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## UNIFORM AUTOMOBILE LAWS ARE AGREED ON

### Lights, Brakes and Speed Regulations to Be Same in Northwest States.

Portland, Ore.—Automobile lights, brakes and speed consumed a large part of the time of the joint legislative conference here of the roads committee of the Oregon and Washington legislatures, which was called as a result of the meeting of secretaries of state several weeks ago when uniform traffic regulations for the Pacific Northwest were discussed.

The committee will offer duplicate bills in the respective legislatures so that drivers in one state will not be violating the laws of a neighboring state when touring. It was finally decided that each automobile must display at night two headlights and a red rear light. The headlights must be seen 500 feet ahead and reveal objects 150 feet ahead and 10 feet on either side. On the brake proposition there was a difference of opinion.

The speed limit will remain at 30 miles, although some favored an increase to 35 miles.

Those attending the conference were Chairman Wright, of the roads and highways committee of the house in the Oregon legislature; Representative Carter and Korell and Senator Robertson, of Oregon; Senator Hall and Senator Carison and Representatives Hubbel and Wolf, of Washington; S. F. Spencer, from the secretary of state's office, Washington, Douglas Shelor, of the Western Washington Automobile Club, and Secretary of State Koser of Oregon.

## RADICAL MEETING STOPPED BY POLICE

Portland, Or.—A scheduled meeting of the Union Liberty league, said by the police to be a radical organization, was stopped and thirteen members of the league were arrested by police who were stationed at the entrance of Columbia hall, across the street from police headquarters Sunday night.

Following the arrest of the alleged ringleader, Mayor Baker announced that he would permit no meetings of radical societies.

The meeting was to have been addressed by Elmer Smith, Centralia attorney, who was one of the defendants at Montesano, but was acquitted, and Ragnar Johanson, Seattle radical leader.

A large crowd gathered when the police stationed themselves at the door and refused admittance to the hall. No violence was attempted.

## ROBBER KILLS POLICEMAN

### Desperado Shot in Attempt of Police to Make Arrest.

Seattle, Wash.—Detective James O'Brien is dead, two patrolmen were fatally injured, John Smith, bandit, is in the city jail slightly wounded, and Dean Carman, bystander, is in the hospital with two bullet holes in his leg, as the result of a bandit battle on Seattle streets.

Patrolmen W. T. Angle and Neil N. McMillan are the two wounded officers. They were hit when Smith suddenly opened fire on them near Broadway and Harrison streets early in the evening.

Detective O'Brien was killed and Carman was wounded and Smith captured about an hour later in front of the Hoge building at Second avenue and Cherry street.

## Pilot Rock Fire Causes \$140,000 Loss.

Pendleton, Or.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Pilot Rock Elevator company's warehouse, containing more than 100,000 bushels of grain and several carloads of salt, mill feed and similar merchandise, an estimated total damage of \$140,000. The warehouse and its contents were owned by the Pilot Rock Elevator company, a co-operative organization composed of practically all the farmers of the Pilot Rock district.

## Revised Primary Law Bill Appears.

Boise, Idaho.—The direct primary bill made its appearance in the house of representatives Monday. It is said by the authors of the measure that it is virtually the old primary law restored, though modified to remove the weakness discovered in the former act which led to its repeal two years ago.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

A case of smallpox has developed at Fort Klamath and the hotel is quarantined.

The Willamina high school student body is planning to visit the legislature soon.

Klamath county banks have agreed to finance customers who desire to buy registered stock.

First steps towards organization of a post of Veterans of Foreign Wars have been taken at Albany.

During 1920 418,493 tons crossed out over the Coos Bay bar, the value of the shipments being \$9,745,510.

This year's taxes in Coos county will aggregate nearly \$1,500,000, which is \$250,000 more than ever before.

The C. K. Spaulding Logging company, which closed its Salem plant last fall, resumed operations last week.

A number of wheat sales were made in Athena last week on the basic price quotation of \$1.50 per bushel for No. 1 grade.

