

### OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAW

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me with just and honorable complaint, particularly as to the violation of our traffic ordinances. No man can stand on our streets, either by day or by night, and challenge their complaints. They speak truthfully, for I see the violation myself almost every hour of the day.

You councilmen are not to blame for this state of affairs, for you have been busy attending to your personal duties, while I, through enforced idleness, have been on Main street practically the whole of every day. Hence, I have transmitted an order to our police which I hope they will strictly follow and that I may receive your approval and co-operation in the readjustment of our traffic ordinances. A copy of this order is attached hereto and made a part of this message.

#### Notices to Officers.

To the city marshal, Oliver Chase, and the night policeman, John Shaw: Gentlemen: You are no doubt aware that each of you is elected to your office by the members of the city council and to serve as such officer during their pleasure. I, as mayor, have no authority to either elect or discharge you. It is incumbent upon this office, however, to see that all city laws are enforced, which, in an indirect way, places you under my supervision.

In my message to the council May 4 last, I said I desired a reasonable enforcement of our laws, and most laws have been reasonably enforced and obeyed. Our traffic ordinance, however, has been, and is now being, grossly, shamefully, and insultingly ignored, and it is not being enforced.

All drivers of vehicles know the law, and you have time and again given them warning. This warning has had no effect other than to increase their speed, their unnecessary noise, driving on the wrong side of streets, turning intersections to suit their convenience, leaving their vehicles hours at a time without lights, and, in fact, doing about everything that a sane and careful driver should not do, until the time has arrived when life and property are in jeopardy. Mothers are crying for the safety of their children and the pedestrians demand their lawful and moral right to cross the streets.

I now send you this order and demand that on and after Wednesday, September 22, at 12 o'clock noon, no further notice be given and that the traffic ordinances of our city be exactly enforced without fear or favor as to high brow or low-brow, the resident or non-resident. Do not er. Arrest every offender and if there be extenuating circumstances, the police judge can hear them. The time to act is now, and we will have a chance to miss the coroner and save the aching hearts of mothers.

E. C. KIRKPATRICK.

#### Ordinance No. 187.

Section 1. The terms chauffeur, city, owner, vehicle, motor vehicle, manufacturer and dealer, as used in this ordinance shall be as defined by section 1 of chapter 174 of the General Laws of Oregon for the year 1911.

Section 2. That the laws of the road as defined by Section 2 of Chapter 174, General Laws of Oregon for the year 1911, in so far as the same may be applicable, shall apply to the streets, highways, and public places of the city of Dallas, Oregon, and such laws of the road are particularly set out as follows, to-wit:

1. Vehicles proceeding in the same direction overtake each other by passing to the left.

3. The overtaking vehicle shall maintain its speed until clear of the overtaken vehicle, and for such distance thereafter as shall prevent dust and mud throwing upon the overtaken vehicle.

4. The signal so to pass shall be given by one blast or stroke of horn, bell, whistle, gong or other signalling device.

5. Should the overtaken vehicles then not give way, three such blasts or signals shall be given, and on failure to comply therewith the overtaking vehicle may at the next suitable place safe to both vehicles go by without further signal.

6. It shall be the duty of every overtaken vehicle to turn to the right and give one-half of the road to the overtaking vehicle.

7. Vehicles approaching an intersecting road, street or highway shall be under control so as to permit the vehicle on the right of the vehicle approaching to first cross the intersecting street, road or highway.

8. At all intersections the vehicle approaching the intersection from the right of any other vehicle approaching the intersection shall have the right of way.

9. All vehicles approaching an intersection of a street, road or highway, with the intention of turning thereat shall, in turning to the right, keep closely to the right, and in turning to the left shall run to and beyond the center of the intersection.

#### FAIR TAX RATE HERE.

Chapman's Figures Show Dallas Tax Rate as Being Average.

