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## AUTO LICENSE FEES

No increase in auto license fees is required in order to pay the interest and principal of all state highway bonds that can be issued under the pending 4 per cent constitutional amendment that will be voted upon at the May 21 election. Neither is any increase required in the gasoline tax. Nor is any tax on property involved.

Revenue from the auto license fees and gas tax at present rates will be ample to care for both interest and principal of all the bonds that can be issued under the proposed 4 per cent limitation. The present road bonding limit is 2 per cent of the assessed value of property in the state. The increase is necessary in order to make it possible to complete the main state highways within the next few years, instead of waiting indefinitely for their completion from annual revenues. By issuing the bonds, the roads can be provided for use while the auto license fees and gas taxes are being paid.

## NOT ENOUGH MONEY

Although public teachers with normal training are alarmingly scarce in Oregon, the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth does not receive enough maintenance money to enable it to train the 500 students for whom it has classrooms. Millage income has increased so little that the Normal's receipts are only \$1445 more a year than they were when the millage bill was first passed. Expenses, however, have gone up tremendously, just as costs have everywhere. In consequence the Normal cannot carry more than 300 students, although it has room for 500.

## THE NATION FIRST

The campaign of presidential candidates in some instances has reached the mudslinging stage—though some are running with a clean smooth road. No matter who the nominee may be on either ticket, the people want a man who can bury personalities and at least for the next four years devote himself to the upbuilding of sound policies in the United States and encouraging our industrial and commercial development. Whether a democrat or a republican the welfare of the nation should always come ahead of personal ambition.

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## Rescue of Girl Slaves.

Rescuing Armenian girls from Turkish harems is not so easy an adventure as may be supposed, principally owing to the lies told them by the sheikhs, who declare that "the Christian dogs" make them work from sunrise to sunset and give them next to no food, and later send them to the dark regions of central Africa. Consequently, when two missionaries, with an automobile, reached the house of a sheikh with the object of delivering three Armenian young women from his power, the girls, despite the evidence that they were given of the bona fides of their deliverers, at first refused to leave their slave master. Even when on their way to Aleppo in comfortable cars, they were far from quieted. The sight of an Armenian priest at length gave them the needed assurance, however, and then the girls wanted to be slaves to their new masters for all time.



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and Religion.

Nyssa, Or., April 13—Editor Journal—In considering the question of closing the picture show on Sunday evenings a distinction should be drawn between morality and religion; between a moral question and a religious question. Many people, apparently, are unable to see this distinction, but there is one—and a very vital one; if the

picture show is immoral it should be closed not only Sunday evenings, but every evening. Is the question under consideration a moral or religious question? The test is simple. If the show is all right on week nights it is not immoral. If it is only wrong on Sunday evenings it is wrong simply because it is contrary to some one's religious belief, and thus becomes a religious question. Most of the Christians of Nyssa attend the show occasionally during the

week. Even the preacher has been known to be there. To claim that it is immoral is to convict themselves of patronizing an immoral institution. To admit that it is not immoral would show that it is simply a matter of religion. In this country a person has a right to accept any religion he chooses, and there is a great variety, in all shades and colors, or he may reject them all and be protected in his belief so long as he does not transgress any of the

accepted laws of morality. Some people believe Sunday is a holy day, others do not. Each belief is entitled to the same consideration under the law. It has pleased the church to select Sunday as the day to worship and they are entitled to be protected in their worship on that day, but they have no right to compel any one of a different belief to worship on that day—or any other day.

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