An association which proposes to erect a memorial monument to the pioneers of Linn county was organized at Albany.

Pendleton's library circulation during the past year totaled over 28,000. The branch at Athena had a circulation of 5169.

The Foster Lumber company mill at Ritzler, in Polk county, will resume operations in about 30 days with a full force of men.

The Albany Cooperative Creamery company during last year made 544,000 pounds of butter and did \$333,000 worth of business.

College registration at Oregon Agricultural college now totals 2467, as compared with 3350 at the end of the second term last year.

Charles Brown, who escaped from the prison flax field at Salem in 1915, has been captured in Seattle and will be returned to Salem.

The recent high water in Linn county accomplished one beneficial result, in that the floods directly and indirectly destroyed hundreds of rodents.

Alice H. Rien of the Northwest division of the Red Cross has arrived in Roseburg and will remain in Douglas county permanently as health instructor.

Since March, 1917, when the Interstate bridge at Portland was opened to traffic, its net returns to Multnomah county have aggregated \$534,621.19.

Farmers of the vicinity held a meeting at Nyssa last week and petitioned the banks to extend loans and credits so that they may be enabled to purchase seed.

Medford is to have one of the best motor speedways on the Pacific coast as a part of the new county fair grounds to be laid out on the outskirts of the city.

Miss Katie Minert, who at the November election was elected treasurer of Morrow county without opposition, has presented her resignation to the county court.

During the recent high water approximately 20,000 yards of earth was washed down on the Roseburg-Myrtle Point highway, doing thousands of dollars in damage.

Owing to the drop in the price of cattle and the high price of materials, the \$15,000 alfalfa meal mill recently completed at Nyssa will not begin operations for some time.

Two big slides on the Lewis & Clarke railroad in Clatsop county have blocked all traffic on the road, and the opening of the logging camps will be delayed for some time.

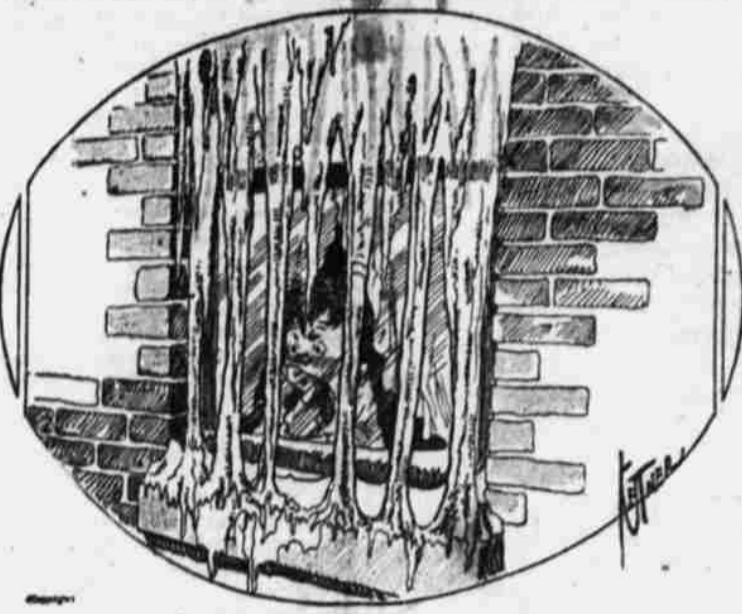
About 140 skilled and unskilled workers gathered at Hood River recently for the purpose of forming labor unions and taking out charters from the Federation of Labor.

About 3000 acres of desert lands in Harney and Malheur counties in the Vale and Burns land districts will be open to public homestead entry from February 25 to March 17.

Daniel Webster Crigler, aged 84 years, died at McMinnville last week. Mr. Crigler was a veteran of the Indian war and participated in many engagements with the scouts of Buffalo Bill.

The better sires campaign in Klamath county recently passed the 3000 mark. More than that number have agreed in writing to breed all livestock kept on their farms to pure bred sires only.

