

AUTO LIGHTING IS NOT SO EXPENSIVE

Survey Shows That Average Cost to Owner Is Less Than \$2.50 Per Car

A great deal has been said and printed, during the past several days, about the new auto illumination for Oregon, which is to take effect September 1. The impression has been given out that compliance with the provisions of the new law would ruin automobile owners.

A Statesman reporter last night interviewed just a few people in the automobile industry. He found as follows:

Vick Bros. have adjusted hundreds of lights to conform to the new law, and their charges have averaged very little more than \$1.50 for each car, surely not more than \$1.75 for each car.

The average for the Marion Automobile company has been \$1.50 to \$2.

The average for the Valley Motor company for new Fords has been about \$2.50. For old, old Fords it is very much higher. One man employed by the Valley Motor company said \$60.

H. H. Burrell, however, says he can make an old, old Ford comply with the new law for about \$20. His average for other cars is about \$2.

Starr & Whitmore say their average is \$2 to \$2.50.

Ferris & Powers give about the same figures.

One car owner, whose adjustment cost him \$1.50, said he got 250 worth of illumination.

There is no doubt about the importance of getting rid of the glare of automobile lights. It is dangerous to life and property. The new law undertakes to do this; to make night traveling safer. It is in line with what is being attempted and done all over the country, to get uniformity leading to safety.

SECRET CLUBS TO DISAPPEAR

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belong to or affiliate with any secret society, fraternity, or sorority; and

Whereas, There are certain secret and semi-secret organizations in the Salem high school and the Junior High schools which have been organized and exist for social purposes and are proving detrimental to the morale of the schools and the maintenance of school discipline; now

Therefore, be it resolved: That the superintendent and principals be and hereby are directed, instructed, and authorized to make and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the abolition of these organizations.

While the resolution does not specify the detailed plan by which the order is to be put into effect and the penalty imposed, the board heard and verbally approved a plan suggested by Superintendent Hug which would expel any student when evidence indicated that he was a member of an unapproved organization and would refuse entrance to the public schools here of any new student who joined. It is understood that the order will not apply to the Latin club of the high school and a few other organizations which have a definite scholastic purpose, but that it is aimed at all social organizations.

The so-called secret organizations of the high school came in for a severe verbal panning in the discussion which preceded enactment of the resolution in which the younger generation in general came in for a share of criticism. A positive stand against the continued existence of the organizations was taken by each of the board members.

Principal Nelson of the senior high school became the center of discussion for a time when it was suggested that he might not support the board because of his known support and sympathy with student affairs.

Superintendent Hug gave him a good share of the buck with the statement, "I can't solve this problem, and you can't, but the person who can is the principal of the high school. He could solve it if he puts his heart into it." A motion was passed instructing Principal Nelson and amended to include all junior high school principals, to appear at the next meeting of the board, but the action was later disregarded with the verbal agreement that the order of the board should be sufficient.

Junior high schools were included in the ban after Director Simeral declared that to his knowledge there were four secret organizations in the J. L. Parrish junior high school. Knowledge that there were such organizations in Parrish was denied by Superintendent Hug.

Prior to the motion instructing the special committee to draw the resolution at once Chairman Oliniger read reports from five other cities where legal proceedings resulted from the attempt of school boards to abolish secret organizations, the chairman urging that the action here be carefully

though drawn so that such complications would be avoided.

Action on the question last night fans into flame a controversy that has extended over a period of years and which at times has risen to considerable intensity. The local board has several times before taken action restricting the activities of school organizations. For two years the clubs have been required to file with the superintendent copies of their constitutions and whatever other formal agreements are used by the organizations. Last fall action similar to that taken last night was threatened and student members appeared before the board in a plea for continued existence of the clubs.

The J. C. club, oldest of the organizations coming under the ban, has been in existence for more than ten years and with the K. O. T. A. and K. C. clubs numbers in its alumni many prominent local graduates of the high school. What measure of protest these alumni will make as they have in the past when such action was impending is problematical but it is generally doubted whether the order will be allowed to stand without some sort of resistance.

PACIFIC TOUR PLANNED

AUTOMOBILE MEN WILL DEMONSTRATE RUNNING TIME

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—To demonstrate that the Pacific is "just around the corner," Thomas P. Henry, president, and Ernest N. Smith, general manager of the Automobile association, will leave Washington next Sunday morning for San Francisco in an automobile. They plan to reach the Golden Gate within seven days.

The officials, who will carry greetings from government officials to the governor of California and the mayor of San Francisco, plan to attend the celebration of the state's 75th anniversary of its entry into the union.

The prime purpose of the trip, however, the association said today, is to show the great distances that can be covered by the modern automobile over modern highways traveling under conditions that need not tire man or motor.

