

AUTOMOBILE AND SPORTING NEWS

OLCOTT EASY ON AUTOISTS

SECRETARY EXPLAINS THE INTRICATE LAW POINTS.

New Garage Means Much—Automobile News in General.

Secretary of State Ben Olcott has won a warm spot in the hearts of La Grande automobile owners by urging leniency in what seems to be class legislation in the matter of the tax on autos. He urges police authorities to be lenient in enforcing the matter of fees, a question which is slowly working itself out in various parts of the state. Commenting on the auto laws this week, Olcott said:

"Chauffeurs and owners of automobiles had two months time in which to secure badges and automobile licenses before the new law went into effect, but perhaps less than one-half took advantage of the opportunity, and now when we are swamped they fire in their applications and then bombard us with letters, telegrams and telephone calls because their tags are not sent out by return mail.

I have had as high as ten girls at work in the automobile department, and for the past seven weeks they have been returning evenings. It has now reached a point where a good portion of them, to help me out, give up their Sundays and devote the days to the drudgery of the typewriter in an endeavor to keep pace with the flood of correspondence and applications that reach us in each mail. Last week at this office we received 2010 letters, or an average of 325 a day, and three-fourths of these went to the auto department. This is a fair index to our mail for the past eight weeks. In addition to the Sunday and night work I now have a young man working on an all-night shift.

There is a vast amount of detail work connected with the administration of this new law, and it is a physical impossibility with our present facilities to get out the tags and the badges as fast as they are ordered. One of the many details incident to the law is the provision that we furnish all the county clerks of the state with a monthly list of all registrations of motor vehicles and transfers thereof and of names of chauffeurs

SECRETARY OF STATE, BEN W. OLCOTT, WHO EXPLAINS AUTO LAW.



and of fines and convictions of the latter.

While we expected to register 5000 cars and motorcycles there will probably be 7000. We had arranged for 500 chauffeur's badges and there will be close to 2000. It does not seem to be understood that only those operating cars for hire need chauffeur's badges. Hundreds of badges are being used by applicants who may need them for decorative purposes, but certainly do not need them to comply with the state law.

There is considerable protest in the ranks of machine owners against certain provisions of the law, which, I understand, is largely copied from that of an eastern state. The most general cause of complaint is that many owners are compelled to pay for two licenses for the present year. A person purchasing a car in May paid a \$3 license. August 1 he was subjected to another license fee to carry him to January 1.

On account of so many people being unacquainted with the provisions of this most complicated law, and this being the first month of its operation, I think considerable leniency should be shown automobile owners who have not yet secured numbers. One of the manifest absurdities of the new law is that provision requiring all machines to be registered January 1, 1912, when no allowance is made to prepare for this.

Hunting jack rabbits by the glare of automobile lights is one of the sports not enjoyed by every section of the country, but which is becoming popular in the vicinity of Hermiston. With the pestiferous animals more

FORWARD PASS RULE CHANGED

DIFFERENT POINT OF MEASUREMENT IMPORTANT.

Aside From This One Change, There Is Little New in Rules. Mole skins tucked away in granaries, wood sheds and more fitting places such as lockers built for that purpose, will soon be shaken out in La Grande. With school to reopen very shortly, the football germ is propagated with considerable interest and already the talk is in the air, even before baseball has been given a graceful burial for the year.

The new rules are really not materially different from last year—they retain that mystifying color which only the maker can construe properly. The chief rule, and one that should have been changed long since, is the matter of forward pass penalty measurement. Henceforth the penalty will be measured from where the line of scrimmage existed rather than from where the pass was made. This reduces the actual effect of the penalty about five yards on an average and makes the pass more safe and stimulates its use more freely.

Another clause shortens the rest period between the first and second and third and fourth periods to a minimum, leaving only time for the players to straighten up and breathe while the ball is being moved to another end of the field. The other changes are immaterial and will not tend to befuddle the spectators beyond what last year's changes accomplished in that time.

numerous in this section than for a number of years, numerous means of eradicating them are being resorted to. Rabbit-light fences are proving more or less effective, but the animals even dig under these, so that guns really seem to be the most effective means of coping with the pest.

P. C. Holland, president of the Hermiston Gun club, was the first to adopt the plan of hunting rabbits at night by auto. With his daughter at the wheel they drive out into the country at night, and as the rabbits sit staring into the glaring light they are picked off by Mr. Holland with

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LYMAN WANTS TO AID CLUB

CLEVER GLOVE ARTIST IN CITY VISITING FRIENDS.

Heinrich to Meet Berg of Spokane—Boxing Notes of Interest. Bob Lyman a clever little glove artist who has blossomed into the squared rink limelight the past year or so, is in the city visiting relatives. Since leaving La Grande Mr. Lyman has been giving considerable attention to the manly art and only recently affirmed he would gladly give an exhibition with some similarly weighted man in this city, the proceeds to go towards the institution of some sort of an athletic club in this city.

