

## NO REDUCTION IN GRAZING PRIVILEGE FOREST RESERVE

As a whole, the range in the National forests of Oregon and Washington is now in such splendid shape, that no fears need be felt that reductions in the grazing privilege will be necessary for years to come, says Supervisor M. L. Erickson, of Crater National forest. Only very intensive agricultural conditions and a heavy demand from settlers will justify it.

When the forests were created, it was found that the range was heavily overstocked and overgrazed. This necessitated heavy reductions in the number of stock. Reductions were made for two reasons: (1) To stop damage to the range, and (2) to provide grazing privilege for deserving settlers. For the past four or five years, however, no reductions have been made for any purpose. While at times reductions have been considered, and even notice given to that effect, the step has never been taken for the reason that reductions will be considered only as a last resort when all other methods of improving the range have failed.

The forest service has advocated continually new methods of handling stock. It has also spent large sums of money in examining the range in order to formulate plans for its best use. The question of scientific management has been brought to the attention of stockmen, and their co-operation requested. They have responded heartily, with the result that the range throughout the district has greatly increased in carrying capacity. Grazing permits have increased since 1910 from 2377 to 2814 and no reductions have been necessary to provide range for this additional 437 new permittees.

## GAY WIDOW SEEKS FOR SOUL MATE

If you are a married man, look out! The widow is here and she is looking for some one. She won't tell whether he's married or single, but it's a safe bet that he's married, for if he were unmarried he would be looking for her. If you can locate her and give her "the once over" you'll be a goner.

In any event, you can see her in the Cabaret at the Page next Monday, in her most gorgeous raiment, as she thinks her search may there come to a successful end, but she steadfastly refuses to disclose her name or the identity of the object of her search until after the show.

### EVANS VALLEY BREEZES

Thomas Odin was in Grants Pass to prove up on his homestead.

Curtis Manning and John Norfolk were Grants Pass visitors during the week.

Fred Hosmer of Sunnyside took a load of fine fat hogs to the Grants Pass market last Tuesday.

There were many family reunions and gatherings of mutual friends for the Thanksgiving dinner. In the evening the young folks danced to the wee sma' hours, the old folks sung songs and played cards and told stories around the bon fires.

Mrs. C. C. McCord who was visiting at the home of Mrs. Bob Reame at Medford has returned to her home.

The following young ladies who are attending High school in the valley towns returned to spend Thanksgiving week with their parents: Misses Esther and Edna Richardson, Agnes Scott, Helen Minthorn, Marie Hillis, Meta Orr, Edna Van Goethene and Veri Rigby.

Miss Mabel Daniels of Medford was the guest of Miss Helen Minthorn.

Harry White, teacher of Wimer school spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Gold Hill.

Miss Mildred Applegate visited her parents at Ashland.

Mrs. F. L. Orr and daughter Clara spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Orr's parents at Cottage Grove. They will be absent for about ten days.

The parents and pupils of Wimer school district are wondering where the school president is?

Miss Alva Scott who is teaching at Rogue River spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Scott.

Mrs. Fanny Praytor, a former resident of Evans valley is visiting at the home of S. H. Moore.

O. E. Lambert of Crook county, who is prospecting on Murphy's Gulch visited the Pass for a few days.

Mrs. W. W. Hurley of Medford, who has been stopping at the Bybee Springs for the last two months, returned home very much improved in health.

Lesi Stevens and family of Grants Pass were visiting at the home of Wallace Galbarth.

## NEWS FROM COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

### ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The city council has passed the budget for 1914. The levy is 13.8 mills, an even mill less than last year, and is made on the basis of a municipal valuation of \$3,030,875. The two largest demands are for the general and interest-bond funds. The levies and estimates to be derived therefrom are classified as follows: General, 6.3 mills, \$19,994.41; interest and bonds, 4 mills, \$12,123.50; fire department, 7 mill, \$2,121.61; park, 1 mill, \$3,030.87; street, 1 mill, \$3,030.87; library, .5 mill, \$1,515.44. The total amount to be raised is \$41,826.07. In view of increased demands along all lines, it is smaller for congratulation that the levy is decreased even a trifle over last year.

Two wedding were solemnized here Thanksgiving day. Miss Maudie C. Way became the bride of Edward J. Chapman, of Wyoming, at her mother's residence on Almond street, Rev. W. J. Douglass, of the Methodist church, officiating. On the same date Rev. H. A. Carnahan, of the Presbyterian church, united Jackson True and Miss Ella M. Grubb, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Grubb, on A street.

"Jack" True was formerly county roadmaster, and still has extensive district work under his charge. He is well known all over this section. Mrs. True is the daughter of pioneers of southern Oregon.

C. W. DeCarlow and wife of Pinehurst Lodge, were Thanksgiving visitors in this section and at Talent. Their ranch is at Shake.

