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LICENSE FEE EVADERS.

A recent story in the Oregonian said that during 1926 25,000 or more residents of Oregon saved half a million dollars by operating their cars with licenses purchased in California or other states. This excludes 200 who were convicted of operating cars without proper licenses and paid a greater amount than if they had purchased Oregon licenses in the first place.

The Sentinel does not wish to express too serious doubt of the reliability of the statements by the Oregonian, but 25,000 is so large a proportion of the total number of car owners of the state that the figures are staggering and almost unbelievable.

There are a number of reasons why such figures are hard to believe.

In the first place it does not seem possible that there are that many dishonest slackers in the state, for one who deliberately defrauds the state of the license fee that is due it is without question a dishonest tax slacker and is taking something of value from the state without making any return therefor, while he is giving something to another state and receiving nothing from the state to which he pays his money.

It is also difficult to believe that so many could escape the vigilance of the traffic squad.

It is difficult to believe that so many in our fair state are so lost to shame that they would risk conviction for such an offense. An offense of this kind is entirely different from the more or less popular one of disobeying speed laws and other regulatory laws. It is as near theft as anything could get and be called by any other name.

It is difficult to believe that so many people in the state could bear the looks of friends and neighbors who would know that they were tax evaders. It is difficult to believe that they could bear to know that their neighbors and friends were regarding them as dishonest in their dealings with

the state and probably likely to be dishonest in other things.

It is inferred by the Oregonian that many who should have paid a fee to Oregon of \$45 or more are getting by with a California fee of \$3. It is difficult to believe that any one owning a car requiring a \$45 license would so feel the need of saving \$42 as to take the chances that would follow the purchase of the \$3 license. Persons owning cars requiring a license fee of that size are usually citizens of standing, and no citizen of standing would be likely to try to evade a just tax in such a manner.

If there are 200,000 cars licensed in Oregon, evasion by 25,000 other car owners would amount to evasion of the license law by one-ninth of the total number of car owners of the state. It is difficult to believe that one-ninth of the car owners are of that class.

We can look about us among our neighbors and friends and we do not find any such number of evaders. Of all the car owners in the Cottage Grove country known to this writer not one has anything but an Oregon license, unless he has recently come to the state and has a proper permit. It is not likely that conditions are greatly different in other small cities where everyone knows everyone else. If the license fee evaders are not in the small cities, the larger part of them must be in Portland. Are a fourth or a fifth of car owners in Portland evading the license fee law? We believe not.

WIVES AND CHICKEN COOPS.

A California man has been granted a divorce upon the grounds that his wife gave him but seven kisses a year. From some wives that would be plenty and for some husbands that would be more than they deserve. Not knowing either party, we can not pass judgment. Perhaps the wife was merely holding back because the supply had been depleted during the courting period, but whether or not either one deserved more liberal treatment at the hands, or at the lips, of the other, this is one of the excuses for divorce that is far from sufficient.

Up at Astoria in our own Web-foot state a husband has asked for a divorce because the wife goes out stealing chickens with other

men. That is more like an excuse for divorce.

A wife who goes out carousing around chicken coops with her male friends is neglecting a hubby probably left at home with the kiddies. She is also setting a bad example and should not blame him if he leaves her at home some night while he goes after the chickens.

Robbing chicken coops in company with philandering friends of the masculine gender can not help but lead to trouble of some kind. Some day the errant wife may be apprehended and haled into court and fined, or she may tear to shreds the little that remains of the feminine skirt as she tries to escape through a barbed-wire fence from some irate chicken owner, or she may stumble and break a leg, thereby contracting a doctor bill for hubby to pay, and a broken feminine leg these days would be a serious thing.

Or she might become the receptacle for a charge of bird shot sent her way by some chicken owner who objected to nocturnal visits by other men's wives.

Taken all in all, prowling around chicken yards at night with strange men, or men unknown to her husband, is an indiscreet practice on the part of any wife and sucking eggs and the divorce court are the least of many things to which it may lead.

A man's own opinion of himself is fully as reliable as the forecasts of the party vote made by the party leader just before the vote begins to come in.

When a man really prefers to live in the suburbs, the chances are that he wants to keep his wife where she can't get down town to shop so often.

Lots of big-hearted men don't let their sympathies get below the waist line—and they carry their money in their hip pockets.

A man who can't make a name for himself is quite often satisfied to give one to a woman.

Indian Medical Springs May Make Fertile Acres

Steaming Water Holes of Nevada May Become Part of Irrigating System.

TONOPAH, Nev., Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—Thousands of acres of Nevada desert land will be made fertile and productive if plans to generate power for pumping irrigation water from steam in natural hot springs are successful.

Letson Balliet, structural geologist of national reputation, has been employed to make a special investigation of Darrington springs in Smoky valley, from which a column of steam rises 100 feet in the air.

According to the United States geological survey the temperature of this spring is 242 degrees Fahrenheit, or 30 degrees hotter than boiling point. This makes it the second hottest spring in the world. Indians know the spring as hot medicine waters and come for miles to receive its curative benefits for skin ailments and rheumatism.