Joe Heinrich, the Baker wrestler, has signed articles to meet J. Berg, the crack Spokane heavyweight, at Colfax, Wash., on Labor Day, and is now in training for the event which will be one of the most important matches the Baker man has engaged in for some time. In tackling a man of Berg's class, Joe is going up against one of the best men in the game today, and one who has a great record in the east.

The match is for a purse of \$300 and a percentage of the gate receipts winner take all, with expenses guaranteed the loser. Joe says that he realizes he is tackling a hard man, but expressed confidence at least of making a good showing. Berg wrestles at 180 pounds, which is a trifle over Heinrich's weight. The go is bound to be a hummer no matter which man wins.

Heinrich received a challenge from Adolph Lindross of Emmett, Idaho, this week, for a match at that place in the near future. The terms were not stipulated. It is possible that Heinrich may accept the challenge after his bout with Berg.

Kid McCoy will not try to "come back" if he takes Jack O'Brien's advice.

A New York promoter is trying to bring together Porky Flynn and Joe Jeanette.

Bob Deedy who formerly managed Al Kauffman is now looking after the interests of Billy Berger.

When ordered by the court to pay

AD WOLGAST, LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION WHO IS TO MEET McPHARLAN.



Photo by American Press Association.

LATEST PHOTO OF WOLGAST, TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS FIGHT WITH MORAN.

\$125 each month to his divorced wife, "Spider" Kelley said: "Your Honor, if I had \$125 a month to give my wife, I would go over to the mint and make faces at it."

Lord Lonsdale has offered a new championship belt for the featherweight title to England.

Harry Stout of Milwaukee, has been appointed matchmaker and referee of the New Orleans club.

Jack Johnson was traveling so fast near Birmingham, England, the other day that his automobile caught fire and was destroyed.

The promoters of San Francisco are trying and have about succeeded in getting Jim Flynn blacklisted by the supervisors, claiming that he laid down to Sam Langford a couple of years ago.

BOATING ON THE GRANDE RONDE
Ewo Elgin Men Try Running the Canyon.

Grossman, Aug. 14—Floyd Allen and Robert Blumstein of Elgin have been making a boat trip down the Grande Ronde river. They passed Rev. Potter's place August 4. They are expecting to go as far as Troy and possibly to Lewiston.

California State Fair.
Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 26—The California state fair was formally opened this morning under auspicious conditions. The management has been working hard to make the exhibits of more than ordinary interest this year and the result has been the largest and best collection of agricultural, horticultural and live stock exhibits ever shown here. The entertainment features also are of an unusually high class.

TWO-COUNTY SHOOT SEPT. 18

UNION-WALLOWA COUNTY ASSOCIATION PLANS BIG EVENT.

Crack Gun Artists, Amateur and Professional, to Gather.

La Grande blue rock artists are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the next big blue rock event in this territory. It will be held at Elgin September 18, and will be conducted under the auspices of the Union-Wallowa County Sportsmen's association. These events have come to mean much to all this territory, bringing together not only the crack amateurs but all the big professional shotgun cracks in the country as well.

Observer Medal Up Again.

The Observer medal which was hung up last year, will be shot for again this year as a part of the special prizes. The main events and the amount of added money in each instance follows:

- 1-10 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- 2-15 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- 3-15 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- 4-20 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- 5-20 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- 6-20 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- 7-25 singles \$15 added entrance \$5.
- Five men team shoot. Purse divided 75-25.
- 8-25 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- First prize, silver cup.
- 9-25 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- First prize Association Gold Medal.
- 10-25 singles \$10 added entrance \$1.
- First prize, La Grande Observer gold medal.

Rules of the Shoot.

- Amateur high average, Dupont trophy.
- Professional high average, \$5 hat.
- All purses divided 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent.
- Birds deducted at 3 cents each.
- Shooting will commence at 9 o'clock promptly.
- Revised interstate rules to govern all contests.
- Contestants are required to make entries for entire day. Money will be refunded to all uncontested events.
- Professionals and manufacturers' agents are invited to be with us, but will be permitted to shoot for targets only.
- All events known traps, unknown angles.
- Ammunition for sale on the ground.

To Fly for \$50,000 in Prizes.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 26—Attracted by a prize list totalling nearly \$50,000 in cash, some two score of the most noted aviators of America and Europe have gathered here to take part in the second big flying meet to be conducted under the auspices of the Harvard Aviation society. The meet was formally inaugurated on the aviation field at Atlantic today and will continue for an entire week. One of the big events of the program will be a cross-country flight of 160 miles, for which a cash prize of \$10,000 has been offered by a Boston newspaper.

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