Mrs. C. B. Patrick of Roseburg, arrived the last of the week for a visit with friends in the family of Gus Hedberg.

The flourishing model schools of the Soda Springs and Green Springs districts united in a box social during the Thanksgiving holidays. Robert Peachey and Miss Bessie York are the respective teachers. These schools are among the most progressive in the county. The reunion was a delightful affair, a fine program having been provided in addition to the picnic dinner. Proceeds derived from a mere nominal admission are for the improvement of the school grounds and purchase of additional apparatus for the manual training departments.

Among notable Thanksgiving reunions hereabouts was one occurring at the Murphy ranch, east of town, in the ultra hospitable emigrant creek section. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Murphy were host and hostess to a large company, all of whom were either actual or prospective relatives. Included in the list were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McKee of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murphy and sons Ray and Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murphy, J. R. Tozer, and the Misses Ethel Davenport and Emma Jenkins. A sumptuous dinner was supplemented with music and dancing, some of the terpsichorean movements closely bordering on the tango.

Bert Griffith, former Ashland boy, now postal clerk on the Portland-Albany run, was a Thanksgiving visitor with friends here.

City police were wired Sunday morning from Gridley, Cal., that Stewart Barney and Linn Simpson, young local toughs who are wanted here for breaking into DeWitt an Cook's billiard hall on Thanksgiving and stealing ivory pool balls and cigars, had been arrested there. They will be returned here at once for trial.

H. S. Sanford returned from the east the last of the week. His son Roy has a position with the Savage Arms Co., at Utica, N. Y.

Friends of the W. H. Norcross family of Central Point, will regret to hear of the death of their daughter Eva, at Yamhill, Wash., last Saturday. The young lady was a teacher and had many friends among the younger social set in this vicinity.

D. Nicholson and family of Victoria, B. C., formerly temporary residents here, were southbound passengers, Saturday on the way to San Jose, seeking warmer climes and more sunshine, the atmosphere and surroundings in that Canadian province being oppressive. The war adds to the general gloom, so Mr. Nicholson reported to a number of friends who met them at the depot.

Annual meetings of various Masonic bodies occur here this week at which time officers will be elected. Alpha chapter No. 1 meets Tuesday evening. Malta commandery No. 4, K. T., Wednesday evening, and Hillside Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Friday night. The commandery's jurisdiction includes Jackson county, while that of the Shrine reaches clear to Roseburg.

George Caldwell, the Ashland boy who scored 100 per cent on a model garden patch, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Caldwell, residing on North Main street. He is 12 years old and a pupil of the West Side school. This record was established

at the recent state fair at Salem. The scene of the young lad's efforts at intensive gardening was on the family lot near the Methodist church.

The local football squad reached home from The Dalles, Sunday evening, and were tendered a reception by Mrs. Lilly, mother of one of the star players on the team. Reports from the victors at The Dalles indicate that the northerners scored eight touchdowns, seven goal kicks, one drop kick, and that the playing of their fullback, Steers, was phenomenal.

Mr. Smith, of Smith-Emery Co., of San Francisco, hydrographic and chemical engineers, has been here of late in consultation with the springs commission over water development matters.

Word reaches here from Mr. and Mrs. F. Cameron at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, that the latter is convalescent from a stage of typhoid fever. They expect to visit in Kansas City and other points later on. Mr. Cameron was formerly the superintendent of the Ashland schools.

The local Star Theater's films, insofar as they represent interpretations of certain phases of New York City's underworld life, have been censored here of late. Otherwise the reels are buzzing merrily at this popular resort.

The local market is being more than supplied with turkeys and the excess finds a ready sale in other localities, mostly going to San Francisco. The Herrin, Murphy, Henev, Snider, McNeil, and other ranchers in this vicinity have shipped hundreds of dressed birds to northern and California points.

Southern Pacific officials are testing the virtues of lithia water as furnished by Ashland's springs. A certain amount is shipped to Superintendent Metcalf, of the Shasta division, at intervals, inasmuch as he desires to compare its virtues with those of Shasta Springs.

An elephantine scenario that discounted anything ever appearing here under Pantages, Orpheum or Elks' lyceum course circuits was staged at the Vining last Friday night. The pachyderm was the main guy in an itinerant vaudeville performance for a one night stand only, and in the prologue afforded a whole trunkful of stunts not mentioned in the libretto. The poor animal had been teased by a gang of hoodlums at the stockyards, and upon emerging from behind the scenes at the playhouse proved intractable and did not re-

spond to discipline even in the face of a severe castigation at the hands of his keeper. For a time a rough house was threatened though police were present. The city board of health also appear to have let the episode pass unnoticed. The S. P. C. E. (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Elephants) take the stand that the beast resented the omission of the customary introductory lecture as a prelude to each performance. The six-ply asbestos curtain was finally lowered. Finale—exit Jumbo, never again to play a return engagement here. The query arises, where was our local board of censors?