According to tabulations prepared by C. C. Chapman and published in his Oregon Voter, Dallas stands fifteenth from the top of the list of high tax paying cities in Oregon of from 1000 to 5000 population. The tax rate in this city is 12 mills and the highest rate for cities of this size is that of Falls City where taxation

last year was 20 mills. Only two other cities in the entire state have a heavier municipal taxation than Falls City. These are Madras and Astoria. The lowest tax rate in cities of from 1000 to 5000 population is that of Silverton, where the levy is .82 mills. Marion county cities as a group have a lower rate of tax than other cities of the state.

#### "THE NEW HENRIETTA."

Great Theatrical Organization to Appear in Salem Monday.

Five of the biggest stars of the American stage, William H. Crane, Thomas W. Ross, Maclay Arbuckle, Laura Hope Crews and Mabel Taliaferro, assisted by a talented company of players, inaugurated a tour of the Pacific coast in Bronson Howard's brilliant comedy, "The New Henrietta" at the Cort theater in San Francisco last week. The success scored is the greatest that any theatrical organization has enjoyed in the past decade. Salem is the only stop to be made between San Francisco and Portland and this has been arranged in honor of inaugural day at the State fair, the evening of September 27. Manager Waters of the Grand theater, Salem, anticipating that many amusement seekers will be especially attracted to Salem on that date through this organization, wishes to advise intending patrons that he will give particular attention to orders received by mail, accompanied by remittance, for this attraction.

Seats for the engagement will be placed on sale Thursday morning, September 23, but mail orders will be filled now. The scale of prices is as follows: Lower floor, \$2; balcony, \$1.50; gallery, reserved, \$1, and gallery, admission, 75c.

The appearance of five popular stars of the lustre and good name of those mentioned above in the same bill is an event of historical importance and widest public interest. And when the play is such a masterpiece of American literature as Bronson Howard's, "The Henrietta," there is no room for doubt but that a wonderful evening's entertainment is assured.

#### SEEKS SALE OF LANDS.

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such board. And to sell same to any person who may apply therefor and tender the money for same; provided, however, that such person so applying has not theretofore exercised his homestead rights.

Section 3. That all persons being settlers, and by actual settlers is meant those who have actually settled upon and occupied the land and who have tendered the sum of \$2.50 per acre for the land upon which they have settled, should be protected and upon the payment of said sum of \$2.50 per acre, patent to the land upon which they have settled should be issued to them. This term actual settlers it not to be held to apply to any person who made application subsequent to the institution of the suit by the government against the Railroad company, nor to any person who has not actually resided upon and who occupied the land.

Section 4. That in selling the lands at the price fixed by said board the proceeds of such sale shall go to the railroad company and state.

Section 5. That pending the sale of such lands said railroad company shall be assessed for the purposes of taxation upon a value not exceeding three-quarters of the sale price so fixed by said board.

#### WED IN CAPITAL CUPOLA.

Rickreall Girl is Married by Brother in Dome of State Capital.

The second marriage ceremony that has ever been performed in the dome of the state capital building at Salem united Andrew Lotence of Silverton and Marjorie Hayes of Rickreall Sunday morning after the license had been secured in the Polk county court house. The Rev Willard Hayes of Rickreall, a brother of the bride, and a minister of the Christian church, performed the ceremony which was witnessed from the spiral steps in the capital cupola by Miss Mabel Hayes and T. N. Hayes, sister and brother of the bride. The wedding was the first performed by the Rev. Mr. Hayes, who at 24, has just entered the ministry. After the marriage the wedding party descended and took an automobile to the train on which Mr. and Mrs. Hayes departed for Bellingham, Wash., where the bride has relatives. Later the couple will make its home on the ranch of the groom's father in the Waldo Hills country near Silverton. The groom had to make an extra trip from Salem to Silverton when he found that he had left the marriage license issued by County Clerk Robinson, at his home.

#### HOPPICKERS ARE POISONED.

Child Dies at Independence and Others of Family Stricken.

Lester Vidito, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vidito of Alsea, died from poison. The family went to Independence to pick hops. Shortly after the hop season opened Abbie Vidito, aged 15, sister of the dead child, was stricken with poison and was dangerously ill for several days. The boy became ill then and the mother is laid up now. The Viditos say they had no canned goods and cannot account for it unless the water was poisoned.

