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**Gasoline Supply Keeps Step With Nation's Sale of Auto Vehicles**

In spite of handicaps of an unknown and uncertain supply of raw material, crude oil, the production of which is only three times what it was in 1913, gasoline is being served regularly to nearly twelve times as many motor vehicles. Six times as much gasoline is being manufactured. In other words, improved processes are getting twice as much gasoline per gallon. Without improved methods of drilling, invention and perfection of drilling equipment, new processes for greater extraction of refined products from the crude and improvements in all departments of producing, refining and marketing of petroleum, the manufacture and use of motor vehicles would be before now have been checked by lack of fuel. The achievement of keeping up with this enormous growth in demand and yet selling highly refined gasoline at around 34 cents a pound today as against 8 cents for bread or 10 cents for sugar is one on which the oil industry is to be congratulated every time you drive to a hardy filling station.

**Nation's Forests Increasing in Value**


Only a few years ago, the state of Idaho sold fine timber as low as 20 cents per 1000 feet, and was glad to get the money. Recently the state sold white pine stumps for \$13 per M, and the land has to be scientifically logged and waste cleared up to make it a permanent state forest. Another similar sale was made for \$9.96 per M. A \$11 sale was reported four years ago, but this \$13 sale is believed to top all lumber prices in American history.

The growing interest in forestry and reforestation is bound to relieve the pressure on the northwestern forests that is indicated by this rise in Idaho pine prices. Forestry agitation may have frightened the nation into a sane forest program, so that as a result of conservation forest prices may not rise greatly above the present high levels. The awakening did not come too soon, when pine stumpage prices can rise 500 per cent in a little more than a decade.

That western sawmills can cut lumber from such high priced logs and still keep it the cheapest building material available speaks volumes for their efficient management and manufacturing methods.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**

FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON BOOKS THERE ARE \$27 SPENT ON CHEWING GUM BUT ONE CAN BORROW BOOKS.



**Farmers and Business Men Meet To Canvas Wheat Crop Situation**

At a meeting of the Moro community club, held Wednesday evening at Hotel Moro and attended by a large number of representative farmers from all sections of Sherman county, it seemed to be the opinion of the majority present that altho the winter wheat fields of this county had undoubtedly been severely pinched by the cold snap of last December yet the damage in many cases had been over estimated.

It was contended by farmers present from Kent, Grass Valley, Wasco, as well as those attending from this vicinity, that a large per cent of the turkey red wheat fields would not be hurt to a sufficient extent to justify reseeded when the cost of seed and expenses involved were taken into consideration. It was that that even a good half stand of turkey red wheat would mature as much actual wheat as reseeded spring grain that must maintain itself against uncertain weather conditions yet ahead for this crop year.

It also seemed to be the universal opinion that wheat varieties other than turkey red was in all probabilities killed by the December freeze.

Speakers who addressed the meeting proposed that seed wheat be secured from Australia; that the railroad companies be requested to make special rates for handling what wheat was needed, whether secured from other sections of the United States or foreign; that the federal government be petitioned to remit the import duties on foreign wheat used for reseeded; that the Oregon legislature be lobbied to secure an appropriation from the state for the purpose of securing seed wheat and that this be repaid by farmers over a spread of years.

Conservative estimates place the possible damage to winter wheat fields of Sherman county at about thirty thousand acres that most likely must be reseeded. This does not include the fields where a half stand of wheat is probable or even instances where a less number of live plants are estimated to be now growing in the fields.

A. B. Robertson, present at the meeting from Gilliam county, stated that it was estimated the total damage to wheat in that county would exceed one hundred thousand acres and that many of the farmers were now busy reseeded with turkey red. Supt. D. E. Stephens, of the experiment farm, stated that it would be safe to sow turkey red wheat if it were done before not later than the middle of February. He also warned against foreign weed seeds being brought into the county with the new wheat and advised a thorough fanning of the seed before sowing.

At the close of the meeting a pool was formed by A. C. Thompson, W. S. Powell, Roy Powell, and some others and thirty six hundred sacks of hard federation wheat was bought by phone from dealers in La Grande. This wheat will cost about \$2.50 a bushel at Moro.

During the meeting Albert Kesberg was called to the long distance phone and concluded a deal he had under way with parties in The Dalles whereby he bought a carload of hard federation wheat for reseeded his and neighboring farms near Wasco. The price of this wheat was not ascertained.

An era of prosperity is one which people go in debt for things they don't need.

**ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL**

By THOMAS A. CLARK  
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**WHO PAYS?**

"I'VE just been up at their country place visiting the Simpkins," George remarked to me this fall. "Cadillac, motorboat, house party, age board, no laundry bill, nothing to pay; pretty soft."

