

### MOTOR TAX LAW IS EXPLAINED BY HON. W. B. DENNIS

W. B. Dennis of Carlton, Oregon, who was, as a member of the legislature, instrumental in the passage of the present weight classification law for automobiles, was the principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce forum this noon at the Hotel Medford.

The subject, "The Oregon automobile license law," was too broad to be completely covered by the speaker during the short period of time available but he gave the members of the forum a fairly clear idea of the merits of the law and of the necessity of its endurance in the present form.

Mr. Dennis explained that weight was directly relative to damage to roads and that for that reason cars should be taxed in proportion to their weight. He showed also that the higher priced cars were on an average the heavier ones and that as the weight increased the price of the car per pound also increased.

The next element considered by the speaker was the privilege element. Automobile owners must pay for the privilege of using Oregon's \$60,000,000 worth of roads.

The element of value is completely disregarded in the new law for the reason that the old car damages the road just as much as the new one and therefore should be taxed as heavily.

He pointed out clearly that gasoline can stand no further tax and that therefore the entire tax cannot rest upon the gasoline.

He expounded the idea of replacing the automobile on a property tax basis as formerly by showing that on the average an automobile owner would pay more property tax than he does at present under the license tax.

Secretary Frobach and Rev. Millard were again on the job at the meeting after a week in Eugene at the state secretaries' conference and several songs were sung by the assembly. President Ben Sheldon acted as chairman.

### SUPPORT LACING, BASEBALL TEAM IDEA ABANDONED

After investigating the feasibility of financing a city baseball team for Medford this season, the matter has been dropped by the American Legion committee and representatives of other organizations working with them.

While there was found considerable baseball talk and enthusiasm, the matter of equipping the team and providing a guarantee for a visiting nine took money and very few were willing to help to an extent which would make it possible to put the sport on its feet.

There will be considerable "sand lot" baseball played here this year, as most of the churches will have teams as they did last season, the California-Oregon Power company has two teams, the Medford Printing company will have a team and one or two more teams will probably compete for "twilight league" honors.

Considerable disappointment was felt among the men who had hoped to see Medford compete this year with Weed, Hoenbrook, Yreka, Grants Pass and other teams in this vicinity which have good city teams, but it was felt that if there was no sufficient backing to start a team, there would not be sufficient interest taken in the games to warrant several individuals shouldering the expense of equipping the players.

### MARCH RAINFALL TWICE AS HEAVY AS MARCH, 1921

The precipitation for March was 1.84 inches, as against .75 of an inch during March a year ago. In addition to last month's precipitation there was one inch of snow before the 15th. Of the precipitation .69 of an inch fell on March 23rd. There were 12 days with .01 or more precipitation, six days were partly cloudy and 25 were cloudy. There was not a clear day during last month. There were 15 so-called killing frosts.

The temperatures of the month were as follows: Mean maximum 54.2; mean minimum, 33; mean, 43.6; maximum, 70, March 20th; minimum, 25, on March 26; greatest daily range, 35.

The mean maximum of the weather of March last year was 63, the mean minimum was 38, the maximum was 78 and the minimum was 21, and that month had seven so-called killing frosts.

The official summary of last month's weather is partially as follows:

Date	Max.	Min.	Precip.	Pt. Cldy.
1	58	28	—	—
2	59	33	—	Cloudy
3	53	33	.07	Cloudy
4	47	33	.36	Cloudy
5	50	33	.06	Cloudy
6	57	36	.02	Cloudy
7	50	36	.02	Cloudy
8	54	30	—	Pt. Cldy.
9	55	26	—	Pt. Cldy.
10	44	29	—	Cloudy
11	46	27	.08	Cloudy
12	54	28	—	Pt. Cldy.
13	49	37	.10	Cloudy
14	59	31	—	Pt. Cldy.
15	56	32	—	Cloudy
16	48	32	.20	Cloudy
17	51	30	—	Cloudy
18	59	33	—	Cloudy
19	54	39	—	Cloudy
20	70	35	—	Cloudy
21	61	30	—	Cloudy
22	53	42	.15	Cloudy
23	48	44	.59	Cloudy
24	55	31	—	Cloudy
25	59	27	—	Cloudy
26	61	30	—	Pt. Cldy.
27	44	27	—	Cloudy
28	56	38	.04	Pt. Cldy.
29	57	35	—	Cloudy
30	59	38	.11	Cloudy
31	61	42	—	Cloudy

### PETITION COUNCIL FOR UNDERGROUND CROSSING 6TH ST

A long talked of and much desired improvement in the city, and which has hitherto been regarded as almost prohibitive in cost, as well as in other ways, was laid before the city council last night in a petition presented to that body by the Greater Medford club.

The petition requests that Sixth street be opened and made a continuous thoroughfare between Riverside and West Main streets by constructing an underground crossing under the Southern Pacific railroad tracks, and by extending West Sixth street in a straight line to West Main street.

"We further petition," says the document, "that permanent arrangements be made with the Southern Pacific railroad to convert and maintain the ground between West Sixth street and the Standard Oil company service station on Main street, facing South Fir street, into a park.

After but little discussion the councilmen referred the petition to Mayor Gates for further consideration. The mayor himself has for several years had the same idea in mind and in the past has discussed it with Southern Pacific officials informally, and they looked with favor on the plan and conveyed the idea that some day they would look into it formally and ascertain its feasibility. The cost would be large, and the expense would be divided between the railroad and the city.

The ordinance to establish the city planning commission, had its first reading last night and will come up for passage at the next meeting of the city council.

### BORAH DEFENDS PRES'T AGAINST DEMOS ATTACK

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senate republicans and democrats clashed again today over the question of whether the Harding administration has been observing or violating civil service regulations. Without much fuss or flurry, two democratic resolutions on the subject by Senator Curaway, Arkansas, were disposed of temporarily, but a third caused protracted debate.

In connection with one of the Curaway resolutions, Senator Borah, of Idaho, questioned the right of congress to ask the president for his reasons for dealing with government employees.

"If the president violated, there is a way to reach him," Senator Borah said. "Yes, we could impeach him," interrupted Senator King, democrat, Utah.


Senator Borah rejoined that a former democratic president had told congress that his management of executive employees was none of its business. The clash came over a resolution by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, asking the president for the names of all persons appointed by executive order without regard to civil service rules. Republicans sought to refer it to the civil service committee, but Senator Harrison said he did not "want it buried that way," and a number of roll calls divided in party lines followed. The controversy ended in a deadlock.

Ty Cobb Harts Kneec. DETROIT, April 5.—Physicians at America, Ga., today endeavored to determine the extent of the injury suffered by Ty Cobb manager of the Detroit Americans, in a game between Detroit and the Rochester Internationals, there yesterday.

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### AVIATORS REACH CANARY ISLANDS

ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Portuguese aviators who are attempting a flight across the Atlantic from Lisbon to Brazil arrived safely this afternoon at 5:35 from Las Palmas, Canary Islands. They left Gando Bay near Las Palmas at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's \$99.00; first 4's \$99.20; 4 1/2's \$99.50; second 4's \$99.00; 4 1/2's \$99.25; second 4 1/2's \$99.00; fourth 4 1/2's \$99.25; Victory 4 1/2's \$100.00.

GETTYSBURG, Va., April 5.—Civil war veterans have started a movement for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg with a national reunion here in July, 1923.

While the ranks of both the blue and the gray have been considerably thinned since the reunion here in 1913 when 56 men from the north and south were under canvas, it is believed that the proposed celebration would receive the enthusiastic support of the surviving veterans.

### Rheumatism at 60



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