

ASKS CHANGES IN MOTOR LAW

Virtual Elimination Seen For Speed Limits in Proposed Statute

Numerous changes in the existing motor vehicle code will be requested when the 1931 legislature convenes in Salem next January, according to an announcement made here by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

Important among the proposed bills is one changing the speed laws so that charges for speed in excess of that prescribed for certain areas must be accompanied by proof showing the element of recklessness in addition to the excessive speed. The basic rule of the proposed law is that no car shall be operating in an unreasonable or imprudent manner.

Announcement that this law would be introduced by the secretary of state has resulted in many sympathetic letters. The proposed law is in line with national recommendations for uniformity throughout all the states and is fast being recognized as the logical answer to highway traffic control.

Examination for Drivers Proposed Another bill being drafted by Mr. Hoss would require an examination of operators before they can receive a license to drive a car. Drivers' examination laws have received the indorsement of every expert and national association of safety workers in the country, according to the research conducted by the state department. Officials said that the enactment of such a law would reduce materially the number of accidents on the highways.

The proposed bill will provide that persons having operators' licenses at the time the law is enacted may be relieved of the examination, but that subsequently periodic examinations will be held in different parts of the state. In some states, according to information received here, these examinations have eliminated as high as 25 per cent of the drivers on the first test and three per cent permanently. In Oregon, with virtually 400,000 licensed operators, this average would have the effect of ruling 12,000 drivers off the public highways.

The secretary of state will also introduce a bill covering the physical fitness of motor vehicles from the standpoint of their eligibility to registration. In other words, if the legislature is interested in the recommendation, it will be necessary for drivers to have their brakes, steering gear, lights and other working parts of their automobiles in proper condition before they can secure a license to operate it.

Dangerous Arrived "This measure," said Hoss, will be of importance in the event the two amendments on the November ballot providing that the legislature can fix a lower license fee for old cars, is enacted. I am going to recommend this bill on its merits. I do not feel that the state is doing its full duty when it sells a potential killer the right to travel the highways and jeopardize all other traffic by the unfitness of his or her equipment."

Another bill would prohibit the solicitation of rides by hitchhikers. There also will be a bill providing that loads of logs on trucks shall be securely anchored to the chassis by strong chains or cables to prevent their rolling off while in transit. Another bill would authorize seasonal licenses for trailers for farmers' trucks as well as for the trucks themselves as at present.

Consideration is also being given to the question of whether or not a seasonal license should be granted to industrial concerns in view of the short time they may utilize their equipment under the new Oregon license year.

Another law would make it mandatory that school buses stop at railroad crossings. Exemptions for certain agricultural equipment in transit from field to field, which would relieve them of license fees, also will be asked. The secretary of state also will ask for the enactment of a law which would authorize a special license for equipment used on the public highways for demonstration purposes.

The reciprocal law which affects Oregon's relation with Washington regarding the zoning of truck operations from one state to another will also be taken up by the secretary of state. The present arrangement has not been satisfactory to Portland merchants and trucking interests.