## Indeterminate Sentence



## FROM "OVER THE HILL"

Mr. and Mrs. James Sturgis were up from Pendleton Sunday evening and spent the night with relatives.

Leon Miller, who recently moved back to Athena from Weston, is conducting a small repair shop at his home on the West Side.

Fred Flint has returned from a trip to Arizona and California points. He left Athena several weeks ago with Tom Johnson. He parted with Tom in Arizona, where the latter has mining interests.

The steelheads are running and the only thing that keeps "Bob" Proudfoot and his brother anglers away from them is the high stage of water in the Umatilla. But some day the river will be low and clear, and then—oh, boy!

O. O. Stephens, M. L. and H. I. Watts, Raymond Geissel and Dean Dudley depopulated the Cold Springs neighborhood of some 300 jack rabbits, Wednesday of this week.

Oscar Cutler, resident state engineer, has charge of the work of widening the highway at a point one mile east of Sax station.

Mrs. Bert Ramsay is ill at her home on Third street with the prevailing grip. Miss Pearl has recovered after a couple of weeks illness.

Enough cars have been donated to convey the entire student body and faculty to Weston Friday evening, at which time the boys and girls basket ball teams of Athena will play Weston's crack teams.

A Pendleton paper states that a citizen of that town has young chicks a week old. Mrs. Burden goes the Pendleton fancier several better. One of her biddies has been clucking to a healthy brood for the last four weeks.

Mrs. Jerry Stone left for Los Angeles, being called by the death of her father, J. W. Perring, former well known resident of Adams vicinity. Mrs. Stone was joined in Pendleton by one brother, and in Portland by another, both of whom accompanied her to Los Angeles.

A baby girl was born last Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Milton. The mother, formerly Miss Pearl Pinkerton, is in a serious condition and was taken this week to a Walla Walla hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emmel and Mrs. Margaret Rabb entertained at "500" Wednesday evening at the Emmel residence in the south part of town. Six tables accommodated the guests. The high score of the evening went to Mr. Harry Warren, and Mr. Arnold Wood received the consolation prize. Dancing and refreshments were also enjoyed by the guests.

L. A. Wheeler, who farms the Rush place northwest of Athena, was thrown from a wagon one day this week with the result that his shoulder was dislocated. As Mr. Wheeler tilts the scales at 270 pounds, his fall was some jolt, to say the least.

### Helix vs. Athena.

Had the Athena Boy quintet played as snappy a game in the first half of the session they had with Helix last Friday evening, as they did in the last half, a more than break-even event could be chronicled here. But they didn't.

The girls won over their Helix opponents by the safe margin of 20 to 11. The girls played fast from the very start of the game, Beulah Banister throwing three goals and three fouls and Audra Winship three goals in the first half, running up the score 13 to 3. In the second half, Athena made seven, points and Helix eight,

the game ending 20 to 11 in Athena's favor.

By superior passing and faster floor work, Helix boys got the edge on Athena in the first half when they made 17 points to Athena's eight. But in the second half, stunning good basket ball was played by the locals and Helix was played to a frazzle. The half ended with Athena 13, Helix 14. Totals, Helix 31; Athena 21.

Grant Prestbye refereed the two games; Will Potts was time-keeper and George Winship was scorer. F.

### Violated His Bond.

Johnny Rothrock, who has before figured in the Athena police court records, and who a couple of years ago was placed under \$250 bonds to keep the peace, again faced Judge Richards Monday morning and drew a fine of \$100 and five days in the city jail, and revocation of his automobile driver's license until September 1, 1921.

Rothrock was arrested Sunday night at the Cartano boarding house by Officer Stone, on complaint made by Miss Edna Cartano. However, Miss Cartano's allegations did not enter materially into the testimony at the hearing, nor influenced the Court in determining Rothrock's fine.

