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A Highway Menace

This paper does not want to be understood as trying to convey the impression that all tourists who pass along the great Pacific highway through Halsey bearing the California license plates are "road hogs," because many of them are not Californians. They are only using California license because they can be purchased for three dollars, but we believe anyone who has occasion to drive on the highway much will agree that there is a large percentage of the drivers from that state, who, when armed with a high powered automobile and backed by some insurance company or an automobile club, form a menace to the safety of the general public. These drivers seem to have no respect for the laws of the state and even less regard for the rights of other. Instances that will verify this opinion are happening every day and no doubt will continue to happen, for it is more or less characteristic of a "native son," and "native daughter" too, for that matter, to feel that they are a little superior to any one else, that every one should step aside, get out of their way, let them have the middle of the road, you take the ditch.

In our opinion a good example of this attitude occurred Monday afternoon one mile south of town. Fortunately it was a truck of heavy capacity that the big California car attempted to overrun, but unfortunately, they do not always disable themselves before doing serious injury to some safe driver.

"Westward the Star of Empire"

East and West Halsey precincts are divided by Second street—the Pacific Highway. An East Halsey resident boasts:

"In this precinct are all the stores, the hotel, restaurant, bank, postoffice, newspaper, telephone and telegraph offices, railroad, the three grade and three high school rooms, barber shops and the three busy warehouses of the town. In the other precinct the medicine shop and the undertaking rooms will be located as soon as workmen complete the preparation for their

quarters. There are the resident minister, the churches and, a little farther west, Pine Grove cemetery. Here, we are in the world; there, people are on their way out of it."

To which a West Halseyite replies:

"Westward the star of Empire takes its way."

"The star of Bethlehem came west to that city and has since continued westward till practically all the Christian nations and peoples of the world are west of there—in Europe and America. We are near the western boundary of America.

Come westward, ye East Halseyites, when you become surfeited with worldly activities, and follow the star through the church, the undertaking parlor and Pine Grove to the New Jerusalem.

"And the last shall be first."

While such opinion is unworthy of notice, it sort of ruffles the nerves of editors of small-town papers when they learn of some one (usually the worst failure in the community himself) finding fault with the paper because it is not as good or large as the big town or city papers. It would be just as reasonable to find fault because the country town stores and other enterprises are not equal to those of the big city.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

Over at Philomath the business men have their job printing done in distant towns, the city council have their legal notices published in a Corvallis paper and the bank and stores with-hold all business possible from their local paper. This is a unique situation but Minshall, old sport, has no one but himself to blame and in time may grow wiser.

The same arguments that were used by the anti-income tax gang two years ago are being revived and before long the same bunk will be belching forth from the pens of the great saviours of Oregon industries.

Croquet will never come back as one of the leading games until someone invents a pair of funny pants to go with it.

Surely some of the June high school graduates have learned by this time that they don't know it all.

Usually the girl who insists that she wouldn't marry the best man on earth don't.

This is a poor time of the year to advance the argument that the girls should wear more clothes.

Neighborhood News

Alford Arrows

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitbeck and their guest, Mrs. Bloomfield called on Mr. and Mrs. Clay Foreman Sunday afternoon.

Beverly Isom spent several days last week with Coralea Moody in Halsey.

Leonard Ingram and family of Venita spent last Saturday night at the home of his uncle Lee Ingram.

J. H. Rickard and family attended the joint services at the Lake Creek and Peoria churches at Smith's grove Sunday.

E. D. Isom and family drove to Waterloo Sunday.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Chisholm and little niece, Jean Porter of Monroe, Fred Ingram of Oak Ridge and Lester Ingram and family of Nampa, Idaho, gathered at the Lee Ingram home and they with the Ingram family took their dinners to the banks of the Willamette and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe went to Buena Vista to visit relatives Sunday.

Chas Tandy, father of Mrs. Chester Curtis, died at his home near Harrisburg Monday evening at the age of 60 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walker of Salem called at Lee Ingram's Sunday evening.

Spoon River Sparks

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Peaches and cream, Leroy Straley and sister Mearle were Sunday dinner guests at the Longs.

George Hussy spent Thursday evening at H. J. Falks.

