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June Tax on Gasoline Reaches High Point

Mounting to over a quarter million dollars, the state tax on gasoline and distillate collected on sales made during June 1924, exceeded the revenue received from this source for any single month since the law has been in operation. This is shown by a statement just compiled by Secretary of State Sam A. Koser.

June taxes amounted to \$268,691.04. The sales of gasoline represented an increase of approximately 28 per cent over those reported for June, 1923.

To date the motor vehicle fuels tax measures have brought to the state treasury \$6,225,681.75. Of the amount collected under the law of 1921, there has been returned up to July 31, 1924, the sum of \$171,010.93 to operators of farm tractors, motor boats, commercial cleaning establishments, etc., pursuant to that provision authorizing refunds of taxes on such motor vehicles fuels as are used for purposes other than in the operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways.

Motor vehicle fuels taxes are credited to the state highway fund, becoming available for expenditure in the construction and maintenance of state highways.

Folly-ites to Meet August 15

Call has been made by the LaFollette state campaign committee for a state meeting of the LaFollette forces to be held on Friday evening, August 15. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Portland Labor Temple, Fourth and Jefferson streets.

At that time county chairmen and as many other LaFollette supporters throughout the state as may be able to attend, will gather to formally launch the campaign. It is the aim of the LaFollette forces to assume an aggressive attitude in placing the issues before the voters. This is in conformity with the policies of the national committee.

Aurora Lutheran Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. German service at 10:15. English service at 11:15. Choir practice in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Remember the All-Lutheran Chautauqua at Gladstone Park, August 21-23. Obtain your tickets from me. WM. SCHOELER.

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Aged Pedestrian Has Close Call

H. Stahl, aged 72 years, and for a long time resident of Hubbard, barely escaped death last Saturday evening at about six o'clock, when returning from Portland. He started to cross the track without looking and was overtaken by a fast freight train of the Southern Pacific. As it happened, he was barely brushed by the locomotive and knocked down. He was slightly bruised by striking a stone but otherwise is apparently all right again.

Pioneer Newspaper Man Takes Position with Canby Herald

H. E. Browne, pioneer newspaper man of Oregon, who for more than fifteen years was identified with the publication of Silverton papers, and more recently editor of the Benton County Courier at Corvallis, Oregon, has been employed as managing editor of the Canby Herald, and will move his family from Corvallis to Canby as soon as a suitable house can be obtained.

Mr. Browne has had more than thirty years' experience in the newspaper business, his favorite vocation, selected after finishing his education in Wisconsin, and twenty-four years of that time has been spent in the Willamette Valley. He is thoroughly familiar with every department of the newspaper office and comes to Canby fully determined to give his entire attention and energy to the upbuilding of local interests, and hopes, with the cooperation of other industries, to be able to make the Herald rank among the best papers of Clackamas county, and the state of Oregon.—Canby Herald.

Molalla Citizen Injured in Auto Accident

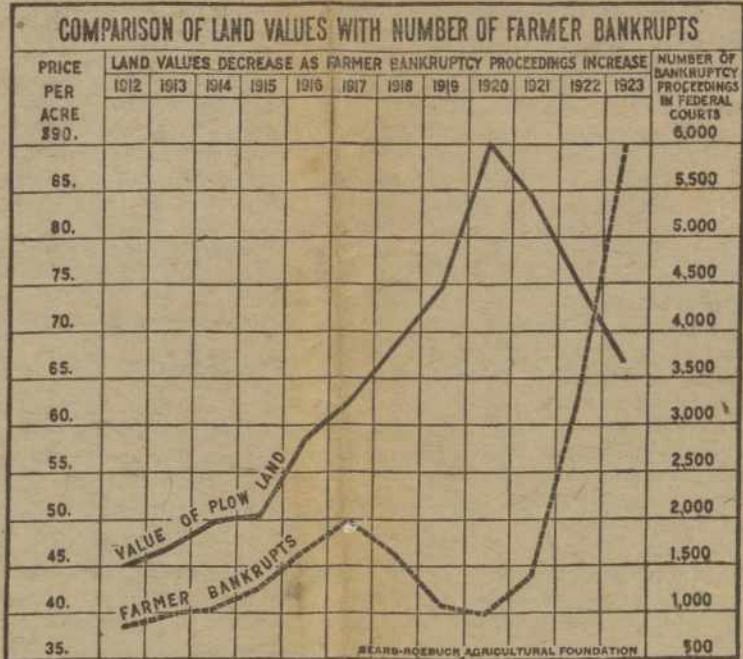
George Brockhart, residing west of Molalla, suffered severe injuries last week in an automobile accident near Gervais, when he was struck by an on-coming automobile. The latter driver had failed to see Mr. Brockhart's signal that he was going to turn off the pavement. He was taken to the Hubbard hospital for treatment and later sent to his home. Mr. Brockhart was one of the heavy losers in the Dimick defalcation. It was through a discrepancy noticed in a mortgage which he held that led to the disclosure of the condition of Dimick's affairs.—Banner-Courier.