To the contrary, Rothrock was fined for not keeping within the conditions of his peace bond, it being shown to the Court's satisfaction that the defendant had violated his bond by driving his automobile while intoxicated; had refused to appear in court for misdemeanor on demand of Mayor Barrett, and on a later occasion being the aggressor in a street fight.

After spending one night in jail, the jail sentence was revoked on payment of fine by Rothrock's mother.

### Eyeshade Cause of Burned Face.

George Winship suffered severe burns to his nose and the lids of one eye, when a celluloid eyeshade caught fire from a match George was using to light his pipe. The burning celluloid sputtered down in Mr. Winship's face despite his efforts to remove the shade, and when the burns were dressed, it was discovered that the nose was serious blistered, but fortunately the eye escaped with the lesser injury.

### Saturday and Sunday Program.

The Standard Theatre offers two excellent pictures for Saturday and Sunday nights' program. William S. Hart, in "The Testing Block," comes Saturday night. This picture was but recently screened in Portland, and is Hart's latest production. "Under Crimson Skies," said to be an unusual and appealing picture will be shown Sunday night. On Saturday night week, the big super-special, "Beneath the Surface," featuring Hobart Bosworth, in a splendid story of the sea, will be the first of a new series of big picture offering to be essayed by the Standard.

### Gave Stag Dinner.

Dick Thompson and Marion Hensell entertained a number of their friends at a stag dinner last Friday evening at the Thompson home in this city. Mrs. Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Kretzer, served a splendid dinner of five courses. The guests were Messrs Alex McIntyre, W. R. Taylor, F. B. Boyd, R. B. McEwen, W. P. Littlejohn, F. S. LeGrow, O. O. Stephens and Ray Logan.

September 22, 23 and 24 have been fixed as the dates for the next Pendleton Round Up.

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A new system of road signs has been planned for Hood River county. The county court has appropriated \$500 for the work and the Hood River Automobile Dealers' association will co-operate in placing the signs.

The teachers of Portland sent a petition to the Oregon legislature last week urging that no change be made in the present tenure of office law. The petition was signed by 1191 teachers of the 1357 in the Portland school force.

Land tests in Lake county as to adaptability for sugar beet growing, conducted by the Nevada-California-Oregon railroad company and the Spreckels Sugar company, have been reported upon by the latter company and the results were declared satisfactory.

Wool growers of eight western Oregon counties organized the Oregon Wool and Mohair Co-operative association, at a meeting held in the community house in Albany. The plan is to enlist wool growers in a pool and sell the wool crop on a co-operative basis.

At the close of a three-day trial, George W. Howard, 23-year-old Malheur county boy, was convicted by a trial jury at Vale of murder in the first degree for his confessed killing of George R. Sweeney, Vale tailor and clothing salesman. The verdict carries the death penalty with it.

Telegrams were sent by E. H. Gule, speaker of the lower house of the Washington legislature, asking that joint road and bridge sub-committees of the Oregon and Idaho legislatures meet with a similar committee of the Washington legislature at Portland Saturday to discuss automobile license fees and other subjects pertaining to motor vehicle legislation.

During the year 1920 a total of 323,098,841 feet of lumber was loaded on vessels at the mills in the lower Columbia river district for shipment to various parts of the world. In the same period 206,261,941 feet of lumber were loaded at the up-river mills, making a total of 529,360,782 feet of lumber that left the Columbia river in cargoes during the last 12 months.

The Oregon supreme court has denied a rehearing in the case brought by the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing company and other similar corporations operating on the Columbia river to restrain Carl D. Shoemaker, named in the complaint as master fish warden, from enforcing the law prohibiting fishing with purse seines within the three-mile limit of the Pacific ocean.

A. H. Lea, who recently was elected as secretary of the state fair board, will accept the position, according to letters received in Salem. Mr. Lea served as secretary of the board for five terms, but resigned last September to accept a position in Portland. At the last meeting of the board, without Mr. Lea's knowledge, he was re-elected by the unanimous voice of the body.