#### Talc Production.

New York produces more than half of the talc in the United States, with Vermont in second place.

### TIMBERMEN ARE LUCKY

NO FIRE LOSSES IN POLK COUNTY THE PAST SEASON.

Efficient Patrol Service Largely Responsible for Remarkable Condition—Many Acres Controlled.

Not a single dollar was lost in Polk county through forest fires this year, according to the report of the secretary-treasurer and supervising warden of the Polk County Fire Patrol association, just prepared by W. V. Fuller. The report concerns only those timber lands patrolled by the association, but includes the major portion, and the report is therefore considered as embracing the entire county. There were a number of fires in different parts of the territory during the season of danger just passed, but in each case the blaze was on cut-over land and perhaps did more good than damage. The total cost of fire fighting directed by the association during the season was \$175, which is considered remarkably low in view of the weather conditions that have prevailed throughout the summer. The association has had ten wardens in the field during most of the season, and just last week called them in, it being considered that the danger season was over. The wages of these wardens is an item of \$1600 on the expense side of the association's ledger and the construction of telephone extensions and equipment is an item of \$90. The United States forest service pays the salaries, under the terms of the Week's law, of two of the wardens employed in this county. Mr. Fuller is the active head of the organization, being secretary-treasurer and supervising warden, to which position he was recently appointed. His salary is largely paid by the state government. The association has been in existence three years and its work in forest protection and fire fighting is recognized as among the most effective of the many private patrol societies in the country. The patrol and fire fighting work of the association is ended for the present season, and plans for the activities of the coming year will be made at the annual meeting of the directors of the association early in March. The force of wardens will be put into the field again as soon as weather conditions demand, or about June 1, judging from past years.

Under the direct control of the organization are 100,000 acres of the county's choice timber lands, and to create a treasury these are assessed at 1 1/2 cents an acre. There are also 33,868 acres of O. & C. grant lands in the county which are patrolled and assessed by the association. The assessment on this land is paid by the United States forest service through the office of C. S. Chapman, manager of the Oregon Forest Fire association. In addition to these lands the organization controls about 30,000 acres in the north part of the county which is very well patrolled by the J. C. Lacy company, whose timber lands adjoin. By co-operating with the Polk county organization a saving is effected and the work done as properly as the association itself would do it. The Lacy company patrolls about 25,000 acres of its own lands, and the company is not a member of the association. The officers and directors of the Polk County Fire Patrol association are George T. Gerlinger, president; W. T. Grier, vice-president; W. V. Fuller, secretary-treasurer and supervising warden; B. C. Miles, F. J. Cobb and John B. Teal, directors.

#### Ministers Take Outing.

The Ministerial association of Salem journeyed to Falls City last week, the intent and purpose of the trip being to hold a picnic on Teal creek, but the members being short-winded they failed to make the grade and partook of the midday meal at a Falls City hostelry. Those present were Carl H. Elliott, James Elvin, J. M. Brown, Chas. A. Hadley, J. C. Spencer, A. A. Winter, H. C. Stover, G. Schrinke.

#### Automobile Takes to Brush.

While returning to her home in Falls City by automobile last Friday afternoon, Mrs. Walter Brown met with an accident a few miles from that place, but suffered no serious injury to person or machine. In making a turn the automobile left the highway and plunged into the brush, causing her some little trouble in recovering the road.

#### SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN.

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popularly received. The ceremony attending the opening of the high school was concluded with informal introduction of teachers and students. All is in readiness now for serious effort on the part of all. The entire teaching staff has reported, including Miss Bess Owens, the new high school instructor of German and history, O. C. Hart, instructor in manual training has not been relieved as yet, because of the desire of the authorities to secure the services of the best possible successor to Mr. Hart.

#### Buell Corps of Teachers.

School at Buell commenced yesterday. The teachers engaged for the year are Zelma Butler, primary; Doris Ball, intermediate; Leona Agre, sixth, seventh and eighth grades; J. B. Hatch, principal. Mr. Hatch was principal of the Williamson school for two years.

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