

## FORTY-FIVE MILES ON OPEN HIGHWAY

New Speed Code Virtually Will Take Off Speed Limit—Driver Responsible.

Salem.—Forty-five miles an hour on the open highway, and even if you drive a little faster, you won't need to have that guilty feeling of violating the law.

Oregon's new highway speed code virtually takes the limit in miles per hour off the motorist and puts the responsibility for the safe operation of his vehicle strictly up to him. The basic rule of the regulation calls for the prudent operation of a motor vehicle in these words:

"Sec. 20.—No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and the hazard at intersections and any other conditions then existing.

"The law further provides," says Secretary of State Hal E. Hos, "that no person shall drive at a speed which is greater than will permit the driver to exercise proper control of the vehicle, and to decrease speed or stop to avoid collision."

"Certain indicated speeds are established in the new law, not as limits in any sense, but as measuring sticks upon which to establish responsibility. The only difference between the responsibilities of a driver involved in an accident at a speed less than those indicated and one who is going faster, are that the penalties are much more severe in the latter case. In other words, when you go faster than the indicated speeds you are not breaking the law, but you are building up a case against yourself in event anything should happen. The answer to the question is, that in driving at the higher speeds, one should be extraordinarily careful, and at all times and at all speeds, to be certain of conformity to the basic rule of "reasonable and prudent" operation of your vehicle."

The indicated speeds are as follows: Open highways, 45 miles per hour; residence districts, public parks and at grade crossings where view is clear, 25 miles; in business districts and when approaching highway intersection, 20 miles; passing schools during recess or when children are going to or from school, and approaching grade crossings with obstructed view, 15 miles per hour.

Drivers of slow moving vehicles are required by the new law to let vehicles behind them pass at normal speeds, by drawing over to one side of the road.

A motor bus may travel at a speed not in excess of 45 miles an hour, pneumatic tired trucks not in excess of 35 miles, and solid tired trucks at from 12 to 25 miles per hour according to the width of its tires. Metal tired vehicles may operate at from 6 to 10 miles an hour, according to total weight.

## County League Has Fixed a Schedule of Playing Dates; Opens April 12th

The Umatilla County Baseball League, with teams representing Athena, Helix, Mission and Umatilla has announced its schedule of playing dates. The opening games will be played April 12 with Athena at Helix, Mission at Umatilla.

Arnold Wood is manager of the Athena team, with Henry Dell as assistant manager. Tentative players on the local team are Tudor Fruitvale, and Huffman, pitchers; Brannan and Moore catchers; Harden, Tuck Hodgen, Wallan, LaCourse infield; Miller, Pinkerton and Harris outfield. Other players are working out for positions on the team.

Officials of the circuit are Jack Allen, president; H. P. Scheyer, Helix, secretary. Through Jack Allen, the Wilson Sporting Goods company is offering a cup for the title winners of the league. The schedule follows:

April 12—Athena at Helix. Mission at Umatilla.

April 19—Helix at Athena. Umatilla at Mission.

April 28—Umatilla at Helix, Athena at Mission.

May 3—Helix at Umatilla. Mission at Athena.

May 10—Mission at Helix. Athena at Umatilla.

May 17—Helix at Mission. Umatilla at Athena.

May 26—Double header with leader playing third team and second team playing fourth.

May 31—Final contest for title.

Deputy Sheriff Gurdane was in Athena Friday, from Pendleton.

## INCOME TAXES TO BE DUE JUNE 15TH

Date Set By Commission—One Blank To Be Used for All Returns.

Portland.—June 15 is the date which has been fixed tentatively by the state tax commission upon which intangibles and income taxes will be due and payable, information which will soothe the impatience of the large number of inquirers which have been continually asking for light since the legislature adjourned.

The tax commission has extended the date of payment of state income taxes in order that it may know before starting the machinery of collection whether any referendum or other hostile movement is started against the intangibles tax law.

The blank forms to be used in return both of the income and the intangibles taxes have been drafted by the commission and will be printed and ready to mail out about June 1. Both returns will be made on the one form, as it is planned, this for the convenience both of the department and of the taxpayers who will be required to make returns of both intangibles and income taxes.

All new laws, except emergency acts immediately effective, will become effective on the morning of June 6. Consequently that is the earliest date upon which the tax commission could proceed under the intangibles or the new excise laws. The income tax law, became effective immediately upon its approval by the voters at the November election, and in order that the work of the commission might proceed with as little confusion to the taxpayers as possible the extension to June 15 was determined upon.

