

ROAD CENSUS TAKEN SHOWS TRAFFIC TREND

More Cars Come From Eastward To Ontario Than From West—Also More Foreign Licenses Noted—Other Interesting Facts

The Argus this week received from the office of the chief engineer of the Oregon Highway Commission blue prints of the summary of the traffic census which was taken on all the roads of Oregon from 6 a. m. to 1 p. m. on July 15, 16 and 17. The figures given are the averages arrived at from the count taken on those three days.

Among other facts it is revealed that there are more cars by far using the road leading into Ontario from the East than those using the John Day Highway between Vale and Cairo and between Cairo and Nyssa; also that there are more cars of foreign state licenses on the road between Ontario and the bridge than Oregon cars, showing that Idahoans travel this stretch more than Oregonians.

The figures for the various highways are as follows: Old Oregon Trail, Ontario to Snake river bridge: horse drawn 31; motor cycles 12; Oregon passenger cars 254; other state passenger cars 364; light duty trucks 17; trucks 1.5 tons or over 12; total 680.

John Day Highway, Cairo to Nyssa: horse drawn vehicles 6; motor cycles 1; Oregon passenger cars 117; other states 84; light trucks 4; trucks 1.5 tons and over 4; total 216.

Cairo to Vale: horse drawn 12; motor cycles 0; Oregon passenger cars 91; other states 39; light trucks 2; trucks 1.5 tons and over 2; total 137.

John Day Highway at Jamieson: horse drawn 8; motor cycles 1; Oregon passenger cars 46; other states 6; light trucks 1; trucks 1.5 tons and over 0; total 52.

Central Oregon Highway: 1 mile west of Vale: horse drawn vehicles 25; motorcycles 0; Oregon passenger cars 136; other states 17; light trucks 7; trucks 1.5 tons or over 1; total 186.

Since a portion of the trucks counted on both the Cairo-Vale sections and the Cairo-Nyssa sections travel between Vale and Nyssa, the total figure of these two cannot be called the count between Cairo and Ontario, though it approaches that figure. However the figures given show that the traffic between Cairo and Ontario is twice that of any other road in the county save that between Ontario and the Snake river bridge.

The summary of the figures for all the roads in the state present in interesting data the grand totals showing the following: horse drawn vehicles 1541; motor cycles 488; Oregon passenger cars 29,949; other states 5,964; light trucks 1,870; trucks 1.5 tons and over 1,314; total 41,126.

Reduced to per centages the figures are: horse drawn vehicles 3.7%; motor cycles 1.2%; Oregon passenger cars 72.5%; other states 14.5%; light trucks 4.6%; heavy trucks 3.2%.

It is this last named per centage, the heavy trucks, which it is declared by the road authorities, is causing the breaking down of the hard surface roads, and whose use of the highways is being challenged.

ONTARIO MEN NAMED ON STATEWIDE BOARDS

J. W. McCulloch Appointed By Governor to Board Administering Bonus—J. R. Blackaby On A-P-H-E Exposition Board

Three Ontario men were named during the past week to places on boards whose membership will come from all parts of the state. Attorney J. W. McCulloch was named the Malheur County representative of the Soldier Bonus commission and will pass upon all the applications to come before the board from this county. Mr. McCulloch has accepted the commission.

J. R. Blackaby was named by Governor Olcott to the state wide committee which is to be called into conference to devise plans for carrying forward the campaign of finance for the Atlantic Pacific Highway and Electrical exposition which is to be held in Portland in 1925. Mr. Blackaby will accept and will be present at the first conference to be held next Thursday.

George K. Aiken was named by President Elbert Bedo of the State Editorial association to be one of the state press representatives on this same committee, but will probably be unable to accept the appointment.

TIRE THIEVES GET BUSY; STRIP CAR OF ITS SPARES

Two spares, one a new tire, were taken from the car of Will Jamieson while it stood on the street the other night. The tires were fastened to the rear and were taken off with difficulty. Mr. Jamieson would like to meet the person who made the pinch.