I had met Simpkins at the end of August, and he had told me what a grind the summer had been to him. "I've had to work early and late," he said. "That family of mine had a tearing good time up north with their friends, but the bills were tremendously heavy, and you know somebody always has to pay."

The Beta Tau Sigma party, the papers said, had set a new standard for social events in this community. Nothing was lacking to make it a success—cabs, evening clothes (mostly rented), favors, theater party, seven-course luncheon—it cost a pretty sum. I wondered who was paying; father at home getting up early and going to bed late? Sister teaching, or clerking or nursing? Mother going without the new gown or the vacation trip of which she was very much in need? These things more often than otherwise mean sacrifice; for some one has to pay.

Parker cut a pretty wide swath last year in college. He had the latest cut-up-to-date clothes; he never misses a good show—or a bad one; if anything was going on he could be found sitting in the front row, and there were unpleasant rumors about his associates. I knew his being in college was pinching at home a good deal, but his folks were quite willing to make the sacrifice in order that he might have the advantages that they had been denied. It wouldn't have been so bad if he had paid his part by plugging hard on his college work. Mother could perhaps have afforded to deny herself a spring bonnet if son had needed the money to buy a Phi Beta Kappa pin; but as it was, he finished the year in debt to every one and with a scholastic average of 59. Those who were paying got little for their money.

For every good time you have, for every luxury you enjoy, for every disposition in which you indulge or graft which you take advantage of, somebody is having to pay. You may charge the account at times, but ultimately the bills come in with interest.

It is better on the whole for each man to pay his share of the bill. No one respects a boy who is always eager to sit in, but who never reaches for the check. If the home folks are willing to make the sacrifices and furnish the money, son ought to play the gang fairly, to economize occasionally and to square his half of the account by a return of many character and good scholarship.

**State Highway Bonds Decreasing**

The total amount of highway bonds issued by the state since 1917 is \$38,800,000. Of these \$639,250 have matured and been paid. The constitutional limit, 4 per cent of the assessed valuation, is \$42,555,229.

In 1925 the annual interest and principal charges will be \$2,597,516. The high point of the bonded debt will come in 1928 when the charge for interest and principal will amount to \$3,476,998.

From that date it will decline, being \$3,426,765 in 1929 and \$3,188,318 in 1932, when the decline will be more rapid. The life of the bond is, for the most part, 20 years.

Duzens of Observer readers are truly grateful for thoughts that prompt many persons to phone in news items. A prime factor in the upbuilding of a community is the community newspaper.

**Month of January Open Season For New Freak Law Enactments**

There is an old gag in a popular song: "For everything wrong beneath the sun, I'll make a law to stop it."

This is the season of the year when would-be political reformers advocate a multiplicity of state and national laws to remedy imperfections in trade and industry.

There is a large number of people who believe for defects and abuses and dishonesty in the business world is more and still more legislation.

Thus it comes about that congress and state legislatures and city governments design measures to control and regulate railways, public utilities and big industries.

The wonder is that with all these onslaughts in the past, it has been possible for large industrial and public service organizations to exist, to say nothing about their ability to make profits and enlist new capital for extensions.

As usual, many novelties and experiments are proposed this month of the year that the Romans dignified with the God Januarius, a figure facing both ways.

About five new cabinet positions with prospective employment for one hundred thousand officials and hundreds of new state boards and commissions, also employing taxeters galore, are proposed with the magic formula "Be it enacted, etc."

The people can only pray that most of these measures will be defeated and that steady principles of self reliance and common sense may prevail in their stead. We can never improve on the maxim of Thomas Jefferson that an intelligent commonwealth is governed the best when it is governed the least.

**U. of O. Geology Class Maps Topography Three Sisters Region**

The first complete topographic map of the Three Sisters region was completed this week by Dr. Edwin T. Hodge, professor of geology, and eight geology students of the University of Oregon. Dr. Hodge and his students spent six weeks in the Three Sisters region last summer obtaining topographic data. The map will be printed for distribution shortly to serve as a guide for those who visit the section.

The area covered was 16 by 12 miles. The scale of the map is one inch for two thousand feet and the contour interval is one hundred. The features of the map include a portion of the McKenzie highway, trails, mountain lakes, glaciers, and points of scenic and geologic interest.

"The Three Sisters region will some day be the playground of Oregon," said Dr. Hodge. "It vies with Mt. Hood and Crater Lake in scenic importance and is easily accessible on the McKenzie highway. Ancient and recent volcanoes, lava flows of a comparatively late date, 'glass' cliffs, a small crater lake, numerous small lakes and interesting mountain scenery are features that will draw an increasing number of tourists to this section each year."

The compilation of gross postal receipts of the Medford postoffice, \$65,501.20 for the year, shows an increase of more than 9 per cent over gross receipts in 1923.

The condition of W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college, who has been seriously ill for some time, is reported by attending physicians to be improved.