"The personal income tax remains in the same form as passed by the 1929 legislature and approved by the people at last November's election," Commissioner Carkin said. "It applies first to individual incomes other than interest and dividends received in 1930.

"Interest and dividends are not taxable under the personal income tax law if taxed under the intangibles act," the commissioner said. "In view of this interrelated feature and the fact the two laws can be administered jointly with less expense and inconvenience to taxpayers, the commission decided to postpone collection of the personal income tax until the intangibles act becomes effective June 6."

The law provided the intangibles act may be administered in conjunction with the personal income tax, Carkin pointed out. A condensed form for individuals to report both intangibles and personal incomes was worked out by the commission, he said.

Exemptions allowed under the income tax are \$2500 for married persons or family heads, \$1500 for single persons and \$500 for dependents. Rates are 1 per cent on the first \$1000 taxable income, 2 per cent on a second, 3 per cent on a third and 4 per cent on a fourth \$1000. On all taxable income in excess of \$4000 a 5 per cent tax will be levied, taxpayers were reminded.

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## High School Notes

Bubbles, Bubbles Everywhere! (Mildred Hansell)

Bubbles everywhere and they are not soap bubbles either. It's gum. Don't say what a ridiculous imagination you have, because it is true. After one has chewed bubble gum awhile he gets so he is almost an expert at blowing bubbles. It used to be and I think it still is, that blowing bubbles was youngsters' play, but if that is so, there are many seniors who should be in the primary room. Once in awhile a bubble breaks in mid-air, as all bubbles do, and when this happens whoever blew the bubble gets gum all over his face. There is blue, pink, green, and almost every color of bubble gum. If all those children who chew this gum would stand side by side it would look like a balloon factory.

The students of world history are now working on Term Projects. The projects cover a variety of topics and are being written in a theme-like form. The projects will be due two weeks before school closes.

Recently Stafford Hansell worked out a project on crime. This was a very comprehensive study of the causes of crime, temperament of criminals and effects of prison life.

The class has just completed a study of mob psychology. In this the dangerous tendency of mobs was stressed.

A report was given on lynchings. It was stressed that lynchings are a blot on civilized nations, as so often innocent people are victims of the frenzied mob and the laws of the country are flouted and ignored.

The American history class is now studying the time during McKinley's administration when gold became the standard coin.

They will then prepare for their six weeks exams which will be this week.

The typing classes are working for their final tests. To pass the state requirements and obtain the minimum passing grade the second semester must pass five fifteen minute tests, with twenty-five words a minute net, and not more than five errors.

The fourth semester students must pass five tests, with forty-five words a minute net, and not more than five errors.

The algebra students are now dealing with radicals. The linear and quadratic system of equations will be studied next. Then there will be a general review of the word of the second semester, which will end the school year.

The geometry class, taught by Mr. Tilley is now taking up the fundamentals of trigonometry. This will be studied a few days, then they will make a study of the measurements of regular polygons. After this comes a brief history of geometry which will last until the end of the school term.

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## The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Charles A. Sias, Minister

The Athena congregation is a unit in itself, with no outside authority or machinery. Congregational government; special plea is for unity of all Christian people, with the New Testament alone as authority and rule of faith and practice; large liberty of opinion. Worship and sermon each Sunday morning and evening. Bible school 10 a. m. Young people meet at 8:30; mid-week devotional and Bible study Wednesday night.

Sunday morning's service will consist in an Easter program given by the Bible school and extending somewhat into the 11 o'clock hour; this will be followed by a short Easter sermon and music in keeping with the day. A baptismal service will close the morning hour. The Easter Cantata, "Life Eternal" will be rendered by the joint choir in the evening hour. This splendid production will attract a large hearing in this union service. There have been twelve additions to the church lately, a portion of these are the results of the recent evangelistic meetings.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Gerald C. Dryden, Minister

10:00 a. m. Sunday school, 10:25 a. m. Easter program by the children of the Sunday school, 11:00 a. m. The subject of our Easter worship will be "The Significance of the Resurrection." 6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. Our young people are also going to have an early morning gathering at the home of Kohler Betts, 7:30 p. m. The Cantata, "Life Eternal" is to be given in the Christian church and we are joining with them for the Easter service. Let us all this Easter consecrate to Him through whom we can conquer all obstacles even as He conquered that greatest enemy of ours, Death.