No river rises within Nevada's borders. Every drop of water that falls on Nevada soil runs down to lower ground where it sinks. Artesian wells have been driven for the water supply of city districts. Tonopah's water supply comes from a well sunk in the middle of the desert, 18 miles east. The problem is to devise a plan to generate power for distributing water over the state.

Balliet in a preliminary report suggested that a deep hole be drilled through steam-tight casing to the point beneath ground from which the boiling water rises. Above this level he has found a layer of cold water. Using casing of sufficient thickness, the steam could be brought out without being affected by the cold water above, he believes.

"By putting down a number of holes," he said, "I believe that an unlimited quantity of steam may be obtained to generate electricity at a very low cost. The greatest difficulty will be in obtaining a metal that will not corrode in natural steam which often contains acids."

If the proposed undertaking is successful, thousands of acres of arid land in Smoky, Monitor and Reese river valleys of Nevada could be made productive with surface ditches and cheap power for pumping the water, it is believed.

Rear End Crash Is Latest.
 ONTARIO, Cal., Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—Something new in automobile wrecks is the "rear-on" crash.

Mrs. J. A. Downey stepped on the gas to back her automobile out of the driveway. Directly across the street was another woman with the same intention. The cars met "rear-on" in the middle of the street.

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Church News

Baptist Services.—Pastor Edwin O. Colbeck will preach at the forenoon service on "The Unjust Steward," bringing out the point of why did the Lord commend the rascality of this individual. At the 8 o'clock evening service he will have as his subject, "The Elmer Gantry of the Old Testament." He will bring out the point that the baptism of the Holy Ghost does not insure one's life from sin nor necessarily make one a saint. This is a sermon on sanctified common sense suggested by Sinclair Lewis' much discussed novel, "Elmer Gantry." Bible school will be held at 10 o'clock.

Christian Services.—With the conclusion of the union church services the church will resume its regular services. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 and worship at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The Sunday evening service will be in the form of a musical evening and Pastor Clive Taylor will give a brief message. Christian Endeavor will be held at 7 p. m.

Methodist Services.—"God's Estimate of a Man's Worth" will be the subject of the forenoon service of Pastor John A. Linn. A women's quartet will sing a special number at this service. Pastor Linn will speak at the evening service on "The Gospel of the Cross as Related to You."

Presbyterian Services.—At the forenoon service Pastor Duncan P. Cameron will preach on "Stephen, a Man Full of God." At the 8 o'clock evening service pictures will be shown of the Canadian Rockies and the minister will give a short address on his recent trip into Canada, telling of places he visited. Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock.

Clerk's Office Makes Record. The highest single day's receipts during the present year at the office of the county clerk were recorded Wednesday of last week. The day's total was \$144.85 and 79 legal instruments and other documents were filed during the day.

PLAYGROUNDS KIDDIES IN BOAT MAKING TEST

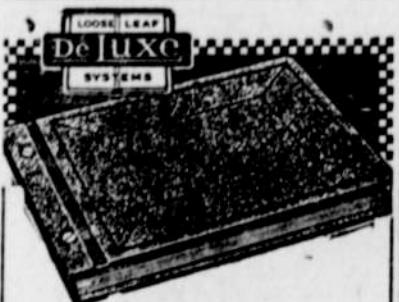
Children attending the city playground, who are contending for honors as boat makers, will exhibit their entries Saturday, at which time awards will be made by Miss Margery Horton, playground instructor.

Members of the basketry classes are rapidly completing their work. Children enrolled in the live saving class have been taking their American Red Cross life saving tests this week at the King swimming hole on Row river. Tests have been in progress for over a week.

Lutheran Mission to Open.

Pastor R. Trautman of Eugene will open a Lutheran mission here and a divine service will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Woodman hall. A cordial welcome is extended to all Lutherans of this city and to all unaffiliated with church.

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The Good Neighbors club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence O'Hoyt. Those present were Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Mrs. C. Bramble, Mrs. H. Bennett, Mrs. Oliver Jones, Mrs. E. Baldwin and Mrs. Irl Groves. The afternoon was spent with embroidery. Delicious refreshments were served.

The Presbyterian missionary society was entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Miller. The group held its annual Christmas tree for the benefit of an Alaskan orphanage and a number of gifts were brought. Twenty-five attended. Mrs. J. W. Craig led devotionals. Summer flowers were attractive room decorations. Light refreshments were served.

The Utopia club will be entertained this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Omer Moore.

The Gleaners class of the Methodist Sunday school held a

picnic Wednesday evening at the Delight valley bridge. Fifty-nine were present and games were played after a late dinner.

The Constellation club committee, consisting of Mrs. D. H. Hemmaway, Mrs. A. A. Richmond and Mrs. F. E. Dickson, met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hemmaway to outline the year's program of the club. The first meeting will be held September 15.

Mrs. D. H. Hemmaway will entertain this afternoon with an informal party for a group of friends.

Pioneer Resident Is Visitor.
Mrs. Sybil Kahler of Tacoma, pioneer resident of this section, is a guest at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nancy M. Oglesby, and of her niece, Mrs. James P. Graham. She is 80 years old and is a sister of the late Dr. Oglesby. She crossed the plains from Missouri to this section in her father's ox train at the age of six. The family settled on Row river about five miles from this city. Mrs. Kahler is one of two surviving members of a family of 14 children.

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