CONTRACTS LET FOR ROADS IN UPPER END OF COUNTY

The State Highway Commission on Wednesday let the contracts for the construction of the Vale-Burrelle section of the Central Oregon Highway to Morrison & Knudson, for \$41,128. The same firm also secured the contract for the 6.2 miles of grading and graveling from Jamieson to Brogan on the John Day Highway. The bid of the United States Bridge company for the steel bridge on the Central Oregon highway above Vale for \$13,397 was referred to Chief Engineer Herbert Nunn for further consideration between the commission and the county court.

EMPLOYMENT OF SPEED COP IS RECOMMENDED

Grand Jury Urges County Court To Employ Officer to Regulate Speeding—Two True Bills Returned; Two Not True Bills Found

With a recommendation to the County Court that a speed cop be employed to patrol the roads of the county, and with two true and two not true bills reported the grand jury which started its investigations Monday completed its sittings Tuesday.

One of the indictments returned was that charging Ed Enright with the murder of John J. Joyce, the second was that charging William Carter, colored, with a statutory crime. Beside these the grand jury returned two not true bills.

The grand jury took notes of the increase in the violations of the traffic laws and suggested as the solution the employment of a traffic officer to patrol the highways.

Revoke Operator's License

District Attorney Robt. D. Lytle, discussing this phase of law violation which is manifestly increasing said to the Argus: "It appears that the thing which will be necessary to curb some of the most persistent violators of the speed laws, is to have their operator's license revoked. There are a number of men known to be habitual violators of the speed laws and an effort will be made to secure definite information concerning their infractions, upon which a case can be sustained. Perhaps this will prove effective, and will save the lives of those who are now endangered every time they use the highways."

FIRE ON BRIDGE CALLS OUT DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT RUN

For the fourth time in the past three years the planking on the Interstate bridge across the Snake river caught fire last night about 10:30 and was only extinguished after a hard fight by the fire department which made a quick run with the new apparatus. The planking got to burning underneath and the entire capacity of the big chemical auxiliary was exhausted before it was extinguished. Had there been a barrel or two of water with a bucket handy on the bridge when the fire was first noted it could have been extinguished without calling the department. The installation of such protection is being agitated today.

FARM BUREAU TO HOLD DRAINAGE FIELD DAY

September 9 Set as Day to Inspect Demonstration Tract and Sluicing Method of Canal Construction—Speaker Coming

The Farm Bureau is arranging for a drainage day program to be held on September 9 at Vale. It is planned to leave Vale at 10:30 and go to the demonstration tract on the Glenn Burrelle farm to inspect the work in progress there and listen to an explanation of the objects of the work and accomplishments to date by Mr. Johnson. The machines will then proceed to the Percy Purvius place where a picnic dinner will be eaten in the shade of the grove, each party bringing lunch. After dinner, a short program will be held with Director Jardine of the Oregon Experiment Station as the chief speaker. The program will be followed by inspection of the drainage canal which Mr. Purvius is constructing by the sluicing method.

The day promises to be both enjoyable and instructive. There are many things about drainage which should be better understood and it is important that this work be started in a number of places throughout the county. The committee in charge wishes to extend an invitation to all citizens of the county, regardless of occupation, to attend this tour and take part in the activities of the day.

Miss Letta Sisley is spending her vacation in Boise.

Miss Thelma Baker of Burns is here to attend Ontario High School. She will make her home with Mrs. Geo. Waxy.

CREDIT SHADES AS IT LEAVES BIG CENTERS

Colonel William Hanley Observes Workings of Credit System—Says They Are Wearing 'Em Higher in San Francisco

"Credit seems to shade off according to the distance one goes from the big cities," said "Colonel" William Hanley of Harney county at the Moore Hotel Tuesday evening, when he was exchanging views on things financial, to friends about the lobby. Mr. Hanley has just returned from San Francisco and way points on one of his periodic jaunts to the outside.

"The farther you go from the center of things financially the less credit there seems to be. Re-discounts are allowed on short term paper. The merchant and manufacturer in the bigger cities who can turn his stock in a comparatively short time, can get credit; the merchant in the smaller towns farther away can't turn his goods, so his discount is proportionately limited, and the farmer who has only one turnover in a year, is out in the cold entirely.

"This sort of a condition cannot go on forever. They cannot break all the farmers or their will be trouble. Talk about the Non Partisan League and other forms of protecting organizations, the people may expect anything to happen is some provision is not made to give the farmer the kind of credit his business demands, just as the merchant and manufacturer get theirs.