More moisture is stored in the mountains of central Oregon now than at any time during the last eight years. The depth of the snow is about normal but the water content is unusually high, due to alternate precipitation of snow and rain. The outlet of little Lava lake, headwaters of the Deschutes river, is running 30 feet wide and four feet deep, while last year at this time the channel was dry.

The desert land board agreed to approve a contract covering the sale of water by the central Oregon irrigation district to reclaim lands included in the Lone Pine irrigation district. The water necessary for this reclamation work will be carried through the central Oregon canal system. The Lone Pine district comprises approximately 1600 irrigable acres of land, which lies north of Crooked river in Crook county.

In October, November and December 98 permits were issued by State Engineer Copper covering appropriation of water from various streams and other sources for the irrigation of 28,395 acres of land, the development of 180 horse power, domestic mining, fluming lumber and various other purposes at an estimated cost of approximately \$100,000. Seven reservoir permits were issued covering the storage of 3714 acre feet of water.

## LET RUSSIA ALONE, IS WILSON ADVICE

### Integrity of Ex-Czar's Empire Should Not Be Violated, Says President.

Washington.—"Public and solemn" engagement among the great powers not to violate or to permit the violation of the territorial integrity of Russia is regarded by President Wilson as the sine qua non of an attempt at the pacification of Armenia and other states bordering on the former empire. His views are given in a note transmitted to Paul Hymans, president of the league of nations assembly, by Acting Secretary of State Davis.

"The 'distressful situation' of Armenia, invaded by both the Turkish nationalists and soviet is only one detail of the Russian problem, the president said, and he urged his conviction that it is only by a general and comprehensive treatment of the problem, 'only by full co-operation of the principal powers,' that a hopeful approach to the pacification and independence of Armenia can be found.

The president said he has never believed that the problems raised by the bolshevik coup could be solved by outside military actions, and he expressed the hope that the tragical events on the Polish front and in the Crimea have convinced the world that armed invasion is not the way to bring peace to Russia.

The president suggested a "public and solemn" declaration among the powers to refrain from extending such aid to the nations bordering on Russia, declaring that in this way responsibility for any new war on the Russian border would be "clearly placed."

## BILL CURBING MEAT PACKERS IS PACKED

Washington.—By a margin of 13 votes the senate passed the long fought bill for federal regulation of the meat packers and other agencies of the livestock industry.

The vote was 46 to 33. The legislation now goes to the house, with its supporters hopeful. A special rule to expedite house action is to be sought. Most democrats supported the bill, while a majority of the republicans opposed it. The party lineup was 18 republicans and 28 democrats for passage, with 23 republicans and 10 democrats against.

All fundamental features of the legislation as presented by the agricultural committee as a substitute for the original Kenyon-Kendrick bill were retained by the senate.

Only two important amendments were passed by the senate before passing the bill. One by Senator Wadsworth, republican, New York, would include horses and mules and goats within the operations of the bill. Another by Senator Pittman, democrat, Nevada, would exempt all persons whose chief business is in livestock growing or production of agricultural products from the bill's provisions.

## FARMERS' OFFER ACCEPTED

### Hoover Committee Will Distribute Corn to Needy.

Chicago, Ill.—The recent offer of the farmers of the Middle West to contribute surplus corn for the relief of the starving millions of Europe and China has been accepted by the Hoover relief committee and similar organizations, according to a message from the New York offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation, through which the stocks were offered.

The relief committees expressed the belief that funds for transporting the supplies could be raised without difficulty.

R. D. Henkle, general secretary of the American committee for the China famine fund, has written President Howard that 6000 tons can be transported from Tacoma in February, and expressed hope that the stocks may be available at that date.

## Idaho Mines Show Big Increase.

Boise, Idaho.—An increase of over \$13,500,000 in the gross value of the mine products of Idaho in 1920 over those of 1919 is shown in the report issued by Robert M. Bell, state mining inspector of Idaho. The value of the mineral products for 1920 was \$32,854,857, compared with \$19,108,723 in 1919, an increase of \$13,746,134, the report said.