer's marketing group ever to gather in this state is expected in Portland November 21 when two members of the federal farm board, Samuel R. McKelvie and Charles S. Wilson, will appear at the special meeting of the Oregon Cooperative council.

George O. Gatlin, secretary of the council and extension marketing specialist here, has received notification of the presence of the two federal board members at the meeting and has issued invitations to all managers and officials of Oregon cooperatives, totaling about 150 organizations, whether they are members of the council or not. J. O. Holt of Eugene, president of the council, authorized the invitations.

This will be the first time any members of the farm board have visited Oregon since their appointment. Besides addressing the council meeting, McKelvie and Wilson will enter freely into the discussions which arise on the floor. They are expected to give Oregon cooperative leaders a picture of the policies and activities of the farm board, and the Oregon men in turn are expected to acquaint them with marketing conditions in this state.

## Spokane Detective Is Killed By Gunman

Spokane.—Detective Roy Fordyce, 54, was killed in a three-cornered pistol fight between two officers and a man they were questioning.

Ralph Larsen, 22, alias Richard Landis, who was charged with murder, had his left arm broken as they exchanged volleys, and struck in the head by Detective George Bradley. Charles Dow, 20, alias Davies, alias Davis, was charged with being an accessory to murder, although police said he did no shooting.

Fordyce and Bradley saw the pair buy a .38-caliber pistol at a pawn shop, and followed them to their hotel room to ask the motive for the purchase. Larsen and Dow said they intended to use the weapon for nothing unlawful, and the officers were about to leave.

Suddenly, Bradley said, Larsen pulled another pistol from his pocket and started shooting. Fordyce and Bradley replied with their pistols.

Bradley said, he saw Fordyce fall shot through the heart, and then Larsen leaped for the door. Bradley beat him unconscious with his gun. Dow, meanwhile, had pushed a third pistol under the radiator, Bradley said.

In the patrol wagon, police affirmed, Larsen said, "I don't know why I did it. I didn't want to be caught with a gun and sent away."

## Walla Walla Truant Girl In Hospital At Eugene

Walla Walla.—M. C. Long left last Sunday night for Eugene, to bring back his 14-year-old daughter, Bernice Long, who left home about ten days ago, and who has just been found in a hospital recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

The girl was on her way to California hoping to go into the movies, it is reported, and was given a ride by a motorist, the machine being wrecked soon after she was picked up. The girl suffered a broken ankle and one finger was cut off. The mother states that the girl had been to a dance the night before she left, and there officers ordered her to go home because she wore no stockings. She first was taken to the police station, and fearing she would be arrested and disgraced, decided to leave home.

## Red Cross Drive Is On

The annual Red Cross drive for membership is now on, having started Armistice Day and will end on Thanksgiving Day.

## Postoffice Department Making Preparations For Christmas Mailing

Post offices will make every effort to handle the Christmas mails without congestion and delay, but owing to the enormous volume this can be done only with the cooperation of the public, says the Department in a bulletin just issued.

During the holiday time the volume of mail increases approximately 200 per cent. It is a physical impossibility to handle this great mass of mail matter efficiently and promptly within a few days. Therefore to assure delivery of their Christmas presents, cards, and letters by Christmas Day the public should shop and mail early.

Do your Christmas shopping so that you can mail your gifts, greetings, and letters to relatives, friends, and loved ones at least a week or 10 days before Christmas, according to the Department. This will not only make it certain that they are received on or before Christmas Day, but will be a great aid to your postal service and to postal employees and enable them to spend Christmas Day with their families.

All parcels must be securely wrapped or packed. Use strong paper and heavy twine.

Articles likely to spoil within the time reasonably required for transportation and delivery will not be accepted for mailing. Wrap or pack carefully, according to contents and plainly mark all such parcels "Perishable." Use special-delivery stamps to expedite delivery.

No parcel may be more than 84 inches in length and girth combined. For delivery locally and in the first, second, and third zones, 70 pounds is the maximum weight; in all other zones, 50 pounds.

## Mac-Hi Defeats Blue Devils For First Time

Using a flashy aerial attack, the Mac-Hi Pioneers won their first game in the history of gridiron competition with the fighting Wa-Hi Blue-Devils by a 13-7 score at the Stadium Armistice Day afternoon.

The jinx which has kept the Milton-Freewater team from a victory over the local football squad was finally broken by an exhibition of passing which Wa-Hi was not able to fathom and which kept the crowd in a continual state of suspense waiting for a completed play that might mean a touchdown. If Mac-Hi had been effectively blocked in the air, the Blue-Devils would have come out with a victory in the bag having obtained an early lead with a touchdown and try for point.

With the beginning of the second half the tide turned in favor of the visiting team as their aerial formations started to click.