"Right now the thing that the ranchers and stock men of this region must do is to get together to save their industry and arrange for the feeding of the stock that is left. Feeding contracts should be considered now and a real effort be made to bring the stockman and the hay man together for their mutual advantage. To do this their should be a conference of the stockmen, the hay men and the bankers of this section."

Beside observing the trend of finance Mr. Hanley did some slight observing of the style exhibition evident in the California metropolis, he says: "Well they are wearing 'em higher in San Francisco than they are in Portland. In fact it would appear that they have about reached the limit."

HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION IS LAUNCHED BY WOMEN HERE

Tentative Organization Formed With Mrs. E. M. Greig, President, Mrs. C. R. Emison, Secretary, Large Membership To Be Sought

At the hospital, Tuesday afternoon, the necessary preliminary organization for a hospital association was formed. Mrs. E. M. Greig was elected as temporary president and Mrs. C. R. Emison was elected temporary secretary. After a campaign for membership among the women of the city the permanent organization will be perfected at a tea to be held on the afternoon of September 30 at the hospital.

It is the purpose of the organization to make it representative of the city. All the women of the city are invited to enroll so that all will be in touch with the work that is being done at the institution.

In opening the meeting Tuesday afternoon the Mother Superior who recently returned from an Eastern trip explained the work of hospital organizations which have come into being in many sections, under the impetus of the national hospital association which is seeking the advancement of the work for the care of the sick all over the land.

"We want our institution," she explained, "to be as complete as any hospital in America, and in the number of beds, only to be less than the best. This it can be if we have the co-operation of the people of the community whom we serve."

It was then explained to the gathering, the progress that has been made in the past year, of the improvements secured, and the plans formed for still further betterments for the care of the sick. It was also explained that at all times the records of the institution are open to members of the association so that they may know at all times just how it stands.

Since its organization more than 3000 patients have been cared for at the hospital and only slightly over 200 of them have been members of the Catholic church. Their ample evidence of the fact that in service, it is not a denominational institution.

A nominal fee of one dollar per year will be charged for membership in the hospital association and plans will be made for assisting the Sisters in charge of the work, to advance the work in which the public is vitally interested.

Lloyd Riches, editor of the Vale Enterprise, returned Sunday from Silverton, Oregon where he welcomed the arrival of a son born on August 25. The young man officially weighed in at nine and one half pounds.

MUTUAL CO-OPERATION SOUGHT FOR INDUSTRY

Officials of Farm Bureau Distributing Contract Prepared At O. A. C. For Feeding of Stock on Co-operative Basis

In an effort to solve the big problem of the stockmen and the hay growers to the end that the stock of the country may be fed and the hay crop be disposed of, and the mutually disastrous movement of shipping feeders to other sections, the Farm Bureau is sending out this week a circular letter to hay growers and stockmen outlining a proposed contract for feeding stock on a co-operative basis.

Already there is a widespread movement to bring together the two elements. The situation is being faced by men who realize that many of the stockmen cannot borrow further funds with which to buy feed, and there is sufficient hay to feed all the stock in this section, and the thing that is lacking is a means of bringing the two together.

The old contracts based on the spread in price have been found unsatisfactory, and a new basis, the gain in weight has been adopted in the proposed contract, with the purpose of making it possible for the good feeder to secure reward for his effort. Under the old spread in price the feeder who did not add a pound of weight to the stock still got his money to the injury of the stockman, while the feeder who did add weight got slight benefit from his work. The new contract which is given below is aimed to avoid these difficulties. The contract is in the following form:

Feeding Agreement Between Cattleman and Hay Grower

This agreement made and entered into by and between, a cattle owner hereinafter called party of the first part, and a hay grower, hereinafter called party of the second part witnesseth—

The party of the first part agrees to deliver to the farm of the party of the second part, cattle on or between the dates of, and described as follows:

Party of the first part further agrees to remove the above described

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NYSSA FOLKS PLANNING ON HOLDING COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

Two Day Festivities Planned For September 30 and October 1 on School Grounds Where Products of Region Will Be Shown

At Nyssa Monday night a meeting was held for the purpose of launching a community fair which is to take place September 30 and October 1.