C. E. Conference Meets Aug. 25th

The fifth annual Oregon Christian Endeavor summer conference will be held at Turner, August 25 to Sept. 1. Turner is on the main line of the Southern Pacific and on the highway, ten miles south of Salem.

Parts for all cars, trucks and tract ors. W. E. Burns—Dan Burns (Not Brothers—the same Man) High St., at Ferry, Salem.

The Future of Farm Land Values



When farmers are making money on their crops the value of plow land runs high and bankruptcies are few. Reverse the situation and the bankruptcy line takes a straight upward turn. That's what is happening now. Farmer bankruptcies are on the increase, land values are sliding down the scale due to the slump of agricultural prices since the war.

What does the future hold for farm land owners? Is this the time to buy or sell?

The Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, after completing a survey of land values covering a period of sixty years, predicts that high land values are coming back and that within a decade farm land prices will again be on the climb.

From the days of the Civil war to around 1900 farm land values showed little change. Land was considered a safe investment. Beginning in 1900 values began to rise; by 1910 the acre price had doubled. Still land continued to rise chiefly because of the advance in the prices of farm products.

The war brought higher prices for farm products, crop values increased. The result was a land boom. By 1920 the average price of land per acre was \$90, \$30 higher than in 1917 at the opening of the war. Farm bankruptcies dropped from 2,000 in 1917 to 1,000 in 1919.

During the prosperity period of the war many farms were bought. During the land boom it is estimated that 10 per cent of the country's farms changed hands. Following the war the collapse in prices of grains and live stock sent land values tumbling for the first time in twenty-five years. Average plow land decreased in value from an average of \$90 per acre in 1920 to \$65 in 1923. Crop values per acre fell from \$36 in 1919 to \$15 in 1921. During the past two years there has been a gradual increase, the average for 1922 being \$20 and last year the average rising to \$22. Farmer bankruptcy proceedings in the federal courts jumped from 1,000 in 1920 to 6,000 in 1923. More than 8 1/2 per cent of the land owners in 15 corn and wheat producing states in the upper Mississippi valley lost their farms.

In twenty-five years the United States should be producing on a domestic basis in practically everything, unless production makes material increases. People are moving from the land. Then the farm-to-city movement will reverse itself. Land values will increase with the price levels. Bankruptcies will decrease with the rise in land values. The present tendency in prices is down. They may continue down for a decade. During this time land prices may sag considerably. But with a return of production prices of farm land will go up.

Personal Notes of Interest Gathered Here and There

R. E. Keefover is now driving a new Oakland touring car.

Mrs. Preston and family have gone berrying up Salem way.

Fred Crann's daughter has left her position and is reported to be quite ill.

Ernest Flanary, bridge contractor, has been spending a few days at home with his family.

Arthur Burkholder, of Portland, has been spending a few days with his uncle and sister.

William Stauffer, one of the old colonists who resides between Aurora and Donald, is reported to be quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Marsh are spending a few days in the hills near Scott's Mills.

M. D. Leabo and Chas. Becke are spending a few days at Pacific City on a fishing excursion.

Blackberry picking is on in full force and Aurora is shipping between one and two tons daily.

Arthur W. Kraus and family spent Sunday in Portland at the home of Mrs. Kraus' sister, Mrs. Barkman.

Mrs. Geo. Askin, Sr., son and daughter went to Rockaway last Sunday for a brief outing.

Dr. and Mrs. Schoor, of Hubbard, are rejoicing over the advent of a ten-pound daughter.

Mr. Alvin Miller and sister, Mrs. Geo. Askin, were Salem visitors last Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Miller and Mrs. Erbsland were guests at the Henry Ehlen home Sunday.

Dr. Ammeter is spending a few days at Seaside and is not expected back till August 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harbaugh, of Portland, made a brief call in Aurora Sunday evening.

Miss Frances Wilson, of Portland, is spending a few days with her cousin, Margaret Knapp.

N. E. Manock, Harry and Carl Ehlen went to Pacific City last Thursday for a brief outing, returning Sunday evening.

Ella Mathews, of Seattle, was a guest of Mrs. W. H. Asquith last week.

Fred Wilson and family, of Portland, were Sunday visitors in Aurora.

Mrs. Quick and daughter, of Salt Lake, spent Monday with Mrs. E. D. Hocken.

Messrs. Asquith and Hocken took their company for a drive up the Columbia Highway last Sunday.

E. M. Hurst took a load of fancy sheep up beyond Heppner last Friday, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Yergen, Miss Noma Yergen and Miss Evadna Hurst spent the week end in Eugene.

Mrs. Diana Snyder left Tuesday for Hadden, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Johnson, for a week or more.

A shower was given to Miss Lottie Netter last Thursday evening in honor of her marriage which was celebrated on Sunday, the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, of Portland, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Prah.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Evans visited Monmouth, Sunday, and spent the day with their daughter, Miss Emma Evans.

Mr. L. L. Gribble has just returned from drying fuggles on the John Krebs place at Jefferson. He will return after a little to care for the later crop of hops.

