

## AUTO LICENSES TO BE LEVIED BY NEW RULES

### Legislative Sub-Committee on Highways Recommends Measure to Place License Charges on Weight Rather Than Horse Power.

SALEM, ORE. FEB. 14.—The sub-committee of the joint roads highway committee has agreed that automobiles will be licensed on a weight basis, and motor trucks will be licensed according to the width of wheels. The sub-committee also fixed the speed for motor trucks on country roads on highways of macadam.

The joint commission has not yet approved the few points on which agreements have been reached, and it is not known yet when that will be approved. Although the sub-committee has agreed on the weight basis against the present horse power basis, it has not decided whether the basis should be by classes or so much per hundred pounds. The factor may possibly be \$1 per hundred.

On trucks the weight is limited to 5000 pounds an inch of tire width up to 16,500 weight of truck and load. Above that, the limit is 600 pounds and an inch tire width, up to 22,000 pounds, beyond which no loads are allowed except by special permit. The width of tires means the width of all four tires.

The fees to be paid by motor trucks, trailers and semi-trailers when equipped with one or more solid tires shall be based on the total tire width of such vehicles, as follows:

- Not over 14 inches, \$25.00, over 14 inches and not over 17 inches, \$42.00, over 17 inches and not over 22 inches, \$55.00, over 22 inches and not over 26 inches, \$65.00, over 26 inches and not over 30 inches, \$105., over 30 inches and not over 36 inches, \$126.00, over 36 inches and not over 40 inches \$140.00.

No account is being taken for depreciation of cars.

## IRRIGATIONISTS NEAR VALE ENJOY LECTURES

### Prof. W. L. Powers and Others Present Views of Drainage and Irrigation Problems to Warm Springs Ranchers

Following the Short Course week at Ontario, the Farm Bureau conducted a school on irrigation and drainage at Vale. Owing to the newness of the work in these lines on the recently completed Warm Springs project, the ranchers about Vale have shown a particular interest in these subjects and their interest was manifested by the attendance. Despite bad roads on which automobiles could not travel, there was an average attendance during the three days of forty to forty-five men.

Professor Powers of the Oregon Agricultural College where he is head of the department of Soils, Irrigation and Drainage, handled most of the technical part of the program. The first two days were devoted to matters connected with drainage and such subjects as "When and why soils need drainage," making preliminary surveys for drainage projects, the aspects of drainage district organization, installing drainage systems, and other topics were given attention. On Wednesday methods of preparing land for irrigation and the application of water under varying conditions of soils, crops and similar topics were taken up and discussed.

## BROGAN MAN COMES DOWN TO FIND MARKET FOR PRUNES

G. E. Hamstreet of Brogan was in Ontario this week as he says, "to peddle some prunes." Mr. Hamstreet sought Ontario's wholesale men as the logical buyers and succeeded in getting an offer for the crop. "People up our way are interested in seeing the John Day Highway located from Unity to Prairie City, and in seeing some maintenance work done on the Brogan to Cow Valley section of the John Day Highway. The rains this winter have seriously injured that section of the road and something must be done or the state will lose its investment in that section of the road," said Mr. Hamstreet.

## CLOSING SESSIONS OF FARM WEEK POPULAR

### Attendance Grows Steadily At Lecturers of Extension Men—Ranchers Interested in Co-operative Marketing and Poultry

Last week an account of the first three days of the Farm Bureau's short course and a brief summary of the subjects treated was given. The last three days contained so much of value that it is here reported for the benefit of those who were not fortunate enough to be present. The attendance during the last days was better than during the first three days, there being about 75 persons present each day. The same interest was shown throughout and the speakers were unanimous in expressions of satisfaction about the way questions were fired at them at the close of the lectures which showed interest in the work.

Dairy Day drew the largest attendance of the week. Perhaps this was on account of the chief performer, Prof. E. B. Fitts, the renowned judge of dairy cattle. Or perhaps it was because of the awakened interest in dairying. Anyway a good full program was put on before a good audience. The first talk was on the selection and breeding of dairy cattle in which Prof. Fitts pointed out the great importance of securing good foundation stock and in improving it with high grade bulls. He illustrated and explained how to trace out pedigrees of registered animals. R. V. Gunn gave a splendid talk of dairy management problems and illustrated his talk with actual figures from operating dairies to show how dairymen may be made either profitable or unprofitable according to the way certain parts of the business are handled. In the afternoon, Prof. Fitts lectured on the care, feeding and management of dairy cattle, and gave many valuable pointers on balancing rations, etc. J. R. Brown of the Farmers Creamery of Payette delivered a short address on the manufacture of dairy products. Mr. Gunn placed figures on the board to show the advisability of dairymen from the standpoint of balancing up the farm business, and Mr. Fitts closed the program with a talk on judging dairy cattle.

