

486 MOTORISTS PAY \$4119 IN PENALTIES

Breaking Motor Code Costs Fines for Drivers.

PUNISHMENTS ARE VARIED

One Court Levies \$250 While Another Forces Contribution of \$1 to Charity.

SALEM, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—There were 486 persons arrested for traffic violations in Oregon in May, from whom fines were collected aggregating \$4119.30, according to reports received from many counties of the state and tabulated by T. A. Rafferty, in charge of the law enforcement bureau of the motor vehicle department.

Multnomah county, with 368 arrests, collected fines amounting to \$1947, while Columbia county, which ranks second on the list, had 44 arrests with fines totaling \$722. Marion county reported 29 arrests with fines aggregating \$150, and Washington county 32 arrests with fines totaling \$285. The fines assessed by Multnomah county averaged \$8.32; Columbia county, \$16.80; Marion county, \$8.40, and Washington county, \$9.05. In one case, a report of which reached the secretary of state's department last month, an Oregon court assessed a fine of \$250 against a man for operating a car without license plates, while in another section of the state a court, for the same offense, required the defendant to deposit \$1 in a bottle for the famine-stricken people of the far east. The latter figures were cited by Mr. Rafferty today to show the contrast in fines that are being assessed by different courts.

Offenses Are Varied.

A summary of the arrests and fines for the month of May follows: Cutting corner, five arrests, \$41; failure to report accidents, one, \$15; improper lights, 28, \$174; improper license plates, seven, \$28.00; no license plates, eight, \$21.30; no lights, one, \$10; no operator's license, four, \$18.50; no chauffeur's license, one, \$10; overloading, three, \$30; Oregon motor vehicle law, four, \$34; operating vehicle while intoxicated, 10, \$525; one license plate, one, \$15; parking on highway, one, \$10; passing car while discharging passengers, three, \$30; permitting minor to operate vehicle, one, \$11; reckless driving, 25, \$251.50; right of way, 19, \$49.70; speeding, 304, \$2700.25.

The inspectors for the motor vehicle department visited 69 towns and cities, traveled 5572 miles and stopped and warned 478 drivers with relation to minor infractions. These officers made 110 arrests and observed seven accidents.

Many Spurred to Act.

Including the fines resulting from arrests by the state traffic officers, aggregating \$453, the activities of these agents caused cash amounting to \$4825 to be sent to the secretary of state's office on account of vehicle licenses, together with an additional \$9175 covering chauffeur licenses, operators' licenses, transfers and duplicate license plates.

The new law authorizing local officers to pursue violators of the motor vehicle statutes into territory beyond the limits of such officer's jurisdiction, and make arrests, became effective May 15 and has added materially to the effectiveness of the campaign to stop reckless driving, according to Mr. Rafferty, that the motor vehicle operators desire to have the laws obeyed. This is supported by figures showing a decrease in the number of accidents for May when compared with a similar report a year ago.

Of 400 persons arrested by the state traffic officers since last September, all pleaded guilty with the exception of two. These were prosecuted by the state and convicted.

M. A. Martin Drowned.

STEVENSON, Wash., June 7.—(Special.)—M. A. Martin of Stevenson, Wash., chief cruiser for Skamania county, was drowned yesterday in trying to cross the upper Lewis river. Attempts to recover the body have so far been fruitless. Skamania county offered a reward. Mr. Martin was very well known to Columbia river loggers and timbermen. He is survived by his widow, who lives at Stevenson.

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GYPSY SWEETHEARTS AND \$500 ARE MISSING.

Head of Tribe Asks Elopers Be Returned as Well as Money for Fortune Telling Fees.

Deputy sheriffs were scouring outlying sections of Multnomah county and also woods near Oregon City yesterday in the search for Alexander Miller, a gypsy swain, who was accused by Nick George, leader of a band encamped in Columbia slough, of eloping with the princess of his tribe and \$500 in cash.

According to the tale of "Gypsy George," the father, he came to Portland last Saturday and got \$500 in cash from local banks with which to pay ten \$50 license fees permitting the women of his tribe to tell fortunes in the city. After getting the money he found the city hall to be closed and went back to his camp with the money in his pocket.

On retiring, George placed the money beneath the pillow of his bed. In the morning it was gone. Also missing was his pretty daughter, Carlotta, and Alexander Miller, her sweetheart. George set the hounds of the law on the trail of the young couple Monday night.

University Gives Recital.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 7.—(Special.)—Madame Rose McGrew of the university school of music presented 24 of the most talented students to the music lovers of Eugene in a recital today. Those who participated were Florence Garrett of Hillsboro, Leona Gregory of Molalla, Mrs. Amy Larremore of Eugene, Manford Michael of the faculty, Glenn Morrow of Eugene, Esther Wilson of Portland, Eloise McPherson of Portland, Rita Durkheimer of Eugene, Delbert Faust of Eugene, Allen Smith of Portland, Roy Bryson of Eugene, Frank Jue of Portland, May Fenno of Eugene, Kathleen Kem of Cottage Grove, Constance Miller of Portland, Marian Linn of Eugene, Raymond Osburn of Eugene, Melba Williams of Portland, Vera Shaver of Portland, Marvel Skeels of Coquille, Frances Parslow of Portland, Frank Poston of La Grande.

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