Mrs. Hazel Munkers and children visited at H. L. Straleys Saturday.

The M. B. Harding children were on the sick list several days last week.

Mrs. R. E. Bierly and sons and Mrs. F. W. Falk and daughter were Albany callers Thursday.

Mrs. E. E. Carey and Miss Louise Seefeld were business callers at Brownsville Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Templeton spent Tuesday evening at the J. H. Vannice home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Straley and daughter Mearle were Albany callers Friday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Esther Rike.

W. R. Kirk and family went to Albany Wednesday.

The Misses Ava and Edna Falk visited at H. J. Falks Tuesday evening.

The G. J. Rikes visited at W. R. Kirks one evening last week.

Mrs. G. C. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch C. Thompson and son of Brownsville, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Love, Miss Mabel Lacey and Mrs. Miller and two children of Portland were guests at the J. P. Templeton home Thursday evening.

J. N. Elliot is getting along as well as can be expected after his accident of last week.

Mrs. Esther O. Rike spent Sunday at the E. E. Carey home.

Mrs. Chester Baker is spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Henry Davis. Mrs. Baker and husband have been picking cherries in Washington.

Lloyd Stienke spent last week visiting his great grandmother, Mrs. Angeline Ackley and aunt, Mrs. Preston Newton at Portland.

Mrs. B. M. Miller and daughter Gardie spent one day last week at D. S. Bowman's.

Mrs. C. J. Straley and children spent Friday afternoon at G. J. Rike's.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stienke

and children attended the Nebraska picnic at Colorado Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Miller and daughter Gardie attended the camp meeting at Cottage Grove Sunday.

Judging from appearances, the threshing will soon be finished, for last week there were seven outfits in this locality.

We notice by the Albany paper the fishermen of that locality have been making big catches. So we wish to state that Charles Falk, 12 year old son of L. R. Falk, made some big catches of Bass. One weighing 5 lbs., one 3 1/2 and one 2 1/2 lbs. and several smaller. He had no fancy hooks, just a common hook and bait.

Pine Grove Points

(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Looney of Modesto, California visited Mrs. Johnson last week and with Mrs. Johnson and daughters, made a trip to Newport Tuesday.

Miss Reta Reid of Salem is visiting Miss Pearl Pehrson.

Miss Camp of Corvallis spent the week end with Agnes Chandler.

Miss Sophia Heinrich of Corvallis is spending her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. N. E. Chandler and Agnes were Albany visitors Thursday.

Miss Mearle Straley spent the week end at the Pehrson home.

W. G. McNeil and family visited at the Kean home near Albany Sunday.

About twenty members of the Young Peoples Christian Endeavor Society of Halsey pleasantly surprised Hazel Johnson Saturday evening, it being her 18th birthday.

The Young Peoples Missionary society of the Free Methodist church met at the A. F. Albertson home Saturday evening.

The Hover and Haynes threshing crew had an ice cream feed Saturday noon and finished the threshing of the fall grain Monday morning.

Chas. Gibson of Corvallis spent Monday at the J. F. Gibson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Harr and Mrs. Florence Annis of Salem and E. E. Hover and family were Sunday guests at Bert Haynes'.

At the Community meeting Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John McNeil, president; Mrs. L. E. Eagy, vice president; Clara-bell Blood, secretary; P. A. Pehrson, treasurer; Mrs. W. D. McLaren, censor; Mary Heinrich, Clara-bell Blood and Mrs. McLaren were appointed as the next program committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Campbell and children with some friends of Kings Valley spent the Week end at the Johnson home.

Miss Iona Alwertson went to Portland to attend the camp meeting Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gourley and children and their guests, Chas. Gourley and family of Waldport attended church at Pine Grove Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Eagy and Clarence Eagy returned from a visit to Iowa Monday and visited at the L. E. Eagy home, going on to their home at Oakville Tuesday.

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Petitions for an initiative measure looking to the regulation of fishing in the Columbia river east of Cascade Locks are sufficient, according to an opinion prepared by Judge McMahan of the Marion county circuit court. Suit was brought by the state of Oregon, on relation of John H. Carson, district attorney, to enjoin the secretary of state from placing the measure on the ballot at the November election.



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