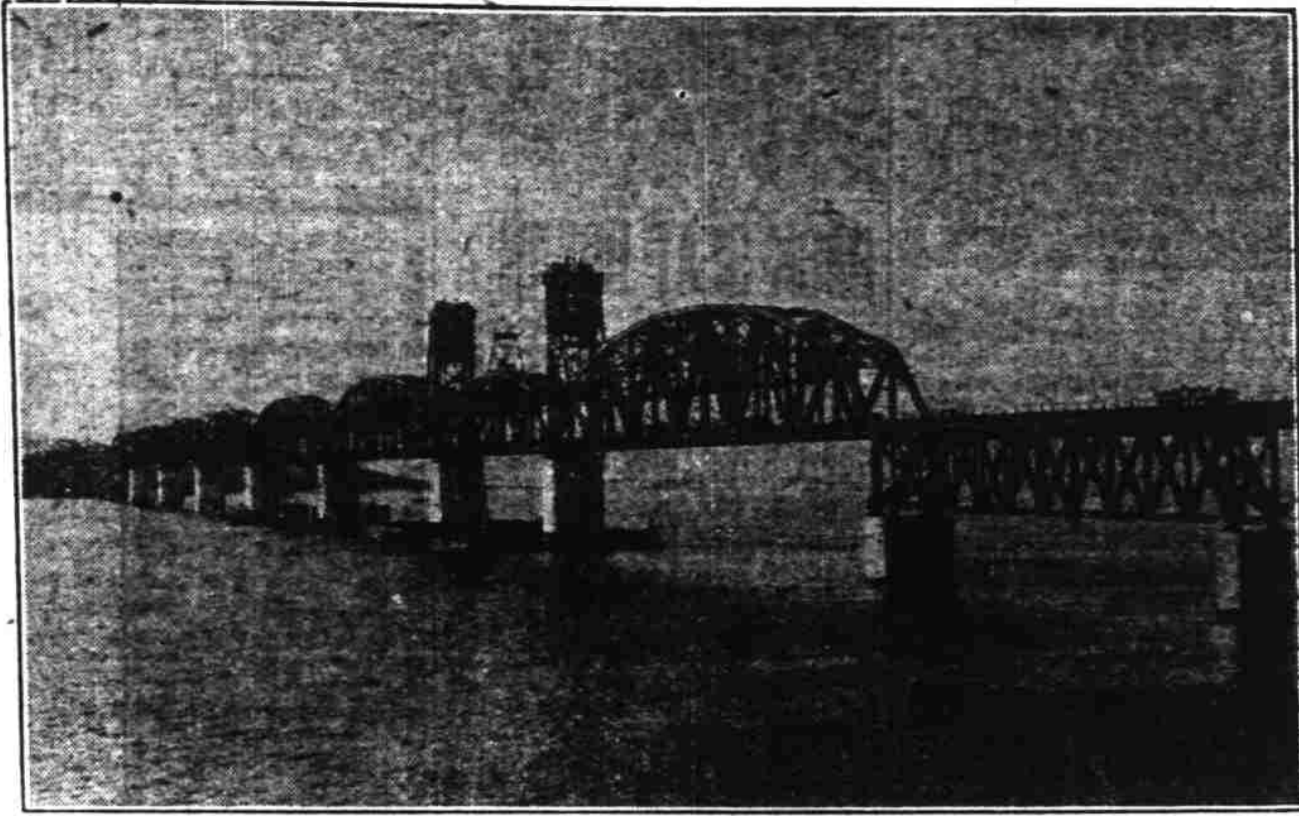
Midget Auto Gets Big gas Mileage

Morris Barsky, cigar salesman of Pittsburg, Pa., driving through Salem from California last week in a bantam Austin, claims the record for low gasoline consumption, Los Angeles to San Francisco.

Barsky made the 490 mile trip on ten gallons of Gilmore gasoline, an average of 49 miles per gallon. "They told me at Pittsburg that I would get 40 miles per gallon. That proved to be true on my trans-continental trip but I am getting much greater mileage out here," said Mr. Barsky. "I have been using Gilmore exclusively ever since reaching the coast and I have made as high as 53 miles to the gallon, and averaging around 49 miles."

Kentucky tobacco fields are expected to yield a crop of 395,577,000 pounds this year.

HUGE NEW RAILROAD SPAN COMPLETED



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SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPLETES BRIDGE

Suisun bay Bridge, Cost \$12,000,000, is Now Ready for use

Twelve million dollars to save thirty minutes!

That virtually sums up an accomplishment by the Southern Pacific to give its passenger and freight patrons faster and facilitated service in the completion of a new railroad bridge across Suisun bay, 30 miles northeast of San Francisco.

After 18 months of record construction 22,000 tons of steel, fabricated into a mighty structure one mile and an eighth long, today are in their final position and the bridge is ready for formal dedication ceremonies November 1.

Long a dream of the company, it was not until April, 1929, that federal permission to build the bridge had been gained and engineers first launched into the amazing feat of sinking 10 great concrete piers into the bottom of the bay.

Erection of the bridge signifies elimination of the last physical barrier in railroad travel between the Pacific Northwest and San Francisco and San Francisco and the east by making possible retirement of the historic train ferries which for many years have been a fascinating though tedious phase of travel between these points.

Seven main through truss spans each 525 feet long; a 325-foot lift span, largest in the world, and two deck spans, are included in the huge structure. The largest of the 10 great concrete piers are 206 feet in height from bedrock to rail level, the equivalent of a 20-story building, and have bases 40 by 60 feet.

The bridge will be officially named the Martinez-Benicia bridge, honoring the two communities at either end. Dedication will be marked by a colorful celebration at Martinez in which representatives from the entire Pacific coast will participate.

A cucumber two feet in circumference and 15 inches long weighing three pounds, five ounces was raised by a Fort Morgan, Colo., farmer.

Crater Lake is Rare Jewel Set in Matrix of Peaks

Quarter of a Century—Has Lure of Mystery Writer Describes Lake on Visit After Lapse of

By STANTON C. LAPHAM Words fall and all poetry of color and form seem lacking and inadequate when we attempt to depict the beauty of Crater Lake. It is The Jeweled Sapphire of the Cascades, set in a matrix of peaks and castled walls, you may look upon but once, then wear it in your heart forever. Its complete beauty—for you can see it all at once—and its ever-changing shades of blue, and lure of solitary mystery remains fadeless in the mind. It is easy to recall; strangely so. It has its own place of the spirit—if we have once looked upon it—and the eyes of the soul see it ever; the Lake Beautiful.

To have stood silent and amazed upon its lofty circling rim, gazing down, down; to have descended to its blue, blue waters, and then to have gazed up, up, and slowly all about upon its surrounding loveliness is something more than to have looked upon a wonder-work of nature. It is an experience—an experience of unaccountable mystery and color that leaves one never quite the same as before. It has its own atmosphere of holiness quickening our better impulses and touching our deepest emotions, as though we had entered a stately cathedral, and we can scarcely view it without experiencing the finer emotions of elevated thought and nobler purpose.