Dr. Shorey, of Woodburn, who recently suffered a paralytic shock, is reported somewhat better. His many friends are hoping for his complete recovery.

V. H. Grim, the young man who was seriously injured in a logging accident at Scott's Mills a short time ago, is so far recovered as to be about and was seen in Aurora the other day.

Miss Theoda Gribble spent Sunday at Monmouth, arranging for her course during the coming season. While there she met Mrs. Young, formerly teacher in the Aurora school, now residing at Monmouth.

Miss Lottie Netter Married

Mr. and Mrs. E. Netter, of Aurora, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lottie H. Netter, to Mr. William M. Fromme, of Portland, on August 10, 1924, at a family wedding held at the home of the bride's parents. After returning from their honeymoon at Rockaway Beach, they will reside in Portland, where Mr. Fromme is manager of his father's hotel.

Timber Land for Sale

Timber land on which stands 107,630,000 feet of Douglas fir, spruce, hemlock, and cedar, with an appraised value of \$140,025, will be offered for sale at the United States Land Office, 697 Post Office Building, Portland, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. on August 18, 1924.

The land consists of 2,500 acres and is valued at \$3,247.60. The tract is located in the Siletz Reservation, Lincoln county, Oregon, and is situated in the following townships: T. 9 S., R. 9 W.; T. 9 S., R. 11 W.; T. 8 S., R. 10 W. The total valuation of the land and timber is \$143,272.60.

The above lands and timber may be purchased on the following terms: A cash payment of one-third down, one-sixth more within one year; and the balance must be paid within three years additional time; a charge of 5 per cent interest will be made annually on deferred payments.

For further information address Mr. Walter L. Tooze, Sr., and Mr. Frank O. Northrup, Register and Receiver, of the U. S. Land Office, Portland, Ore.

Oregon City to Celebrate Highway Opening

On Friday, August 22nd, Oregon City will celebrate the official opening and the dedication of the Pacific Highway between that city and Canemah. The occasion will be one of interest. Governor Pierce will be speaker of the day. There will be a parade, music, games, a picnic supper for which you furnish your own sandwiches but get your ice cream and coffee free. In the evening there will be a grand ball. The opening of the new road into Oregon City from the South removes the last barrier to comfortable driving between Portland and Salem.

Another Pioneer Passes

Mrs. Clara Shaver died at her home at Wilsonville, August 9, 1924, at the age of 62 years, nine months and twenty-nine days. She was born at Wilsonville, October 10, 1861. Mrs. Shaver was the beloved wife of Albert I. Shaver and the mother of eight children. Interment was had at the Butteville cemetery, Rev. J. F. Mathews officiating. Funeral arrangements were in charge of S. A. Miller.

Michigan People Enjoy Outing in Oregon

A jolly crowd of tourists from Michigan, relatives of Mrs. G. Dentel, spent the day with her last Wednesday. They visited Yellowstone Park and Portland and will return by way of Vancouver, B. C., and Alaska. Those from Michigan were Dr. and Mrs. Lon Knapp, Mrs. Margaret Knapp, Miss Ellie Hammerling, Eugene S. Bitz and wife and son, Stanley, and daughter, Lucile. Those from Portland: Mrs. A. H. Giesy and Ulysess, Mr. and Mrs. Nicolai. Others were: Mrs. C. F. Ziegler and Lucile, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dentel and daughters; Wm. Dentel, June and Emery. Mr. Bitz is president of the paper mills at Monroe.

Fargo News

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bents and daughter, Lucile, returned from their week end visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sager and little son, Bert, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Evans and sons, Arthur and Harold, of Portland, spent Sunday at the home of Will Bents.

Oliver and Clarence Bowers, of Sellwood, are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bents, their grandparents.

Coming Events

Aug. 18-23. Buyers, week at Portland.

Aug. 21-28, Lutheran chautauqua at Gladstone.

Sept. 18-19-20. Pendleton Round Up.

Aug. 14-16, Homecoming Pioneers' Reunion, Port Orford.

Sept. 22-27, Oregon State Fair.

Sept. 17-20, Clackamas County Fair.

Aug. 25-Sept. 1, Christian Endeavor Conference at Turner.

Aug. 22, Dedication Pacific Highway at Oregon City.

To Our Patrons

On account of the short crop of tomatoes, it will be impossible to supply all our customers in the usual way, so have decided to sell them all at the Log Cabin Fruit Stand, 1/2 mile north of Aurora, on the Pacific Highway. 32-2tp FRY BROTHERS.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Evening service at 8:00. Taking "Open Eyes" as the subject of next Sunday evening's sermon, it will be seen that few of us are soundly happy. Our joys are either remembered or anticipated. If you are anxious to know what is wrong, come and learn on Sunday evening and you will be very welcome. J. F. MATHEWS.

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

SOME people have fallen heirs to huge fortunes, and are the objects of envy by the multitude. Others have, through individual tact and perseverance, accumulated pecuniary power. Of the two types of citizens, the latter has always proven more sturdy and progressive.

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