

ber of files, Gabrielson explains, but through his cross-filing, the secretary's office can provide the name of the registered and legal owner of any car in a matter of a very few minutes. Such information is frequently valuable to enforcement agencies.

The ditto copies now distributed, there remains but one final stop—the plate room, where the actual mailing of plates or tabs is completed. These should be in the hands of the car owner in a little more than a week.

Our grandfathers, with their horses and buggies, never knew how lucky they were!

3,800 Accidents From No Signal

How important is it to signal before turning or stopping your car in traffic?

According to figures released by the secretary of state's traffic safety division, such signals are more than just necessary to comply with Oregon law. Last year, the division said, there were some 3,800 accidents in which a driver's violation in regard to signaling was listed.

The statistical breakdown shows that failure to signal or an improper signal resulted in 3,147 of these accidents, while disregarding another driver's signal accounted for 607 smash-ups.

Five persons were killed because of these violations, safety men pointed out, despite the fact that most of these mishaps occur in slow-moving city traffic. Another 52 accidents resulted when one driver disregarded a left turn signal given by another motorist.

In stressing the importance of sig-

nalng, the safety men also warned that merely giving a signal does not necessarily mean you can proceed with no thought as to what the other drivers will do. Be sure you signal, they advised, but make equally certain other vehicles approaching from the rear are going to heed your warning before you turn or stop.

A treaty in 1819 between the U.S.A. and Spain fixed the southern boundary between the Oregon country and Spanish territory at 42 degrees latitude. This now marks the boundary between Oregon and California.

Population of what is now the state of Oregon grew from approximately 10,000 in territorial days a century ago to an estimated one million, five hundred thousand today.

Angry Motorist: "Say, this car you sold me can't climb a hill! You swore up and down it was a good car."

Salesman: "I didn't swear up and down. I said on the level it was a good car."

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