WRECK BLAME PLACED

SALIDA, Colo., Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Sam L. Smith train dispatcher at Salida and F. G. Recklan, telegraph operator at Tennessee Pass, were held responsible tonight for the collision between two Denver & Rio Grand Western passenger trains near here last Thursday that resulted in the death of two trainmen and the injury of about other persons.

The board of officials of the railroad rendered the findings. Canyonville prune growers form pool of 750,000 pounds.

INTERCITY KIWANIS PICNIC IS ENJOYED

McMinnville, Salem Clubmen and Families Have Big Time Last Night

Nearly 200 people attended the annual intercity picnic staged by the Kiwanis clubs of Salem and McMinnville at Hager grove last night. The McMinnville Kiwanians came down in full force, bringing between 55 and 60 people.

Rev. M. E. Bowlin, pastor of the Baptist church at McMinnville, was the principal speaker, giving an excellent talk. Special songs of a camp meeting nature were sung by the Misses Elroy and Myrtle Maxwell of McMinnville. The picnic started at 5 o'clock and did not terminate until after 9:30 o'clock last night. A Johnnie Jones feed, augmented with basket lunches, was served.

Sports and a variety of races had a prominent place on the program, with the Salem baseball team defeating the visitors by a score of 11 to 4. The two clubs broke even in a variety of other events.

Automobiles were parked with their lights adjusted to illuminate the pathway for the races. The meeting was declared one of the finest in the history of the organization.

The Salem club will resume its regular Tuesday noon luncheons at the Marlon hotel beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 1. It was announced. With the exception of one luncheon the first Tuesday this month, no luncheons were held during July and August.

SECRECY IS ADVOCATED

KLAN MEMBERS SHOULD NOT UNMASK, DRAGON SAYS

HUCKEY LAKE, Ohio, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The Ku Klux Klan must revert to its original intention of keeping its membership secret if it is to achieve the object "to which it is dedicated," Glen Carter, grand dragon of Nebraska, asserted today before the national meeting of state and regional heads of the organization here.

He denounced the growing practice of klansmen of appearing in public unmasked. "This has done more to prevent men who might be inclined to join than any other thing," he said. "If our membership is known," he declared, "many men sympathetic toward the Klan may be deterred from joining for business, political and social reasons." Carter's stand was opposed by several of the grand

dragons and titans. No definite action was taken.

In addition to being grand dragon of Nebraska, Carter is imperial representative of the Klan in Illinois with his headquarters in Springfield.

Dr. Hiram W. Evans, Washington, imperial wizard, told the dragons and titans that it is their duty to return to their communities and foster the impression that the Klan is "now taking its place in the social life of the nation as dignified, dependable agency for the achievement of civic righteousness."

COMPILE STUDENT COSTS

AVERAGE ON PER-HOUR BASIS GIVEN AS \$6.51

The average cost per pupil-hour of student working in the machine shop at the high school was \$6.51 during the school year 1924-1925, according to a report submitted to the school board last night. Total disbursements for the shop amounted to \$2304.39, while credits were accrued amounting to \$1176.75, leaving a total cost to the local school board for the year of \$527.64. There was an average enrollment of 27 students for the three-hour daily shop period.

Miss Naomi Taylor, daughter of Rev. Taylor pastor of the First Methodist church here, was elected by the board last night to fill a vacancy in the English department at the high school. Miss Taylor is a graduate of Morning-side college and has had two years' teaching experience.

WIND DESTROY FACTORY

SEVERE GALE LEVELS BUILDINGS IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—What telephonic advices from Imperial Valley described as a strong wind demolished the Globe Milling company plant and the Southern Pacific station at Calipatria tonight. Calipatria is southeast of the Salton Sea and about seven miles from the scene of the recent storm which destroyed a number of structures in the Rockwood district.

Several houses also were blown down and electric lighting service interrupted, but the advices mentioned no dead or seriously injured, though a number of persons were hurt by flying timbers.

A heavy rain followed the wind and some damage was said to have resulted to crops. A refrigerator car standing on the Southern Pacific tracks near the station was blown off the rails and overturned.

Highway contracts under way in Coos and Curry counties total \$2,300,000.

ARCTIC CONQUERED BY FAST AIRSHIPS

Speed in Polar Regions Increased 7500 Percent by MacMillan Party

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd, and his navy aviators with the MacMillan Arctic expedition, increased the speed of Arctic travel about 7,500 per cent, the National Geographic society calculated today.

"In the flights to hunt for an intermediate base between Cape Thomas Hubbard and Etah, the society said, MacMillan looked down in the course of one hour the country he had toiled 15 days to cross with dogs and Eskimos.

Three times in three different years MacMillan crossed Ellesmere Island. The planes crossed it three times in a week. "In MacMillan's terse message from Etah, 'We arrived in twenty minutes at the Greeley camp of 1884, where 18 men died of starvation'—is packed a story of the conquering of the Arctic by the airplane. Cape Sabine, to which Greeley and his men retreated, is thirty miles across Smith Sound from the Eskimo settlements at Etah. In 1884 that thirty miles separated them from necessary Eskimo help for nineteen months.