Friday was devoted entirely to a study of cooperative marketing organizations. A general discussion of the needs for such organization took place during which it was brought out that there is a demand for organization work to facilitate the marketing of potatoes, hay, grain, fruit, wool, livestock, poultry products, dairy products etc. and the matter of forming a farm bureau exchange was discussed. Following this discussion, Mr. Paul Mehl, Extension Agent, closed the program.

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## BUSINESS IMPROVING SENATOR-ELECT SAYS

### R. N. Stanfield Here on Business Mission Monday Declares Conditions Improve Even For Sheep Men—Goes to Washington Soon.

R. N. (Bob) Stanfield, senator-elect from Oregon was in Ontario Monday on business connected with his many enterprises in Malheur county. He was optimistic, too, especially when discussing the fundamental business conditions in this county.

"More wool was sold during the month of January than in all of the preceding eight months," he said, "and more than 50 per cent of the remaining wool on hand now is carpet wool, so that statistically wool is better now than it has been for some time. Before the coming wool clip is on the market conditions will be even better."

"Yes, I believe firmly that the coming wool clip will be sold, the not at the figures which prevailed during the war. The mills which were closed for a time are resuming operations in the East and there is a demand for wool that will continue, for there is a market for the product. There are none who declare that the country is overstocked with woolen goods, and the gradual resumption of buying is proving that that market can absorb what is being made now."

"I expect to leave Oregon about February 25 for Washington, but with so many details to attend to now it may be a day or two after that before I actually leave. However I'll be there in time to be sworn in with the other newly elected officials."

"Before I go I certainly would be pleased to discuss the Owyhee project with the men here interested in its construction. Naturally I am interested in it too, for I have known more or less about it for a number of years and am anxious to do anything I can to advance the interests of this section for it is here that I have many business interests and many friends."

When he goes back to Washington as Senator, Mr. Stanfield will have as his chief assistant and private secretary E. J. Adams of Eugene formerly State Highway Commissioner. Mr. Adams has had years of experience in public life having been a member of both Michigan and Oregon legislatures and speaker of the former body during one session. He has recently disposed of his business interests and is taking this position to be of service in advancing the welfare of Oregon. One of Mr. Adams' purposes, in which he is supported by Senator Stanfield, is to secure a law which will result in the federal government bearing a share in the cost of roads and other public work in the vast public domain in the state. As the first step toward that result Mr. Adams, as a delegate to the Republican national convention secured the incorporation of a plan in the party platform endorsing such legislation.

## CHILDREN ARE GUESTS OF REEFKAE'S FRIDAY

Beatrice Lodge No. 22, Rebekahs held its annual children's party at the I. O. O. F. Hall Friday eve, February 11, 1921, about 60 being present. Little Miss Helen Diven sang a vocal solo, Viola Draper gave a recitation, Lenora Jones a vocal solo and Carl Poorman a recitation. The evening was spent in playing games until the little folks grew tired. Dainty refreshments were served in the banquet room, the children having first place.

## EFFORTS BEING MADE TO HAVE GOVERNOR COMMUTE SENTENCE

During the past week a number of Ontarians have been requested by letter from Vale to Governor Olcott requesting that he commute the sentence of death passed upon George Howard for the murder of George Sweeney to life imprisonment. So far as can be learned few of those approached have complied with the request. Unless the Governor does commute the sentence Howard will hang at the state penitentiary a week from tomorrow.

## CITY COUNCIL HEARS ARGUMENTS ON ROAD

### Water Superintendent Given Authority to Hire Pump Help With Advice of Mayor—Water Rentals Must be Paid Regularly.

At the adjourned meeting of the City Council Monday night the city clerk listened to a lengthy discussion of the proposed route for the entry of the Columbia highway into the city.

T. H. Moore and others urged the City Council to reconsider the motion made by its predecessors recommending the Riverside route, while Dr. E. S. Fortner and others urged the retention of that route. J. W. McCulloch compared the cost of preparing approaches each way and favored the route west of the Fairground connecting with the pavement. George K. Alken told the meeting of the negotiations which lead up to the selection of the Riverside route. T. W. Claggett, W. J. Pinney, Otto Luehrs, W. M. Day's and others presented views of the situation and finally Judge M. H. Test urged that instead of differing with each other as to the best route the men present should be engaged "in having a love feast over getting the road all right."

This sentiment apparently met with general approval for neither side desired to in any way jeopardize the road so on the motion of Councilman Ivan E. Oakes the matter was laid on the table until the March meeting.