It is the purpose of the Nyssa folks to assemble the products of the region from Arcadia to Apple Valley on the school grounds and have a regular community gathering with entertainment and other features.

Secretary V. V. Hickox of the county fair board attended the meeting and assured the Nyssa folks that they would have the co-operation of the board and the people of the Cairo region in their effort.

CALDWELL TO AID CAMPAIGN TO FURTHER OWYHEE PROJECT

E. A. Fraser, E. M. Greig, E. C. Va Patten and W. H. Doolittle drove to Caldwell Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Kiwanis club where they presented the plan of the Owyhee Development League to boost the interests of that project. They were very generously received and were given the assurance of the club's support in their efforts. The Kiwanis directors will also urge the Caldwell Commercial Club to contribute to the fund being raised to finance the campaign.

ORGANIZATION OF TRAFFIC BUREAU FORMALLY LAUNCHED

Successful Meeting Held at Caldwell Where Endorsement of Commercial Bodies and Farm Bureaus Is Recorded

With the selection of Fred Cairns of Weiser as temporary president and J. A. Lakness of this city as secretary, the Idaho-Oregon Traffic Bureau was formally launched at Caldwell last Saturday. Mr. Lakness, and Mr. Doolittle represented Ontario at the meeting.

It was decided to have organization memberships and individual memberships, and to make a canvass of the territory to secure members before proceeding further, although it was indicated that the movement had been endorsed by all the commercial bodies and farm bureaus in the territory.

PRUNES AND PEACHES NOW OCCUPYING RANCHERS TIME

Prunes and peaches will soon be on the market from this section. Several ranchers started pruning picking this week and then stopped but expect to get under way next week. At the same time the peaches are ripening so that both crops will be coming. Shipment of Oregon peaches are expected here next week according to advices from that region.

MANY HORSES COMING FAIR RACE PROGRAM

Eighteen Horses in Training At Track Now—Twenty or More Additional Entries Expected Before Week Ends

The largest number of running horses ever assembled at a track in the valley will be on hand to take part in the racing program to be held during Fair week, says James M. Blanton, manager of the races.

Already there are 18 horses on the track training for the meet and from advices received the number will be swelled to at least 40 before the opening day. In fact there will be too many horses, if anything, and there will be at least five entries in every race.

Ike Tracey, the veteran race man of Weiser has been secured to start the ponies during the meet and efforts are being made to secure three experienced judges. In selecting the judges it is Mr. Blanton's purpose to get men who will see to it that the drivers race their horses, and to run the program with speed and dispatch. "There is going to be no stalling, for we want this meet to establish the new system of handling the Fair programs and aid in bringing a crowd next year, as well as entertaining the crowd this time," says Mr. Blanton.

The strings of ponies working out now include: Cummins 3; Page and Hamilton of Meddleton 4; Redsul 4; Blanton 5; Bert Jones 1; Riley 1. Horses coming, Watson of Weiser 4; Campbell of Weiser 4; beside these there will be two additional strings from the Boise valley which have never raced here.

Beside the four running races of every program there will be a number of saddle horse races, mule races, etc. so that there will be something doing every minute of the program.

YOUNGSTER PEDDLES ALL THE WAY FROM BOISE IN ONE DAY

An echo of days gone by, years ago, when long distance bicycle trips were not uncommon, was the stunt which James Monroe, the 12 year old nephew of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Howland, performed on Monday of this week. The young chap left Boise on his bike at 8 a. m. and at 6 p. m. he was at the Howland home ready to eat and go to the picture show afterward. He rode in all 75 miles, for he tried to go the desert road and found it so dusty after a few miles that he returned and came via Parma and Nyssa. He will spend the remainder of the week here before returning to his home.

REMARKABLE PICTURE SERIES TO BE SHOWN

Travel Series Showing Daily Lives of Inhabitants of Africa's Jungles People To Be Shown At Majestic—Others to Follow

One of the greatest picture series ever secured for American theatre goers is that secured after years of work on the part of the intrepid explorers in the interior of Africa. Once each month for the next four months a series of these will be shown at the Majestic under the new contract which Manager Herb Paul has secured.

