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Leading Portland business men, with Roy T. Bishop as president, will direct the all-Oregon 1925 exposition, to be held in the civic auditorium, Portland, October 5th to 10th, inclusive. The exposition will be a great exhibit of Oregon manufactured goods and products, as well as a display of Oregon arts and crafts.

Milk is nature's best food, and is an indispensable part of the diet. A quart for children and a pint for adults is the amount to be included in every ones diet. Milk furnishes proteins for tissue building; mineral for bones and teeth for regulation of body processes; energy for the body's activities, vitamins for growth, for resistance against disease, and for good health.

The secretary of the treasury is not a bit less shy than vice-president Dawes in going out and advocating his ideas about taxation and what is best for all concerned. He shows his courage by invading Dixie, talking to the people of the south where he expects the greatest opposition to his ideas in the next congress. He is not going to enter the category of oratory and windjammers but speaks in a plain conversational voice. He discusses taxes as to their effect on every American household. He is emphatic that any tax bill drawn on "soak-the-rich" lines will never accomplish the expected soaking. The effect of such laws has been to put a premium on withdrawing money from activity and investing it out of reach of the soakers in tax exempt bonds.

Horace Greely Wilson, prominent citizen of Roseburg, and ex-superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, was sentenced to 18 months at McNeil island upon a charge of having violated the Mann act.

Marshfield business men are opposing the suggestion of a Fourth of July celebration, according to questionnaires sent out. The celebration at Myrtle Point, 26 miles south, is one reason why the merchants oppose a celebration.

That insanity due to the use of alcohol, which reached its low level during the war period, is again on the increase, is indicated by figures compiled by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Salem.

Charles Vandyne's store at Tygh Valley was entered and the safe was blown to pieces. Parts of the safe were thrown through the side of the building. No clues as to the suspects have been given out by the sheriff's office.

Lincoln Antles, who has been secretary of the Bend commercial club for four and a half years, resigned to accept a similar position with the Roseburg chamber of commerce. L. K. Cramb, recently of Klamath Falls was appointed to succeed Mr. Antles.

Petitions for the referendum measure attacking the tobacco tax law enacted at the last session of the legislature were filed with the secretary of state. The petitions contained a total of 14,173 signatures, or approximately 5000 in excess of the number required.

New State Road Laws Eliminates Speed Traps

Law abiding drivers of automobiles are reminded to slow down to a speed of five miles per hour when approaching a main highway such as the Columbia river highway. This is one of the new rules of the road which were enacted by the last legislature and which went into effect May 28th.

Another new rule is that the speed limit at all intersections of streets or county roads is raised from 12 to 20 miles an hour. Under all conditions right of way is to be given to ambulances, public and private.

Drivers when approaching highway intersections shall give right of way to vehicles on their right simultaneously approaching a given point; provided that street cars and emergency vehicles shall have right of way at all times. In turning to the right drivers shall keep closely to the right and in turning to the left shall run to and beyond the center of the intersection before turning.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall on a signal, by raising a hand, from a person driving, leading or riding a horse or horses or other animals in the opposite direction bring such motor vehicles immediately to a stop and remain stationary so long as may be reasonable to allow such animal or animals to pass and if traveling in the same direction, shall use reasonable caution in passing such animal or animals should they appear badly frightened.

A very important regulation is the act that prohibits driving by intoxicated persons. Serious penalties are provided. In case of death the driver be held for manslaughter and his car impounded. Actual proof of intoxication is not required.

In approaching a railroad grade crossing speed must be reduced to 15 miles per hour.

It is unlawful to maintain speed traps such as using a marked section of a highway by which traffic officers calculate the speed of a vehicle passing over the marked section.

In addition to new rules of the road the new statutes make the theft of automobiles more difficult by requiring certificates of title when applying for a license.

Penalties are provided for the alteration of serial numbers with intent to defraud.

Seasonal licenses may be granted vehicles used in agriculture at two thirds the regular schedule.

In towns under 2000 population the fines collected for traffic violations are to go into the state road fund.

The state board of health is given jurisdiction in the regulation of auto camp grounds.

The state squad of traffic police engaged in patrolling the public highways is to be augmented by the addition of 10 new men under authority of an act of the last legislature. This will give the state a total of 23 traffic officials, working under the direction of the secretary of state.

After a long illness, Peter D. Gilbert, former mayor of Albany, who had been operating a grocery store in Portland several years, died at Good Samaritan hospital. His death followed a major operation performed recently. Mr. Gilbert served as mayor of Albany from 1910 to 1912.

