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PAYING FOR GOOD ROADS

Every so often newspaper editors find on their desks publicity from some automobile association protesting against any higher license fees on motor vehicles.

Automobile association all over the land appear to be opposed to taxing the industry more because it is taxed so much already and in so many ways.

It pays all the taxes any other industry pays and the license fees in addition. Of course, a big business like the motor industry pays enormous taxes.

But the product of this business causes other taxes to be high. Automobiles, especially larger cars and heavy trucks, wear out a great deal of road.

At any rate, anyone who goes a little way off the main avenues of motor travel knows that the condition of side roads is worse than a few years ago.

Practically all the motor fees have been used to maintain roads, and in addition the other taxes of most municipalities and states have been increased.

Every motorist desires good roads, and kicks if he does not have them. It is realized more and more that poor roads mean larger tire costs, bigger repair bills, excessive gasoline needs and more rapid depreciation on the car.

The motorist might just as well pay for better roads as to stand higher costs elsewhere. If the higher license fee goes to make roads better, the head of a large company says it costs, depreciation included, about \$6000 per annum to operate a large truck.

Better roads easily could save two times this fee in maintenance and in addition enable the truck to accomplish more work.

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tomobile owner. He is his best friend.—Boston Commercial, July 15, 1922.

COW TESTERS IN LEAD

The report of the Extension Department of the O. A. C. for the month of May shows that the cow in the Oregon testing association are leading all other western states in the production of butterfat.

Oregon has 3,400 cows in the test associations and their average yield of butterfat per cow for the month of May was 41.6 pounds, or 1.34 pounds a day.

If all the cows of the state were producing as much as those in the test associations are producing, the dairy business would be much more profitable than it is at the present time.

University professors of Princeton may retire hereafter on half-pay when they reach the age of 55 years. Professors can continue to teach, if they wish to do so, until they are 68 years of age but after that they are to retire automatically.

Argentina beef can be placed on the American market for 12 cents a pound with a good profit to the dealer, according to a New York banker. They are killing cattle there for the sake of the hides and the best beef is selling for 35-40 cents a pound.

Supporting piers are now being made of paper in California. These piers are not subject to attack by the teredo. They are 60 feet in length and from 18 to 30 inches in diameter.

Except for 100 miles there is now a paved highway from Los Angeles to Portland, Oregon, a distance of 1200 miles. In less than three years the Pacific Highway will be completed from the Canadian line to the Mexican border.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

At no time since the drilling started two years ago have the officers and workmen of the Columbia Basin Oil company been more confident of bringing in a producing well than they are today.

It was two years ago July 11 that the well near Attalia was spudded in and almost continuously since that time the electrically driven drill operating day and night, has been pounding its way into the depths of the earth.

It has been slow work. Since last April until last week the drill pounded its way, sometimes as little as four inches in 24 hours, through a crust of almost impenetrable rock.

Several days ago the bit dropped into a softer formation and since that time progress has been more rapid. Tests made by several different methods show the drillings to be highly impregnated with oil.

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Owing to present promising conditions and showings at the well, it was decided at a special meeting of the Columbia Basin Oil company to advance the price of stock \$16 per share. The new price took effect at 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon, August 3, 1922.—Pendleton Tribune.

At the meeting of the school board Tuesday evening the contract for construction of the gymnasium building on the school grounds was let to U. D. Holmes, local contractor. As soon as the contract can be drawn up work will start on the building and about six weeks will be required to complete it.—Echo News.

Fire caused by a still in operation in the racing barns at the Walla Walla fair grounds, caused a loss of \$10,000 to property, and the death of two race horses, Friday night.

Donatus, with a mark of 2:15 and Dorothy M. with a record of 2:23 were cremated by the flames, but other valuable racers were liberated from the burning stables.—Weston Leader.

W. E. Smith, who formerly operated the Stanfield Pharmacy has purchased the Umatilla Drug store from Clay Rinehart and will take possession as soon as the stock can be inventoried. Mr. Smith has owned and operated the Stanfield Pharmacy for several years but sold recently to W. M. Davis.—Stanfield Standard.

Ed Withy, former shop employe of the O. W. here was seriously injured the first of the week in an accident in the harvest fields near Colfax, where he has been employed.