The pictures are educational in the highest sense. They show not only the weird customs of the Kafirs, but the daily life of the jungle people, their dances and their religious rites; the strange custom of having their teeth chipped and sharpened to points to they can better tear to shreds the raw meat they eat, and many other strange and interesting things about them. The date of the first showing of these pictures will be announced soon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Powers and family returned today from an extended trip through the southern end of Malheur county and Northern Nevada which took them as far as Winnemucca.

Charlie Madden an old time resident of Ontario arrived last night from Anacondis Washington. He accompanied his brother John Madden who has been under medical treatment in Washington, home.

The Misses Ethel and Cora McNulty returned last week from their trip to California, and Ethel has again resumed her duties in the Idaho Power Co. office.

SKIES BRIGHTENING FOR STOCK INDUSTRY

United State Senator R. N. Stanfield Sees Brighter Days Ahead—Actual Shortage in Supply of Stock in America Now

"The situation is gradually improving for the stockman," said United States Senator R. N. Stanfield who was in Ontario Tuesday to meet the men at his headquarters here.

"There is still a long way to go before conditions will be satisfactory, but they are gradually improving, and there is no doubt but further improvement will be noted.

"It cannot be otherwise in view of the actual shortage in livestock in the nation. There is today less than half the sheep there were in the United States in 1916, and that means that ultimately the sheep industry will come back strong. The same is true of the cattle business.

"The loans of a starter and with the resumption of the work of the war finance corporation there should be a marked improvement. Aside from the upward trend due to a decrease in the stock on hand, the sheep and cattle industry both will feel the effect of the betterment of conditions in other lines of industry which is to be noted in the eastern manufacturing centers."

Senator Stanfield left for Portland Wednesday where he will meet on Friday with Senator Charles L. McNary who will pass through tomorrow morning on No. 17 enroute home from Washington.

OREGON SLOPE CLUB MEMBERS PICNIC AT WEISER PARK

According to the club members the picnic at Weiser Park on Tuesday, August 30, was a decided success. The Riverdale Garden Club members were the guests of the Oregon Slope Club Members.

A picnic dinner was served at noon. Nothing was lacking in the way of good things to eat. After thirty minutes at this entirely enjoyable pastime even the boys agreed that it might be better to save the remaining water-melon, cake and ice cream for a lunch later in the afternoon.

The merry-go-round was by no means the least attractive place for a few hours after dinner. When the free ride was announced a few of the parents and local leaders even yielded to the lure of the music.

Mr. Campbell, manager of the Hot Springs Natatorium gave the boys a special rate for the afternoon. The water carnival to be held in the evening could not have offered more amusement for the spectators nor more enjoyment for the swimmers. Even after an hour of being in the water, the combined offer of water-melon and ice-cream was hardly enough to induce them to come out and dress.

Miss Marie Frost, local leader of the Park Sewing Club was the promoter of this picnic, and largely responsible for its success. Eight girls under her direction have completed some mighty fine work. The sewing will be exhibited at the Community Fair on September 5, and at the County Fair on September 14 to 16.

KELLY'S COMEDIANS AND CARNIVAL COMING

Arrangement Completed for Carnival Attractions For Fair Week Rides and Other Features To Be Provided

Arrangements were completed today for the appearance here during Fair week of the Kelly Comedians and side shows, beside other Carnival attractions.

Not only have the Kelly's been secured but a ferris wheel and merry-go-round and other stunts of the carnival usually possessed will be Johnny-on-the-spot to amuse visitors to the fair.

Secretary V. V. Hickox has been assured by leaders in Nyssa, Vale and Oregon Slope that their communities will each be out to win the community prize, while Cairo is now engaged in gathering the material with the same end in view.

Oregon Slope is to have its community fair next week so as to gather the material for its community effort and a big time is planned, for that day.

At Nyssa the Superintendent of School assisted by a number of the young men and women and the business men, too, has undertaken the task of gathering Nyssa's exhibit. This year Nyssa believes that it will be able to repeat last year's success for it has a wonderful fruit crop and potato crop beside a big variety of grain. The community that surpasses Nyssa will have a job on its hands.

The community contest, together with the individual farm exhibits which will be larger than ever, judging by advance requests for space indicate the biggest agricultural fair ever held in this county.