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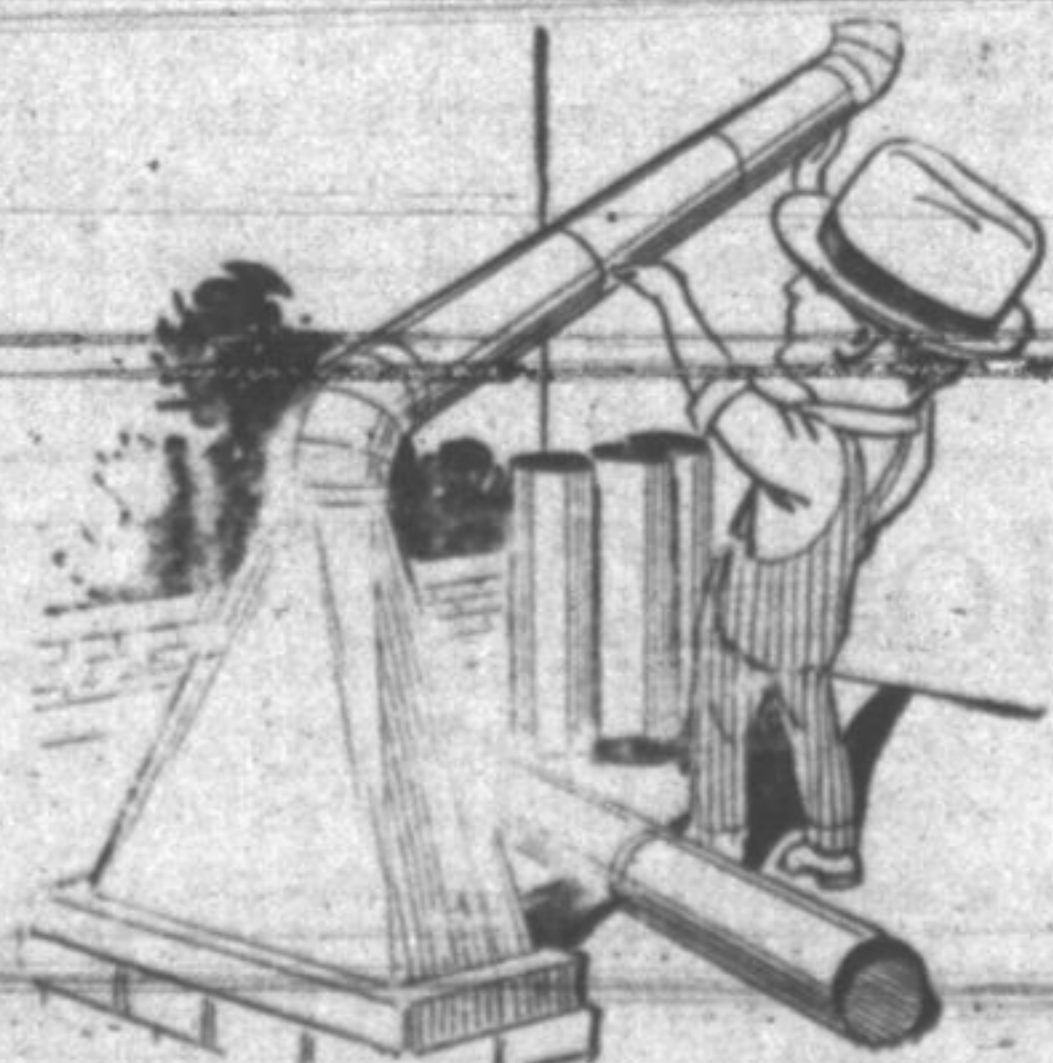
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MOTORISTS JOINING WAR ON GAS TAXES

**Fight Attempts of Politicians
to Use Plan As Scheme to
Get More Money**

Aroused by the action of legislatures in twelve states which have increased gasoline taxes this year and goaded further by the fact that legislatures in eight other states now have bills pending calling for increases in 1930, motordom, twenty-five million strong, is rapidly awakening to the fact that four wheel brakes must be applied to the political juggernaut that is making a foot-ball of automobile gasoline taxes.

This cryptic warning was issued this week to the half million members of the American Motorists association by Si Mayer, vice president of the National association as well as head of the Automobile Club of Illinois.

Too Easy to Collect

"Largely because the tax is easy to collect, coupled with the fact that autoists in the past have not opposed reasonable taxes politicians have had their way in the matter of increasing, year by year, the gasoline tax burden. Since the inception of gasoline taxes in 1921, the increase up to the present time has been 3,400 per cent, or from fifty cents gas tax per car to approximately \$17.00 per car for 1929.

"Three states now levy a six cent tax, three other states have six cent tax bills pending. In the state of Georgia the governor recommended an eight cent tax. These exorbitant taxes can mean but one thing—the killing of the goose laying the golden egg and which is now beginning to squawk," Mr. Mayer declares.

Numerous Suits

"Proof of the 'squawk,'" Mr. Mayer continues, "is evidenced by the fact that suits contesting the legality or constitutionality of various phases of state gasoline taxes have been brought in numerous state and Federal courts, the legality of the California tax now being before the United States Supreme Court. Similar suits are pending in Florida and Georgia, both six cent tax states, as well as suits in other states. Autoists of the country are not opposed to a sane, fair and sensible tax. A direct sales tax of 25 to 40 per cent, however, is not a fair or equitable tax and is out of economic proportion to the cost of gasoline.

Lecture on Earth and Sister Planets

"Earth and Neighbor World's is the title of the free illustrated lecture for the general public to be given Saturday afternoon, October 26, at the Museum of Natural History. Dr. Clyde Fisher, curator of astronomy at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, will be the speaker. The lecture will be given in the James Simpson theatre of the museum, and will begin at 3 p. m.

Many remarkable things recently learned by scientists about the earth's sister planets will be discussed by Dr. Fisher, and illustrated with the stereopticon slides he will show.

Free Program for the Children, Field Museum

The James Nelson and Anna Lou Raymond Fund free program for children, to be given at Field Museum of Natural History Saturday morning, October 26, will consist both of moving pictures and an illustrated talk on the wonders of both our own and other worlds. The program will be presented twice, first at 10 a. m., and then at 11, in the James Simpson theatre of the museum.

"In a Drop of Water," "She's Wild" and "From 'Paddy' to Bowl" are the titles of the moving pictures to be shown. Dr. Clyde Fisher, well-known scientist of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, who is lecturing for grownups at the museum in the afternoon, will appear before the children in the morning, adapting his lecture, "Earth and Neighbor Worlds," to suit their interests. His lecture will be illustrated with remarkable stereopticon slides illustrating what scientists have learned about other planets. Children from all parts of Chicago and suburbs are invited to attend.

Specimen of Rarest Animal at Museum

Resembling in certain respects both a giraffe and a zebra, yet nevertheless definitely distinct from either, the okapi is one of the world's rarest and most curious animals. A specimen of it is on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History. It was obtained in the Belgian Congo by the Marshall Field Jr. African Expedition.

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