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Sherman County Heads List

At the present time there is one automobile for each group of 18 persons in the state of Oregon and 38 per cent of all the cars, or slightly more than one in three are Fords.

Sherman county is said to have one car for each six persons and one of these cars out of four are of the Ford variety, which illustrates that the higher priced cars prevail in Oregon's banner county. In case it was absolutely necessary that all residents should be transported from the confines of that county, it is probable that the cars could handle the entire population.

The latest figures show 12,191 new cars of latest design sold in Oregon since January 1. Sherman county has bought 240 new cars and kept from last year 611 of those sold in the county prior to the first of the year. Twenty-five per cent of the total of new and old cars are the well-known Ford.

Moro Women Register

A total of 43 women registered last Saturday at Moro for war work for the government. Six registered to go anywhere in the world, and two anywhere in the United States. All women having registration cards are requested to hand them in, whether or not they wish to register. Any woman or girl above 16, who has not registered can do so by notifying Mrs. R. C. Ornduff.

Between 6000 and 7000 delegates, men prominent in the political, industrial and agricultural life of the nation, are meeting this week in St. Paul, Minn., in a three-day Producers' and Consumers' Conference called to devise methods for combatting the high cost of living. The meeting is held under the auspices of the Non-Partisan League, a new organization that has been upsetting the established methods of eastern state governments the last few elections. The League was considerable of a factor in the last Washington election in the eastern part of the state and it is expected that it will have something to say in future elections in Oregon.

The railroads are apparently winning their fight to cut down the car shortage despite the fact that the demand for cars is increasing. September 1 the excess of unfilled car orders in some parts of the country over surplus of cars in other places amounted to a reduction of 14 per cent over the month before. When the War Board took hold of the situation in behalf of the railroads, the car shortage in April was the highest on record. With practically no increase in equipment the railroads, by gaining the co-operation of shippers all over the country, have decreased the shortage of unfilled orders 78 per cent in four months, a feat unparalleled in railroad history.

Eastern capitalists have organized a large mining corporation to develop extensive graphite deposits in Alabama. They expect to be able to sell all they take out at a price at the mine ranging from \$240 to \$325 a ton. Before war graphite sold at an average price of \$7 the ton. It is used principally in the manufacture of crucibles, retorts, foundry facings, stove polish, pipe-joint compounds and lead pencils.

District Board Draft Regulations

It is only a waste of postage, letter paper and time for a man whose claim for exemption from the draft on industrial grounds has been denied by his district exemption board, or for any of his relatives or friends, to write to his senator or his congressman or the provost Marshal General or the President of the United States, trying to have the ruling of the board reversed.

Strange as it may seem, letters have poured in by the hundreds of thousands to officials at Washington. Some of them from Oregon. The Observer is requested to say that these letters will not even be considered, but will be returned to the senders.

There is just one procedure whereby an appeal may be taken from the ruling of a district board. That is through the district board in the manner prescribed by official regulations, and only papers, affidavits, etc., that the district board used in forming its opinion will be considered by the higher board. No further affidavits can be made.

The only cases that can be appealed are those involving claims for exemption on the ground of employment in a necessary industry, including agriculture. No claim for exemption on the ground of dependency can be appealed under any circumstances. The decision of the district board in such cases, on which it sits as an appellate board, is final. There is no further appeal.

Automobile Headlight Law

The new state auto law requires drivers of automobiles to use headlights that control the glare and keep the light on the road in front of the car, so that when passing another car the danger of blinding the approaching driver will be removed. Putting the new headlight lens on your car will not increase your own driving comfort but will make it safe for the car drivers you meet after night. If an accident should occur while using the old style lens, whether your own personal fault or not, the damage could be assessed against you. On the other hand, if you had proper headlights and was forced into the ditch the one having the glaring lights would have to pay the bill. Proper control of your headlight glare will put you safe in case of accident. It is not a question of the cost of the lens as much as compliance with the state law to make night driving more safe for all who use the roads.

The Northwestern Tuberculosis Conference will hold its first session at Portland October 15 and 16. This conference, organized under the direction of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, is designed to bring workers in the northwestern states into closer relations with each other and to give them a chance to discuss common problems both among themselves and with the officers of the National Association who will be present. An unusually strong session and medical program is being prepared.

It is contemplated that the second Liberty Loan campaign will close on the 1st of November, next, and that the active campaign will begin not later than October 1st. Details of the loan cannot be given out until Congress has acted upon the war bond bill now pending. As soon as the new law has been passed announcement of the details of the loan will be made.

A right conception of patriotism should induce all students who cannot render some immediate service of great value to remain in college and concentrate their energies on the work, and thus be all the more ready and fit when their service may be needed. The number of those entering the colleges and schools of Oregon this fall ought to be much larger than usual.

Remember that in war vital results may depend upon small things. The old nursery story tells us that "for the want of a nail the shoe was lost, for the want of a shoe the horse was lost, for the want of a horse the rider was lost, and all for the want of a horseshoe nail." Don't withhold any nails, either literally or figuratively.

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A crew of men, got together Sunday upon 24 hours notice by Deputy Game Warden Jas. Stewart, planted 50 cans of trout fry in the DesChutes river, and an additional 50 cans were divided between Buck and Pine Hollows, Finnegan and Grass Valley canyon at the Gould ranch.

The trout came into the county from the state hatchery at Bonneville on the fish commission car Rainbow. It was met at Harris by six young men from Moro, who planted 17 cans of fish at Harris and 12 cans at Orchard.

Another party, from Grass Valley, met the train at Bluffs, at the mouth of Mack canyon, where 20 cans were planted.

The fish car was met at Fargher by a large number from Kent, Grass Valley and Moro in 14 autos and the fish were soon transferred from the railroad car to the waiting autos and on their way to new swimming pools.

Fifty more cans were on the train and could have been handled by the sportsmen out to help the fish commission stock the streams of Sherman county. These extra cans would have been given this section but for a previous agreement to send part of the shipment to Redmond.

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