## Water Question Paramount

The council considered making a change in the pump man at the water plant, but took no action on several names suggested. Ex-Mayor R. W. Jones who was in consultation with the council relative to conditions under which the present incumbent was employed said it was his policy to hold the water superintendent responsible for his department and to employ whom he selected.

The council took note of the fact that there is outstanding \$800 of delinquent water rentals and ordered the Superintendent to cut off the water from delinquent users after due notice.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS SMOKE FOR FARMERS

### Business Men Listen To Lectures By Experts and Are Told of Plans of Marketing Organizations—Many Attend

For three hours last Friday evening 60 Ontario business men listened to lectures on modern farming and marketing methods as presented by representatives of extension work from O. A. C. who were here to discuss these matters with the Farmers of the county under the auspices of the Malheur County Farm Bureau. Secretary W. H. Doolittle presided at the meeting introducing Prof. Paul Mehl who told of the successful methods of Oregon Co-operative Societies; Prof. Gunn who discussed the business side of farming and what the business men of the town could do to aid the farmer; J. R. Brown, manager of the Payette Co-operative Creamery; Prof. Seymour, club leader for Boys and Girls clubs, and George K. Alken who distinguished the difference between the co-operative movement in Oregon and the Non-Partisan League's program in North Dakota.

That the business men were interested in the co-operative movement was indicated by detailed questions directed to Mr. Mehl and others during the evening and later, when coffee and doughnuts were served by the club committee, Louis Hurtle and A. L. Christensen.

It was the unanimous opinion of the business men that the farmer's week program be made an annual event.

## CHANCE WAIVES PRELIMINARY HEARING; JUDGE FIXES BOND

Sheriff Lee Noe arrived this morning with Al Chance. He was arraigned before Police Judge C. M. Stearns this afternoon and waived a preliminary hearing. Judge Stearns fixed the bail at \$3,000, which Chance did not produce so was taken to Vale.

## IRELAND NOT PROPER PLACE FOR SUMMER VACATIONISTS

P. J. Russell of Stanfield, Oregon, is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stroup. The young man has just returned from a trip to Belfast, Ireland where he spent a month. He left Seattle on the steamship, Westboro, the 26th of August, going by way of the Panama Canal.

The ship reached Belfast October 31 after being disabled at sea in a very bad storm. Leaving there on December 4 for the States by way of Greenock, Scotland, the ship touched at New York and Norfolk, Va., before going back thru the Panama Canal to San Francisco which was reached January 26, the entire voyage taking five months.

During this time Mr. Russell took lessons under the ship's wireless operator. He describes conditions in Ireland as terrible, and not a very pleasant place to spend a vacation.

## POULTRY RAISERS TO FORM ASSOCIATION

### Success of Show Indicates Interest of Ranchers and Town Folks and Indicates Need For Better Organizations Here

The poultry and pet stock show which was held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday was by all odds the best held here in years. The show was not so many entries due to the condition of the roads and the lateness of the season, still the show was attended by larger crowds than usual, indicating in itself a greater interest in the business.

During the show membership lists were opened for a permanent association to take over the show which has always been under the auspices of the Commercial Club. In less than an hour 36 members were secured and others will be added this week and meeting held at an early date to complete organization.

Mrs. Dinley, secretary of the Idaho Poultry and Pet Stock association and other Idaho poultry fanciers were here and declared the class of birds shown to be exceptionally high. The following was the decision of the Judge:

**BARRIED PLYMOUTH ROCKS**  
Cock bird—1st, C. E. Dibble, Payette, Idaho; 2nd, M. E. Fewell, Ontario; 3rd Mrs. Randall Sage, Ontario.

Cockerel bred cockerel—1st, 2nd and 3rd, C. E. Dibble Payette, Idaho. Pullet bred cockerel—1st, C. E. Dibble, Payette; 2nd, Fred Morton, Hen—1st, 2nd and 3rd, C. E. Dibble, Payette; 2nd, Fred Morton, Hen 1/2, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, C. E. Dibble, Payette.

**SILVER LACED WYANDOTTS**  
Cockerel—1st, A. E. Flock, New Plymouth, Idaho.  
WHITE WYANDOTTS  
Cock bird—1st, J. T. McNulty, Ontario, Oregon; 2nd, Mrs. E. B. Seargent, Fruitland.  
Hen—1st, 2nd and 3rd, G. B. Atherton, Ontario.