Spot of Silence We are not surprised that this lofty spot of utter silence and inspiration, like the summit of Mount Olympus to the Greeks and Romans, was the dwelling place of the gods to the native people of Klamath, and the Mo-docs. It was "Tomanias," the Spirit. Its immediate surrounding was the mystic land of Gaway, and the Tye Spirit ruling the Lake was Liao. The lesser spirits, servants of Liao, strange creatures of myth and legend, dwell in the depths of the painted waters. Like Zeus, the chief of the Olympian gods, the Great Liao, surveyed all things from the heights, commanded the creatures of the deep and jealously defended Gaway—Crater Lake—in battle against Skell, the Tye god of the Klamath Lake country. In the earlier

'WHITE FLEET' MORE EFFECTIVE

Secretary Hoss Notes Improvements Since Traffic Cars Painted White

Immediate and repeated evidence of the effectiveness of the "white fleet" of the state traffic division is shown in comments reaching the secretary of state, Hal E. Hoss, since the advent of white automobiles. While not all of the cars and motorcycles have been painted as yet, the value of the plan has been conclusively demonstrated, according to a survey made among motorists

ordinary occasions. They did not so much fear Gaway, as reverence it.

A chief among the tribes-people, if brave enough, might climb to the serrated rim of the Lake and captured cliffs seeking courage for some important venture, or power from the gods to command. Craftily a Medicine Man might leave the low lands, seeking the splendor of the "Above Place," there to perform magic rites over the vivid waters for the favor of the gods and to obtain from them the secrets of the occult. The Indian youth, too, while enduring the ordeal of his five sacred days initiation into unfolding manhood climbed to such sacred precincts. Naked, but for a strip of skin about his waist, without food or weapon, the youthful novice appealed to the gods to give him the revelation of a sacred Sign; the tall-man, he sought, or, according to the stories of the tribe, he might (Continued on page 12)

and traffic officers by the secretary of state. One of the outstanding achievements of the change in equipment has been the manner in which traffic officers have been made available for more emergency calls. Members of the state traffic force have many concrete instances to show that the fact that they may be readily seen and recognized as officers has been of great assistance to motorists who were experiencing difficulty or wished to report accidents or law violations quickly. That this is speeding up the apprehension of violators through the placing of reports in a more direct manner than heretofore is the belief of those who have been watching the operation of the white-painted cars.

Visits at Night The psychological effect of the distinctively marked car when traffic is congested has been proved on numerous occasions. In one section where heretofore necessary arrests following a dance in an outlying community were a weekly occurrence in the line of traffic leaving the dance hall, and accidents were many, the mere presence of a traffic car, easily visible, has brought the motorists back into their home towns without any accidents to themselves or others and without any violations of the motor vehicle laws. On other occasions when long lines of cars have caused hazards by too many motorists trying to pass without a necessary clearance, a white car in sight immediately reduces this hazard to practically nil. "I believe that those interested in traffic enforcement in the state—and who isn't?—whether he be a motorist or a pedestrian—will come more and more to appreciate the efficacy of the white equipment," states Mr. Hoss, who adds "Continued observance of the work of the easily identified motor vehicles will be made to keep a close check on the accomplishments of the new policy."

Advertisement for Valley Motor Co. featuring a cartoon character and a list of car models and prices: 1929 Fordor Sedan \$550, 1929 Std. Coupe with Rumble Seat \$475, 1929 Chev. 6 Coach \$475, 1929 Sport Roadster \$415, 1928 Pontiac Coach \$415, 1926 Chevrolet Coach \$200. Includes the slogan 'No Bugaboo About the Used Cars' and 'Buy with Safety'.

PRE-INVENTORY SALE

Prior to Closing of Fiscal Year October 31

WE ARE overstocked on some types and sizes of tires and tubes, also accessories—we want to clear our shelves and racks and get ready for the renewal of our franchise with Firestone.

WE HAVE marked down prices to the very bottom. Every tire is a most unusual bargain because every tire is made by Firestone and bears the Firestone name for your protection.

NEVER before has Firestone quality been available for so little cost. Practically every tire is new—fresh from the Firestone Factory.

DURING this pre-inventory sale, we will give you a special allowance for your old tires in trade for new, safe Firestone tires. Come in today and find out how little it costs to equip your car with these sturdy, dependable, non-skid Firestone Tires.

THE PRICE of rubber and cotton is low—Firestone quality is the highest it has ever been and at these greatly reduced prices you will want to replace your worn tires at once and have your car equipped for the wet, slippery weather of fall and winter.

{ Come in while we have your size at these unusual bargains }

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Table with 3 columns: TIRE SIZE, TIRE PRICE, TUBE PRICE. Rows include sizes like 4.40-21, 4.50-20, 4.50-21, 4.75-20, 5.00-20, 5.00-21, 6.00-20, 6.00-21 with corresponding prices.

In addition to the above we will allow you 50c trade in on any size of used casing with each one purchased. Condition of old casing, the more blowouts the better.

Any tire or tube not listed will be given the same discount.

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