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LICENSES IS LENGTHENED

Salem—If you have failed to make application for a license for your driver, you're out of luck so far as the unlooked-for use of your boat is concerned.

This is the edict of Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, who has announced that owing to the inability of his department to take care of the flood of license applications coming into his office during the past few days, motor vehicle owners who applied for their licenses previous to the expiration of the year 1920 and have not yet received their tags may continue to drive their cars with the 1920 tags attached until they receive their new license plates.

Inspectors for the state automobile department and peace officers generally throughout the state have been informed of the ruling made by Mr. Koser and are requested to allow auto owners who have applied for licenses to operate their cars until the new licenses have been distributed.

Notwithstanding the department over two months and a half ago sent out application blanks to all motor vehicle owners for their convenience in applying early for 1921 licenses only 49,000 applications have thus far been received in the office of the secretary of state. The 103,700 cars which were registered during the year 1920.

Not until some ten days ago did the number of applications received equal the daily capacity of the department, consequently, by reason of substantially 20,000 applications being received within the last ten days, a congestion now exists, and it will be possibly the middle of January before licenses can be issued and forwarded on all applications which will be received up to that time. To date, 35,000 licenses have been placed in the mail and 2,500 were delivered over the counter, so that it leaves us substantially 12,000 applications for which to issue licenses, with those which will be received during the next few days.

"This same condition has existed every year, notwithstanding the department has urged the motor vehicle owners to apply early for their licenses for the ensuing year, and we know of no way to obviate this unless by the imposition of a penalty for failure to display the license plates immediately upon the beginning of the new license year," said Mr. Koser. "This however, is a matter solely within the province of the Legislative Assembly."

Indications are that the number of new cars which will be registered in the state during 1921 will be not less than the number registered during the year 1920. As all monies received from motor vehicle licenses less administrative expenses, is directed to be expended in road construction and road improvement throughout the state, the license fees resulting from the natural increase in the number of motor vehicles will very materially add to the funds available for road extension throughout Oregon, and with the receipts from the gasoline tax, would aggregate well on to \$3,000,000 in the year 1921. The total receipts from motor vehicles license fees and other fees from the operation of the motor vehicle law during the year 1920, was \$2,081,000. The total gasoline tax collected was over \$451,000, so that the natural increase of the fees from these two sources should give well on to three millions of dollars in 1921.

Every effort is being made by the department to expedite the issuing of 1921 motor vehicle licenses. Registrations are being made and license plates issued at a rate of from 2,000 to 2,500 daily.

Tire Repairing

A stitch in time will save you nine—and dollars, too, with automobile tires.

Retreading, Rebuilding Casings—anything from a bicycle tire to a 5 inch auto tire. Bicycle Repairing and Bicycle Accessories.

Try me with your next tire job. All work is guaranteed and my charges are very reasonable.

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Oak Point

The school attendance has been less than usual this week on account of the very high water. No one from the hop ranches being able to attend. Miss Mary Magruder of Rockville, Maryland, visited our school all day Tuesday.

Miss Belle McAllister has returned to her school at The Dalles.

Mrs. J. H. Collins has been in Portland attending the O. S. T. A. She was a member of the Executive council representing the teachers of Polk county.

She made an address before the rural section of the association.

A party composed of John Kays, started to go to Portland by automobile but had to take the train at Oregon City on account of the high water.

Geraldine Bigelow of last year's eighth grade visited school last Friday. That is a way all former students have.

Ms. Walter Kruger and family spent Xmas with N. Mekkers at Greenwood; and Bigelows visited with Kellers at Dallas.

The Kehr family spent New Years day with Ballingers in Salem.

TWO-SWORD MEN OF JAPAN

With Their Disbanding, Comparatively Few Years Ago, the Secret of Blademaking Disappeared.

As late as 1868 there were some 400,000 two-sword men in Japan, highly trained fighters attached to the nobles of the land in bands ranging from two or three, to an entire army. When the revolution came the work of the two-sword men was done, the nation was made into a solid unit and the strength of the blade carriers was needed at plow and bench.