The surety companies have paid the state treasury money to cover the shortage caused by the defalcation of Clarence W. Thompson, former cashier, who is now serving nine years in the state penitentiary. Thompson's defalcations covered about \$5000 of which he himself paid back about \$1000.

Richard W. Price has sent to Governor Pierce at Salem his resignation as a member of the state game commission, giving as reasons his belief that he "could no longer be of service" thereon and that he was "unable to agree to indirection and the injection of extraneous and political matters."

The city of Eugene has filed in the office of the state engineer application to appropriate water from the McKeezie river for the development of 30,249 theoretical horsepower and for the appropriation of water from the same stream for a municipal supply. The cost of the proposed development was estimated at \$375,000.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

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THIS ONE THING

THE front lawn needed mowing; it requires an hour to do it. Simons wanted to work; he had an hour at his disposal, so I set him at it. Forty minutes later I looked out. The mower was standing in the middle of the lawn, and Simons was on his hands and knees burrowing into one of the borders.

"What are you doing?" I asked. "You won't finish the mowing if you don't hurry." He was tossing weeds and debris out on the sward as I spoke to him, and littering up the lawn like a young pup digging for gopher.

"This border needs cleaning out," he said, "and I thought I'd do that." "But you were to mow the lawn," I suggested.

His time was up shortly and he had to go; he got neither job done, though he left my lawn looking like a boy in a barber shop with his hair half cut.

It isn't so hard to begin a job as it is to finish it, and it's much less interesting. It takes nerve and determination to see a thing through. One is likely to grow tired and discouraged and bored before he reaches the end of a task. All sorts of attractions bid for one's attention; all sorts of entertaining and interesting things lure us away, and yet if we are to get done we must keep our eyes and our minds on the one thing in hand.

"How are you getting on with your job?" I said to Orldrey one day last December. Orldrey had been at it only a few months.

"Well, you see, I'm tired of it. I've made up my mind that I'll change next month, so I'm going to let things slide just now. I don't care if I do get fired."

"But how about finishing well a thing which you have begun? Don't you think that would make a good impression on those in charge of the new work you hope to take up?"

"Well, it's hard to stick to one thing," he replied.

Few of us can run the lawn mower and weed the borders at the same time; few can be the acceptable pastor of the First Presbyterian church while they manage a wholesale grocery store. It is nearly impossible to be president of the Y. M. C. A. and captain of the football team without wrecking both our religion and the team. It is enough to do one thing, and it is a great deal more to get that one thing well done before we take up another.

Great Gala Time Looms at Prineville

The Crook county American Legion post of Prineville has made elaborate plans of entertainment for the annual convention of the American Legion, June 25-26-27.

The calendar of entertainment reads like a railroad time table, all hours of the day, being occupied with some special event. The opening day will see the staging of a mammoth free barbecue at noon. The afternoon will be occupied by a rodeo, which will be repeated every day until the close of the convention. Thursday evening the ladies will hold their annual reception and the men will hold forth at the business meeting of the 40 at 8.

Early Friday morning, a buckaroo breakfast, followed by business sessions and then the huge parade. The Legion stag party will be staged Friday evening, coincident with the giving of the past presidents parley banquet by the auxiliary.

A drum corp competitive drill is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, preceding the finals of all rodeo events. The 40 at 8 week remains as the final feature for Saturday night and should bring the convention to a fitting close. In addition to the special features, enumerated above, there will be dancing every night, special street stunts, and hundreds of cowboys, cowgirls and Indians taking part in wild west events of all kinds, on the streets as well as at the rodeo grounds.

Moro and vicinity was visited with a rain storm Tuesday night that increased the precipitation records at the experiment farm an additional tenth of an inch.

Sherman County Farms Pay Lowest Tax Rate

Tax statistics compiled by the Oregon Voter for every county in the state reveal the fact that in Sherman county 15.71% of the total property tax is paid by property located within the three incorporated cities, while 84.29% is paid by property outside of the cities. The taxes paid by property in all cities in Oregon represent 52.64% of the total tax, while property outside of cities bears 47.36% of the tax burden.