**INGLE COMB RHODE ISLAND**  
Cock bird—1st, N. S. Felthouse, New Plymouth; 2nd, Parks Poultry Farm Ontario; 3rd, N. Smith, Ontario, Oregon.  
Cockerel—1st, N. S. Felthouse, New Plymouth; 2nd, W. A. Fouts, (Continued on Last Page)

## Argus Story Indirect Means By Which Chance Was Apprehended

The story which The Argus carried telling of the defalcations of Al Chance, formerly agent of the Boise Payette Lumber company here was the indirect means which landed him in the toils of the law. Jack Taylor, son of Col. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor was the direct agent in the matter, for it was after reading The Argus story that Mr. Taylor told the Long Beach California chief of police about Chance and where he could be found.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. Taylor told how he had seen Chance on the streets of Long Beach for some time and had visited with him the night before his copy of The Argus came. He then told the police officials of the presence of Chance in the City and where he could be found.

In Long Beach, Chance assumed the alias of Stevens and had taken an interest in a real estate firm, according to stories appearing in Los Angeles papers, and had been there for three weeks, following a short stay at Tia Juana, Mexico to which city he fled from Ontario.

Local officials here expect Sheriff Lee Noe here today with Chance.

## ROBIN HOOD COMPANY MAKE TREMENDOUS HIT

### Company Such as Big Town Opera Goers Appreciate Wins Hearts of Comparatively Small Audience Here—Is Highly Artistic

Enthusiastic in its praise of the work of the company, extravagant in selecting expressions to measure appreciations of the work of the soloists, the audience which enjoyed the rare treat of hearing Robin Hood last night at the Majestic is busy today telling those not present what they missed. No higher approval could be given.

In passing it should be said that it is indeed a rare thing for such a production to be presented in a town as small as Ontario by a company such as that which Ralph Dunbar has gathered together, and the management of the Majestic is deserving of the credit for bringing such an attraction to the city.

The audience apparently agreed that it could not pick a favorite from so many good singers, the perhaps the most emphatic approval was given William Degan's presentation of the Armorer's song. No baser ever heard in this section displayed a register and volume combined with smooth tonal quality such as did Mr. Degan. Miss Betty Baxter's presentation of "Oh Promise Me," was only equaled by Miss Thiede's solo number. Between them there was little to choose.

Of course the audience appreciated the situations in which the sheriff of Nottingham found himself and liked the manner in which the entire company realized the possibilities of the several parts of this most popular American opera ever written. Those who heard Robin Hood are more than anxious to hear the other Dunbar productions headed this way and hope they will stop at Ontario. They will if Ontario will realize and support such big time attractions.

## OPERATION MAKES POSSIBLE ACTIVITY FOR LITTLE GIRL

Mrs. H. R. Caldwell returned from La Grande this week accompanied by her little daughter Maude Evelyn who has been in La Grande for the past eight months where she was operated upon for a congenital dislocation of the hip. From this dislocation she suffered from birth and could not walk. Now she can run and play as do other children, much to the joy of her parents. While she was in La Grande she stayed at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. D. W. Caldwell.

## PROMINENT CALDWELL MAN IS KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS CAR

Word was received here yesterday of the death at Caldwell of Charles Turner, well known stock man of the Snake River valley and one of the founders of the Caldwell Horse & Mule Company. According to the reports received here Mr. Turner was instantly killed when No. 22 west bound hit his auto at a crossing near Caldwell. Mr. Turner was well known in Ontario and all the surrounding country.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GRAND OFFICERS VISIT LODGE HERE

John Clark of Portland, grand chancellor of the Domain of Oregon, and Walter Gleason, also of Portland, grand keeper of records and seal, made an official visit to Armory Lodge No. 69 Knights of Pythias of this city last evening. They will make an official visit to Advance Lodge of Vale this evening.

## Horticulture One of County's Most Profitable Assets at Present Time

One of the most interesting addresses made during the Farmer's Short Course week, which was the center of attraction here last week, was that made by A. A. Reed of Brogan who is chairman of the Farm Bureau's Horticultural committee and who gathered statistics to show the importance of fruit raising in this county.

Among other things Mr. Reed presented the following figures and estimates showing the extent of fruit raising here. According to the assessor's books there are 1772 acres of bearing apple

trees in the county; 395 acres of bearing apple trees in the county; 271 acres of bearing apple trees in the county; 105 acres of bearing apple trees in the county. Add to this about 30 acres bearing pears, makes a total of 2573. This should produce net to growers at least \$100 per acre annually or \$257,300.00. Orchard districts are as follows: Brogan and Jamieson about 1000 acres; Oregon Slope 400 acres; Riverdale, about 200 acres. Balance around Ontario and Nyssa with one or two orchards at Big Bend district. A. A. REED.