## Bert Haney Turns Eyes Toward Fred Steiwer's Seat in the U. S. Senate

Ralph Watson, writing in the Oregon Journal says: Bert E. Haney, who jousts with Frederick Steiwer for the United States senatorship in 1932, again will enter the list for that high position when Maytime comes in 1932 and, should his primary appearance meet with the plaudits of his party, will come to grips in November with Steiwer, his former foe, Colonel A. E. Clark or whomsoever may be the Republican nominee. That is the confident belief of those who know Haney and have been keeping their political eye upon him and his movements. It is not met with his affirmation, nor is it rebuffed by his denial. But you may not find a Democrat who will lay a wager that it is not apt to be proven a fact by the developments of the future.

This presumption springs opportunely to the mind as a sort of cheerful pre-Easter offering to Senator Frederick Steiwer, but just returned to the state of his nativity and the home town of his adoption to repudiate from the toil and struggle of patronage and politics—and incidentally to spend the summer-long in resetting the stakes and posts of his political fences against the high winds of the spring of 1932.

There long has been a current supposition in those places where politicians of each and both parties gather to the effect that Haney would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the coming presidential year. That supposition has been strengthened as time has rolled past and conditions have developed upon which the Democratic leaders have builded and are building high hopes of victory when the next time of national political battle comes.

Haney, for instance, is one of the earliest and most insistent evangelists of the doctrine of hydro-electric power control now so dominant in this state, and which has found deep root throughout the nation. He was urged, and was inclined to seek the governorship with that legend upon his battle banner, but stepped aside when George Joseph, his law partner and long-time personal friend plunged headforemost into the fray. If, and when, he seeks the senatorship it undoubtedly will be with that doctrine as his war cry.

number all the glee clubs in division C are required to sing.

Grades  
The second grade has finished its required work in reading and spelling, and is reviewing and reading library books in class.  
Raymond Kibbey quit school on account of illness.

## Walla Walla Has Chance

Russell Cook, national director of American Legion junior baseball says that Portland may be selected as the place for holding the "junior world series" this year if sufficient interest and attendance can be assured. The Pacific Northwest tournament will be held August 13 and 14, with Walla Walla, Lewiston and Billings, Montana, being considered as the place for holding it.

## Rain Stops Road Work

County road working crews were laid off this week on account of prevailing heavy rains. Sloppy weather held back construction work on the Mission-Thorn Hollow road, a sector which has afforded employment for men all winter. Other operations throughout the road districts of the county were temporarily held up.

## Supreme Chancellor

Knights of Pythias of Eastern Oregon will hold a meeting at LaGrande on the evening of April 10, at which time Leslie E. Couch, Supreme Chancellor, will be present. Delegations from Knights of Pythias lodges throughout Eastern Oregon, will attend the meeting.

A number of cases of measles are reported in the Athena neighborhood. Helen Barrett is a recent patient.

## SAVE YOUR EYES

Dr. Curry the old Reliable Eyesight Specialist of Seattle formerly of Walla Walla, who has made Professional visits to Athena for 25 years will again be at

### Athena Hotel

Tuesday, April 7

for one day. Eyes Examined, Glasses Ground and Fitted. Charges Reasonable.

### Bank Statement

Charter No. 4516 Reserve District No. 12  
Report of Condition of the First National Bank of Athena in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on March 25, 1931

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts.....	\$ 468,278.17
2. Overdrafts.....	30.50
3. United States Government securities owned.....	47,500.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned.....	41,455.56
5. Banking house, \$6,062.00 Furniture and fixtures, \$338.00.....	6,400.00
6. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	33,330.35
7. Cash and due from banks.....	177,421.32
8. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	625.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 775,041.91</b>
LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus.....	60,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net.....	26,836.12
20. Circulating notes outstanding.....	12,500.00
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding.....	2,480.90
22. Demand deposits.....	314,379.51
23. Time deposits.....	308,845.38
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 775,041.91</b>

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss.  
I, F. S. LeGrow, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
F. S. LeGrow, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me Correct—Attest:  
this 30th day of March, 1931. M. L. WATTS  
E. C. PRESTBYE, Notary Public M. W. HANSELL,  
My commission expires, July 1, 1932. HENRY DELL, Directors