Sherman county farm property pays nearly two-thirds of the taxes, 61.82%, compared with all farm property in the state, which pays 25.97% of the total. Railroad and utility property, including property both within and outside of cities, pays 21.87%, and all other non-city property pays 1.62% of the total. The following table, compiled by the Voter, shows the amount and percentage paid by each source:

Outside of cities:	Amount	%
Farm property	\$157,837	61.82
Railroads and		
Utilities	53,244	20.85
All other	4,182	1.62
In Cities:		
Railroads and		
Utilities	2,585	1.01
All other	37,813	14.70
Total	\$255,311	100.00

The average millage for the county is 17.66 mills, which is the lowest average for any county in the state. In Gilliam county the average is 91.71. The county per capita tax is high, however, this being \$66.73. In Morrow county the tax is \$31.40, in Wheeler county, \$51.40, and in Gilliam \$73.26.

In the unincorporated territory of Sherman county the tax is only 16.08 mills, the lowest in the state. The rate average is 31.93 mills. The average millage within cities is 37.52, compared with the average of 17.83 for the state. The per capita tax within cities is \$28.49 and the per capita for unincorporated territory and territory within cities are \$64.43 and \$45.77 respectively.

Sherman county taxes this year show a decrease of 4.73% under those levied in 1924. The county tax bill of \$255,311 represent .60 of 1% of the total levied in Oregon, which is \$42,660,781.

Of the county total, \$89,819, or 35.18%, will be used for high and grade school purposes, and an additional \$24,174, or 9.47%, will go toward the support of higher educational institutions. Roads will receive \$80,116, of which \$10,000 is for road bonds. The levy for county general purposes is \$25,727 and for cities and towns \$17,472. Sherman county's share of the tax for state administrative purposes is \$7,658, and for the soldiers' bonus, \$10,345.

Following are the millage rates and per capita taxes on property within cities:

City	Rate	Per Capita
Grass Valley	35.2	\$23.89
Moro	35.6	31.40
Wasco	40.0	27.68

The highest millage levies in the state are found in Lakeside, 126.2; Bend, 106; North Bend, 100; Seaside, 94.1; Redmond, 91.9; and Prineville, 91.25. The highest per capita taxes are Warrenton, \$255.56; Gearhart, \$214.54; West Linn, \$117.25; Newport, \$93.02; Toledo, \$88.74; and Seaside, 84.45.

The postoffice department has announced that the postoffice at Mitchell and Shedd, will be advanced from fourth class to presidential grade on July 1, the salary of the postmaster in each case being \$1100.

Members of the Salem lodge, Woodmen of the World, have launched a drive to purchase a 240-acre tract now owned by Captain A. J. Spong for a recreation park. The price of the land has been fixed at \$24,000.

No more married women will be employed as school teachers in the Eugene city schools, according to an announcement by the school board. The resolution adopted by the board stated, however, that the policy was not retroactive. A teacher now under contract will not be affected.

Request of the Portland carpenters' unions for an increase from \$5 to \$9 a day, effective September 1, was turned down by the building division of the Associated General Contractors association. The request for double time instead of time and a half for overtime was also refused.

An ordinance of the city of Portland, requiring payment of a license fee and a bond by persons soliciting from place to place in the city orders for future delivery and accepting part payment in advance, was held invalid by the supreme court of the United States.

With the demand that the Pacific highway be built for four miles so as to ignore Gold Hill because of a speed trap maintained there, the Oregon State Motor association appeared before the state highway highway commission at Portland. William Daby chairman of the commission, declared that if the action was demanded merely because of arrests for exceeding the speed limit he saw no reason for throwing away a bridge which cost \$50,000 and 2 1/2 miles of pavement which cost \$25,000 a mile.

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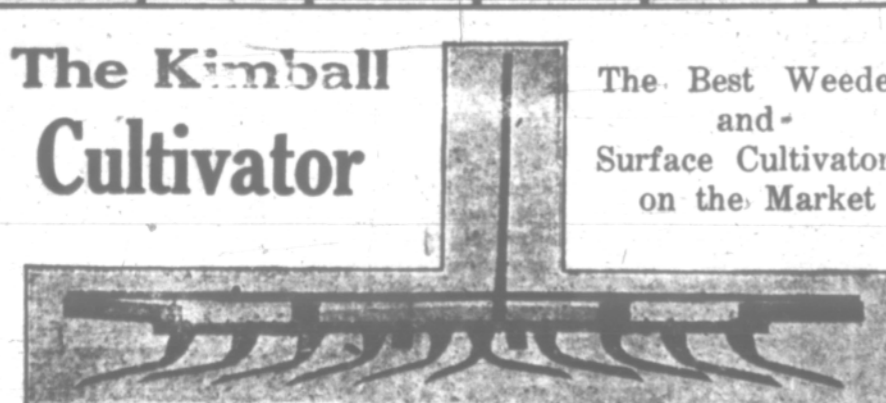
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