"Dr. Hayes, another Arctic explorer, took 31 days to cross Smith Sound with four dog teams and the best of conditions MacMillan crossed to Greeley Camp on his previous trip north in eight hours in order to place there the memorial tablet sent by the National Geographic society.

"Navy planes covered 300 miles in less than two hours, according to radio reports to the society. Under good conditions a sledge party seldom covers more than 20 to 25 miles in a day. When a glaciologist has to be climber or a windblown, rockstrewn pass covered, a day's work will still leave

the mileage at a fraction of the average expected."

TONGS RESENT CHANGE

SWITCHING OF CONVENTION SAID OUTBREAK CAUSE

CLEVELAND, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The plans of the Hip Sing tong to transfer a convention scheduled for St. Paul or Minneapolis to Cleveland was reported tonight to be responsible for the Chinese outbreaks in various cities.

Wong Bo, local organizer for the Hip Sing, attributed the disorders to efforts of the On Leong tong to prevent the convention being held Sept. 22 to Oct. 1.

This was denied by Tom Chan Poy, secretary of the Cleveland On Leong, who termed the Hip Sing meeting "a legitimate excuse to bring a crowd of gunmen with which to fight our group."

GERMAN SUB BLASTED

U-BOAT THAT SANK LUSITANIA IS BLOWN UP

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Another drama of the world war ended today at Veilby Beach, on the West Jutland coast. The German submarine U-20, credited with the destruction of the Lusitania, torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast May 7, 1915, with a loss of 1,206 persons, was blown up by order of the Danish admiralty.

The submarine's conning tower, has been sticking out of the water since 1916, when she went aground.

MINERS' BODIES FOUND

TRAGEDY OF NORTH DISCOVERED IN LITTLE CABIN

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 25.—Provincial police reported here today the finding of the bodies of Peter Ackerman and George Williams, trappers, in a cabin in the wilds of northern British Columbia where they were overcome with sickness. A note left by Williams for a son in Edmonton, Alberta, gave him directions for finding a cache of furs valued at \$2000.

PAYMENT OF DEBTS BEING CONSIDERED

Settlement of Italian and French Loans Is Discussed by Coolidge

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Settlement of the French and Italian indebtedness to the United States in the president's opinion should be based on the ability of the two nations to pay, and the terms need not be the same as those granted Great Britain or Belgium.

The capacity to pay principal, which the president would apply to all refunding agreements, is not to be varied, in his judgment, in provisions of the Versailles treaty or any other international agreement, understood or actually consummated.

This view of the executive was disclosed today at the summer White House with the added statement that he believes every opportunity should be afforded such nations as France and Italy to present to the American debt commission any reason they may have for seeking more liberal terms than those granted Great Britain.

The British refunding agreement the president recognizes was approved by congress as setting a standard for other settlements, and he is of the view that if any nation wants more liberal terms it first must convince the American debt commission of inability to meet the requirements laid down for Great Britain. The comment also disclosed that President Coolidge considers some of the reported protests in Washington of contemplated reduction of government expenditures as propaganda aimed at his economy program.

Particularly, the president taken this view with regard to reports that unless more money is available the army will have to retreat to a point below safety. Reported statements credited to Chairman O'Connor of the shipping board that it might be necessary to withdraw the Leviathan from service on account of the limited funds, also draw the president's fire. He was represented as believing that President Palmer of the fleet corporation, and not the shipping board, was charged with determining what government ships should be kept in operation.

It was announced also at the summer White House that the president expects to return to Washington just before or immediately after Labor Day.

HEALTH WORK SECURE

DEMONSTRATION PAST EXPERIMENT, SAYS BROWN

When headquarters of the Marion county child health demonstration are moved to permanent quarters on North High, near the Salem high school, a grand opening for the public will be held, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Walter M. Brown, head of the demonstration.

Having laid the foundation with much preliminary work, the demonstration is now on a permanent basis.

A clinic was held Tuesday at Porter, northeast of Silverton, with 35 children booked for an examination. The clinic was in charge of Dr. Stella Ford Warner. This is the first clinic to be held in the past two weeks.

FARM CONDITIONS TOPIC

SENATOR BROOKHART SAYS PAPERS ARE TO BLAME

BEDFORD, Iowa, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Senator Smith W. Brookhart in an address on "farm problems and their solution," delivered at a farm bureau picnic here today, condemned the daily newspapers of the United States for failure to properly diagnose in their editorial columns the condition of the farmers.

Senator Brookhart declared that some of the newspapers deliberately misrepresented the agricultural situation by painting a picture of farm prosperity that does not exist.

"Even the country weeklies are taking the Wall street bait and preaching farm prosperity," the senator concluded.



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