## A Six Cent Drop

Wheat values dropped six cents per bushel at Chicago, Monday. Stock market weakness and lower Liverpool prices was ascribed as the reason. With buying support lacking, Chicago wheat started wildly at 2 1/2 to 6 1/2c lower, and afterward steadied at about 2c above initial bottom figures. Corn, oats and provisions were also depressed with corn opening 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c off, but later recovering somewhat.

## Rebekah District Convention

The Rebekah district convention was held at Echo, November 9. The address of welcome was given by Nona McFaul and the response by Bertha Nation of Hermiston. Hallie Ingle, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon gave an address. A very interesting program was enjoyed. The following officers were elected: Margaret Pitzer, chairman, Stella Reeves, vice-chairman; Gladys Scheer, secretary; Nona McFaul, treasurer. The convention is to be held in Pendleton next year.

## Turkeys For New Yorkers

Hermiston and Pilot Rock turkey raisers have made up a shipment of 6,435 birds for New Yorkers to feast on at their Thanksgiving dinners. No. 1 grade turkeys took the lead in the shipment, numbering 5,553, at 32 cents per pound to the raiser. Another turkey shipment will be made from Hermiston about the middle of December for the eastern holiday trade.

## Snow On McKenzie Pass

Six inches of snow fell on central Oregon's two highest road passes, the McKenzie and Sand Creek mountain, over the Armistice week-end, but all highways have been cleared and were in good condition. The Sand Creek pass is on the Dalles-California highway between Bend and Klamath Falls.

## Geese at Arlington

Hunters report wild geese at Arlington are being readily lured by decoys this year. Shooting over decoys is proving more successful than from blinds on the bluffs nearer the river. However, geese seem to be more plentiful on the islands down the river, below Arlington.

## RADIO TO DECLAIM TROUBLES TO FANS

**Channels Called Wrong and Audiences Will Be Asked To Assist.**

Washington, D. C.—While some broadcasters are proposing to go on the air in their own behalf, others are seeking relief for their operating difficulties directly from the federal radio commission or from the courts.

Three current developments in the radio field disclose the purpose of many broadcasters to ask their audiences to help them secure remedial legislation from congress. A plan for a concerted drive by a group of stations for succor from commission rulings is in the process of formation, and several more appeals from commission decisions have been filed with the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

A determination to air their views on the radio, chiefly against the zone and state equalization scheme, was voiced by many of the broadcasters who attended the convention last week of the National Association of Broadcasters at West Baden, Ind. The movement for better operating conditions, which is expected to take the form of a demand for more cleared channels, is being crystallized at meetings here this week of operators of various large stations which now have only part time privileges on the air.

The right of a station to retain its acknowledged service area, and the right of the commission to order shifts in assignments without affording those affected a hearing, are the chief points raised in the case of WTMJ, Milwaukee. This station is protesting the renewal of its license on a regional wave length on which the commission has placed new, or higher powered stations, with subsequent interference to WTMJ.

In addition, the commission has shifted WFLA-WSUN, Clearwater, Fla., using 2500 watts daytime and 1000 at night, to the same wave length. All this, it is alleged, has reduced, and is tending further to reduce, the service range of WTMJ. The property rights issue, which was rather completely squelched in recent decision of the court, is not raised in this case, but the other legal points are regarded as highly important.

## "The Greene Murder Case" At the Standard Tomorrow

A cast of 17 actors, each a consummate player, headed by the greatest detective character on the screen, William Powell, of "The Canary Murder Case" fame, will take part in the "Greene Murder Case" which comes to the Standard tomorrow and Sunday evenings.

The three crime trackers of "The Canary Murder Case"—William Powell again as Philo Vance, Eugene Pallette again as Sgt. Heath and E. H. Calvert again as the district attorney, have the leading parts.

"The Greene Murder Case" was a great murder mystery story but as a moving picture it is even more gripping, more exciting. The reason for this can be ascribed to the intelligent character portrayals furnished by the actors and the excellent direction of Frank Tuttle.

The plot has to do with the strange killings which occur in the Greene family's household. An elder son, his younger brother and then their mother succumb to the fiendish hand of an unknown murderer.

After a series of uncanny and thrilling events Powell solves the deep mystery with the suavity and super-intelligence that S. S. Van Dine wrote into this character in his novels. Powell's performance is flawless.

## Church Burns Note

A \$13,000 note, representing the total indebtedness of the Church of the Redeemer at Pendleton, was burned Wednesday evening at a Parish dinner. The note was paid in full from funds raised wholly by the Parish House Guild and the Parish Aid by means of various benefit affairs conducted during a period of nine years.

## Cars Skid On Highway

Frozen surface of the Oregon Trail during the fore part of the week was responsible for a number of accidents to skidding cars. At one time three cars were in the ditch at one place on the highway near La Grande, and another car landed in the waters of the Grand Ronde river.

## Flag Raising Ceremonies

Flag raising ceremonies were observed at St. Andrews Mission, on the Umatilla Indian reservation, Armistice Day. Judge Alger Fee delivered the principal address for the occasion.