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I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

MOTOR VEHICLE LAW CHANGES

Several important changes in the motor vehicle laws became effective August 1, 1917, and motorists should inform themselves as to these changes in order to avoid unintentional violation of these laws. The chief change is in the doubling of all license fees on automobiles. A few others are as follows: Slow going vehicles, such as motor trucks, must keep to the right boundary line of the road. Signal must be made by drivers before making a turn on any road. Dimming of lights is required for all road traffic, so as to prevent glare and not allowing light rays to strike the ground more than 75 feet in front of the machine.

Provision is made for penalties for the throwing of glass or other materials which might cause damage to a car; for tampering with another's car, or even climbing into the same.

Age limit of 15 years is fixed for driving, unless driver is accompanied by parents, guardian or owner of the machine.

While 25 per hour (and no more) is permitted, no motor vehicle shall be driven faster than 8 miles per hour on country roads when within 100 yards of any vehicle drawn by horse or horses.

District attorney Gehlar filed a "thistle lien" against the property of I. M. Anderson at Salem last week, the first lien of the kind ever filed in Marion county. The complaint states that in July 1916, the defendant was notified to destroy the thistles on his property but that he failed to do so. Then the county road supervisor was instructed to remove the thistles, which he did at a cost of \$24.75 to the county. The present suit is to collect this sum, which is a lien on the property. Mr. Muehlert has given orders to road supervisors to collect property owners to destroy such noxious weeds as the law requires and every person failing to do so is liable for the cost of the work done under the direction of the supervisor. Within the limits of towns and cities, the law makes the municipality responsible under penalty for the destruction of noxious weeds. Various vacant and other lots and premises in this city abound in these prescribed plants.

The first conviction under the new motor law which went into effect August 1, occurred in the Woodburn justice court last week, when John Ulmer, of Corvallis, drew a 12 1-2 day jail sentence because he failed to stop and render assistance after his machine had collided with that of another motorist. The new law requires the person who runs into another with a motor to stop and render assistance, to leave his name and the number of his car with the other party, and to take the name of the other party and the number of his car and the names of all witnesses. The law also says that if a man drives away after a collision, without rendering assistance, he is presumed to be guilty.

While Oregon is not a "thunder-storm country," every year there are many buildings, especially barns, set on fire by lightning. Sweating hay is sometimes the cause of a barn being set on fire by lightning. It may happen this way:—Any moist substance is a good conductor of electricity. When the moisture from sweating hay rises rapidly (on account of the heated condition of the hay), it forms a funnel-shaped shaft of vapor reaching high into the air among the thunder clouds. This shaft of vapor is a fairly good conductor of electricity. Unfortunately this is grounded in the hay. In barns without lightning rods (which are better conductors than the shaft of vapor), the electric current may follow the vapor-shaft and fire the hay.

There are still motorists who don't know (or don't care) which is the right side or left side of the road or street. The new motor law which went into effect August 1 makes it cost from one to fifty dollars to fail to distinguish the "right" side from the "wrong" side—if the motorcycle-cop is looking!

Is the rising price of hops the cause of the rush of short sellers to cover, or is the rush of the shortsellers the cause of the advancing price? Quien Sabe?

MACKSBURG.

Patrick Gibson has returned from Calif., and is working near Aurora.

The Eby school house Sunday school is still thriving in interest and in number as well.

Mrs. Nettie Vogel of Portland with her two children is staying with her mother, Mrs. J. Gibson.

The Little Girl's Sewing Circle will hold its regular semi-monthly session on Saturday, August 18th at the home of Mrs. C. M. Baldons.

The Woman's Club of the Lutheran church is holding its regular sessions. They are working for a church bazaar to be held in the coming winter.

Miss Howe of Estacada is to teach the Bear Creek school the coming year. Miss Howe is to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Lentz.

The remoteness of ranch life makes it easy to understand the sorrow of Alexander Selkirk in his exile at the thought of never again hearing "the sound of the church-going-bell."

The Mother's Club met with Mrs. Simon Miller August 2nd. Mrs. Aibert Moshberger with her children was present as a guest. It was decided to lay aside the present work of the club for a time to do something for the Red Cross. The next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Ben Drier.

Again the busy hours of the grain thresher and of the clover-huller are heard and at intervals the whistle announcing the welcome meal time to be enjoyed with a jest that only strenuous out-of-door toil can give. The weather of course, is ideal for harvesting and the yield is by no means as small as has been feared. It is as if Mother Nature were in sympathy with one ambition to stand well with the army of world feeders and had brought forward the crops to a degree well nigh unprecedented in a drouth of like duration. The pasture is for the first showing the absence of moisture making it necessary to feed the stock more than usual to keep up the dairy output which so far has shown no sign of diminution. Fruit is ripening and is most abundant. The wild blackberries are on the wane after filling many a store room shelf with jelly and jam for the oncoming winter, besides bringing a tidy sum of money to those who picked for the market. Their successor, the evergreen blackberry will soon be ripe. Already the massy vines, many of them covering the entire side of a building, are loaded with the dark crimson fruit giving the eye a pleasure that is exquisite by their contrast to the luxuriant foliage of richest green. Busy as the housewives are preserving fruit and catering to the appetite of hungry harvesters, they manage to have some time for social and for public work.

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