During the biennial period, October 1, 1922, to September 30, 1924, a total of 1259 applications for school fund loans was received by the state land board, according to the report of the department filed with the legislature. Of the applications received 2121 were approved. These loans aggregated \$2,185,706.

One hundred and eighteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending January 10 manufactured 99,939,008 feet of lumber, sold 79,252,902 feet and shipped 80,903,549 feet. New business was 18 per cent below production. Shipments were 2 per cent above new business.

Sealed bids received by the light house department for the repair of aids to navigation in the lower Columbia river, which were damaged by ice floes several weeks ago, have been submitted to the department heads at Washington, D. C., and it is expected that the contract will be let within a few days.

Dr. Walter H. Brown of Richmond, O., accompanied by Mrs. Brown and two children, has arrived in Salem to assume charge of the five-year child health demonstration assigned to Oregon under the financial sponsorship of the commonwealth of New York.

Reports from farmers living in the western part of Polk county show that approximately 50 per cent of the grain was killed in the cold spell in December. This will make reseeded necessary in the spring. Conditions in the eastern part of the county were reported much better.

Because of embarrassment at the government rock quarry on North Coos river and sloughing of much overburden during the wet weather, amounting to at least 7000 yards, work on the south Coos bay jetty was suspended by Lieutenant B. H. Bowley of the government service and 22 or 23 men will be out of employment for a month or six weeks. Suspension was caused by shortage of material for carrying on rocking on the jetty.

**Paragraphs of State News**

The Brownsville woolen mill is now employing several shifts of men and the machines are running day and night.

George M. Geisenorfer has been recommended by Representative Hawley for appointment as postmaster at Cascadia.

About 210 men are employed on the government dam under construction on McKay creek, seven miles south of Pendleton.

Purchase of a hook-and-ladder truck for the McMinnville fire department has been put in the hands of a committee for action.

With the warrants all paid and money left in practically every fund of the county, Linn county closed 1924 with a balance of \$149,761.18.

A total of 481,127 tons were handled in the port terminals of Astoria during the last year, according to data prepared by port authorities.

Richard H. Thornton, 79, one of the state's ablest lawyers and founder and first dean of the University of Oregon law school, died at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland.

Herbert Chandler of Baker won first prize on a carload of registered Hereford range bulls at the Ogden livestock show at Ogden, Utah. In addition to the carload prize Chandler's Herefords won all other prizes in the Hereford class.

Two hundred and fifty employees of the city water bureau of Portland will have to pay \$50,000 in back taxes to the government because of a decision that employees of a public utility, city owned, must pay taxes as employees of every other utility.

Although light snows continue to fall throughout the Haines valley and foothill district adjoining, there is not sufficient snow to assure crops in the irrigated sections, where snows are depended upon for water throughout the growing season.

A new railroad story comes from Curry county to the effect that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad proposes to build down the Oregon coast from Seaside to California and thence on to San Francisco, probably to attach to the Northwestern Pacific at its northern terminus at Eureka.



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Dairy herd management— January 6 to March 20	II. Gas Engines; Tractors, and Equipment, January 19-23
Fourth Annual Cannery School— February 2-20	III. General Farm Repair, January 26-30
Poultry Husbandry— February 2 to March 14	IV. Farm Water supply and Sanitation, February 2-6
Land Classification and Appraisal— February 2-7	V. Gas and Electric Light and Power, February 9-13
	VI. Farm Concrete construction, February 16-20.

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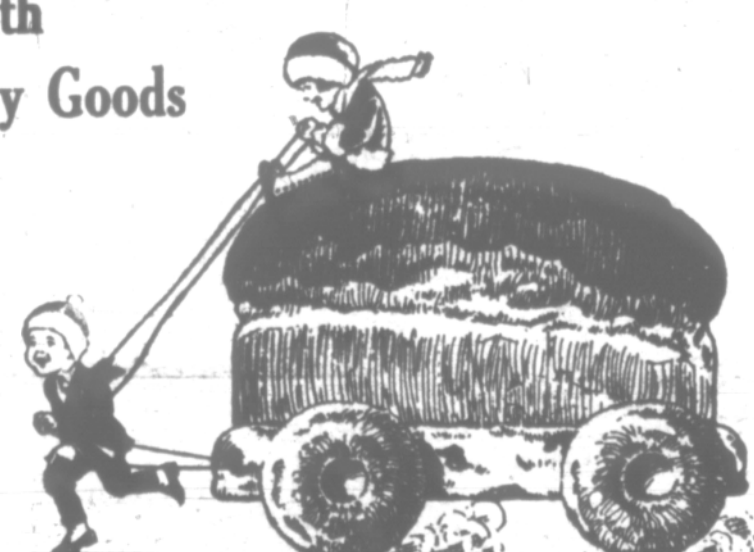
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