With this disbanding, an exchange explains, the trade of the swordmaker was also lost to the vast number following it, and with them, as the years passed, died the secrets of the warrior tools. Swords can be obtained in Japan today whose blades are so keen they can cut through a veil or a sofa cushion, and also can be driven through a bar of iron, provided the wielder has the strength. Others have blades covered with a beautiful and intricate tracery that disappears and reappears at odd times, and no one can solve the "why" of it. One moment the blade is as smooth and unmarked as a mirror and the next the hidden leaps out before the eye of the startled beholder and can even be felt by sensitive fingers. Yet other blades are colored red, blue, silver or gold, and while seemingly an alloy, a chemical analysis shows nothing but steel. Yet others are coated with a poison (but is unseen, but beyond all other poisons, deadly). In large part it consists of decayed human blood.

RACE SOON TO BE EXTINCT

Polis in Wake of Civilization Have Spelt Doom to the Polynesians of South Seas.

That modern civilization is bringing death and extermination to the splendid race known as the Polynesian, is the claim of all travelers who have spent time on the beautiful southern Pacific islands. Charles Bernard Northoff, in the Atlantic Monthly, is sorrowing over this says:

"To say that Christianity was their undoing would be absurd; they died and are dying under the encroachments of which Christianity was the forerunner. Everywhere in the South seas the story has been the same, whether told by Stevenson, or Melville, or Louis Becke. We brought them disease; we brought them cotton clothing (almost as great a curse); we suppressed the sports and merriment and petty wars which enabled the old Islanders to maintain their interest in life. And lastly, we brought them an alien code of morals, which succeeded chiefly in making hypocrites of the men whose souls it was designed to save. Today there is nothing to be said, nothing to be done—the Polynesian race will soon be only a memory."

WHAT DID YOU
MAKE DURING 1920?

Work has begun on the collection of the income tax for the year 1920. Uncle Sam, through the Bureau of Internal Revenue, is addressing to every person in the United States the question, "What was your net income for 1920?" The answer permits at a guesswork. Every single person whose net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more and every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more is required to file a return under oath with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which he lives on or before March 15, 1921.

The penalty for failure is a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 percent of the amount of tax due. For willful refusal to make a return the penalty is a fine of not more than \$10,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both together with the costs of prosecution. A similar penalty is provided for making a false or fraudulent return, together with an additional assessment of 50 percent of the amount of tax evaded.

The income tax applies to women as well as men. Husband and wife must consider the income of both plus that of minor dependent children, and if the total equals or exceeds \$2,000 a return must be filed. A person who has a net income in his own right of \$1,000 or more must file a separate return. To be allowed the \$2,000 exemption a married person must be living with husband or wife on the last day of the taxable year, December 31, 1920.

Divorcees, persons separated by mutual agreement, widows and widowers, unless they are the sole support of others living in the same household, in which case they are allowed the \$2,000 exemption granted the head of a family, are entitled only to \$1,000 exemption.

The normal tax rate for 1920 is the same as for 1919—4 percent on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemption and 8 percent on the remaining net income. This applies to every citizen and resident of the United States. In addition to the normal tax a surtax is imposed upon net incomes in excess of \$5,000.

Full instructions for making out returns are contained on the forms, copies of which may be obtained from collectors of internal revenue. Persons whose net income for 1920 was \$5,000 or less should use Form 1040A. Those with incomes in excess of \$5,000 should use Form 1040.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to assist taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced by the press or may be ascertained upon inquiry at the offices of collectors. This advisory service is without cost to taxpayers.

In The Churches

M. E. Church

We are looking forward to next Sunday to be a great day in our church. Evangelist Ebert will have a message for the morning hour, and District Superintendent E. E. Gilbert will preach in the evening. This will be Dr. Gilbert's first appearance in Independence and we hope he will be greeted with a large congregation at 7:30. Dr. Gilbert will also preach at Buena Vista on Sunday morning and hold the 1st quarterly Conference in the afternoon. It is hoped that several will attend.