He is being cared for in the hospital at Colfax where it is feared his injuries may prove fatal. His back is broken.—Umatilla Spokesman.

The cherry pool of the Mifflon Fruit Growers Union has been closed and most of the growers have already received their money. The net return to the growers was 16 1/2 cents for Bings, 13 1/2 for Lamberts, 7 1/2 for Black Republicans and 7 for Royal Annes.—Milton Eagle.

We want to know whether any plans are being made for the North Morrow County Fair. We understand that there is to be no county fair because of lack of funds. If that be true we should be more anxious to have a good one in this part of the county. What about it, Irri? Let's get together and boost. Let's have a better fair than we had last year, with a real baby show and everything. Come on. Let's go!—Boardman Mirror.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Salem packers expect to process and handle 15,000,000 lbs. prunes.

Linn county market roads to have \$30,000 expended on them.

Crescent lets contract for \$31,811 reservoir.

Oregon City to have new \$6,000 concrete garage.

Five northwestern states form 44,000,000 bushel wheat pool.

Sherwood gets combination tool factory.

Gates—New high school to be built here.

Blachy—Four-room school house, to be constructed soon.

Astoria—Warrenton Paving Mill Co. to replace mill recently destroyed by fire, at Warrenton.

Newport—Several streets to be improved.

Astoria—Steam heating plant to be installed in Adair school.

Prineville—Work on new hotel is under way.

Silteos shingle mill running again.

Bend—Troy laundry installing a new ironing machine.

Oregon City—Contract for paving Molalla avenue is awarded.

Roseburg—Cherries bring \$490 to the acre.

Milton—New brick and concrete store being erected by Milton Economy store.

Pendleton—\$23,000 church to be erected here.

"KICKS AND THRILLS"

Where Pat Was

In a small village in Ireland, the mother of a soldier met the village priest, who asked her if she had bad news.

"Sure, I have," she said. "Pat has been killed."

"Oh, I am very sorry," said the priest. "Did you receive word from the war office?"

"No," she said. "I received word from himself."

The priest looked perplexed and said: "But how is that?"

"Sure," she said, "here is the letter read it for yourself."

The letter said: "Dear mother, I am now in the Holy Land.—The Argonaut.

Twentieth Century Tragedy Recipe Take one reckless, natural-born fool. Take two or three big drinks of bad liquor. Add a fast, high powered motor car. Soak the fool well in liquor, place in car, and let him go. After due time, remove him from the wreckage, place in a black, satin-lined box, and garnish with flowers.

Wanted to be There The great banker lay on his death

bed. Many of his friends were gathered about his bedside to be with him at the last. The attending physician whispered to the group: "I fear he is nearing the great divide."

"Tell them not to divide until I get there," whispered the dying banker.—Forbes Magazine.

A Modest Start "Has your new son-in-law any live stock to begin farming with?" inquired the village gossip of Uncle Jeremiah Snodgrass.

"Well, he's got my goat," replied Uncle Jeremiah, as he gave the off-horse a vindictive cut and went rattling out of town.

Uncle's Welcome Little Spencer let no grass grow under his feet when uncle came for a visit, before rushing up with this: "Uncle, make a noise like a frog."

"Why," asked the old man. "Cause when I ask daddy for anything he says: 'Wait till your uncle croaks.'"

Business Is Business Two Jews were in business together, Cohn and Rosenstein. Rosenstein had been getting drunk and letting the business go. Cohn swore, "The next time Rosenstein comes in drunk I'm going to shoot him."

He put a pistol in his pocket and waited for Rosenstein. Soon Rosenstein came in, drunk, as usual. Cohn pulled his pistol; put it in Rosenstein's face.

Rosenstein temporized: "How much do you want for the gun?" Cohn gasped: "How could I kill the man when he was talking business?"

A Prime Necessity Teacher: "If George Washington came back to life, what do you suppose he would do first?" Pupil: "Get a pair of long pants."

Largely a Matter of Weight "Well, Sandy," said the laird, "you are getting very bent. Why don't you stand up straight like me, man?" "Eh, man, do you see that field of corn over there?"

"I do," returned the laird. "A' well, ye'll notice that the full heads hang down, an' the empty ones stand up."—Selected.

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MANY BRIDGES UNDER WAY

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