Lives of Great Men All Remind Us

Peter Cooper made his money in glue, which may or may not have accounted for his stick-to-it-iveness!

Born poor, he died rich, but left a lasting monument to posterity in the founding and maintenance of the well known Cooper Union Institute of New York, which has done so much for poor boys, seeking the light of knowledge. "Stick-to-it-iveness" will make your Savings Account worth while.



FARMERS' STATE BANK Independence

Vista on Sunday morning and hold the 1st quarterly Conference in the afternoon. It is hoped that several will attend.

The members and friends of the M. E. church had an enjoyable evening on Friday, Dec. 31, 1920. Supper was served by the Ladies Aid Society, games were played by the young people and short speeches were made by various persons on the work of the church, and hopes expressed for a prosperous year. A fine spirit prevailed, and a few older ones remained to watch the "old year out and the new year in."

The meetings at the M. E. church being conducted by Evangelist Ebert are interesting and helpful to those who attend. Bro. Ebert is an interesting speaker and preaches a full gospel. Come out and hear him.

The Ladies Aid Society at its regular meeting this week elected the following named officers for the year 1921:

President—Mrs. Edna Ryers.
1st Vice president—Mrs. Rose Niel.
2nd Vice president—Mrs. Jennie Hewett.

Secretary—Mrs. Carrie Smiley.
Treasurer—Mrs. Gertrude Davidson.

The annual report shows that all bills are paid and a balance in the treasury.

Baptist Church Notes

A New Year is here. Did you make a New Year's resolution to attend church this year. If you did you cannot attend a better church than the Baptist. Two new members were added last Sunday and more are coming. Each member is working to make this year the best ever in the history of the church.

Sunday-school is at 10 a. m. The Sunday-school under our new superintendent is steadily growing.

The pastor preaches interesting sermons both morning and evening. Don't stay away Sunday morning because you know we are going to take up a special offering for the starving millions in Europe. Sacrifice a little and let us make our offering very, very liberal.

The B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 p. m. with Otto Hilke as the leader. Communion will be held as in our custom after the evening service. Plans are under way for a roll call Sunday the last Sunday in January "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

B. Y. P. U. Meeting

In passing by the Baptist church about 6:30 Sunday evenings do you wonder what is going on in there? Why not come in and see? We have good times at the B. Y. P. U. Otto Hilke leads next Sunday, there will be an interesting lesson.

SNOW ON THE HILLS

By W. W. Patterson
This morn as day brings forth light,

Behold the hills are clad in white,
Oh such a lovely scene,
There are splendid lights of
and brown,
Beneath the sparkling hoary
With sprays of emerald
round
While all below is green.

The mountain lifts its spire
white
Far into the shimmering light,
While lesser hills below,
Emerge from floating
cloud,
Into the panorama crowd
Immaculate in their downy
Each wears a dress of snow.

The forest waves a hoary head,
While at its feet the white is
Its lower of living green
Hail jewels by the million
Or rest them to the rocks so
Each green hand its night
hold,
For picture of silvery shelm.

Oh could we put this on the
For it's such a soul
scene
As we glide from the gliding
The valley being broad and
Presents one mammoth garden
As stretch by stretch it runs
tween,
The snow clad hills afar.

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\$3.98

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32-inch ZEPHYR GINGHAMS— Pretty Patterns, on sale
29c Yard

OUTING FLANNEL
White or colors, 27 inches
wide, good quality on sale
17½c Yd.

PERCALES
36-inch, extra good heavy
heavy weight, on sale
19c Yard

PEQUOT SHEETS
Size 72x90
on sale
\$1.85

TURKISH TOWELS
Extra heavy, double thread,
Size 22x45, on sale
45c Each

GOOD HEAVY BLEACHED MUSLIN
on sale
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SILK PONGEE
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on sale
89c Yard

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