Will Pomeroy of the Meadows passed through Beagle Wednesday on his way to Engle Point.

Mr. Hoop of Medford was a Beagle visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Hanna of the Meadows passed through our burgh Wednesday evening on his way home from the valley towns.

Jasper Rodgers, the Beagle merchant, was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

Dave Cotterill of the Meadows was looking after his cattle on the range in this section recently.

### ANTIOCH ITEMS

The Antioch Literary society held its annual meeting Friday night. A number of the neighbors and their friends were in attendance and they all enjoyed the program.

Florence Walker and Jake Meyers are clearing land for Clarence Case. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Clark of Central Point were visitors at the Moore ranch Sunday.

A Thanksgiving surprise party was given at the home of W. C. Chapman Thursday night. Quite a number of the young folks enjoyed the evening with the old and new games and a genuine candy pulling.

Bert Case of Salem is visiting his brother Clarence. He is a traveling salesman and is on his way to California.

Miss Lillian Chapman is visiting at the home of her brother Percy on the Huth ranch.

Theo Glass and Bert Case were visitors in Medford Saturday.

Mr. Trowbridge of Medford was visiting in this section a few days this week.

Mr. Minnot has returned from his visit to Doris.

A Strange Woman.

Madame Winteroth, clairvoyant, palmist and trance medium is giving readings at the Colonial Flats, Riverside.

## 1915 AUTO LICENSES BLACK FIGURES UPON YELLOW BACKGROUND

Blanks are being received by local auto owners from Secretary of State Olcott's office for the convenience of motor vehicle and motorcycle owners throughout the state and in order to facilitate registration for the year 1915.

Under the motor vehicle law all registrations expire December 31 of each year and new registrations must be made on or before January 1, if owners desire to drive their cars from and after that date.

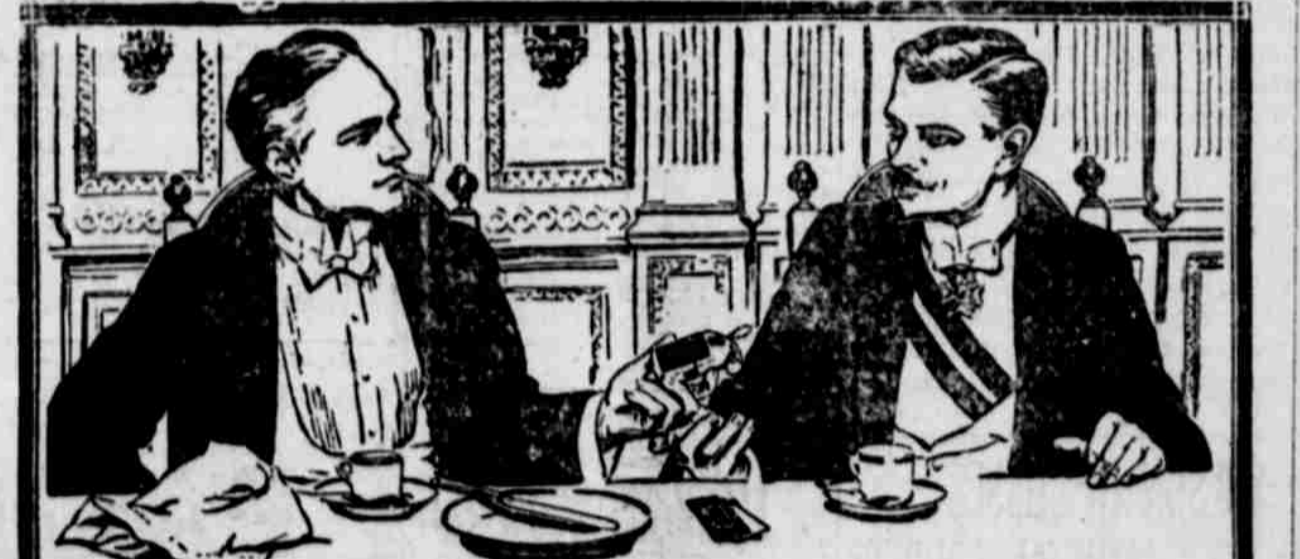
The motor vehicle plates for the year 1915 will be made with a yellow background and black letters and numerals. The plates for this year are of dark background, with white letters and numerals. Assignments of a number of plates for 1915 will be made consecutively in the order of receipt of applications.

During 1914, more than 16,300 motor vehicles, 300 motorcycles, 100 dealers and 1800 chauffeurs were registered. For the year 1913 there was a total of 14,000 motor vehicles and motorcycles, 20 dealers and 1472 chauffeurs registered, thus showing a material increase in the number of motor vehicles registered and operated during the year 1914 compared with 1913.

Fees from registrations, less administration expenses, are annually apportioned to the counties for the benefit of the road fund in proportion as the registrations were made from each county.

## NEUTRAL ZONES MUST BE VOLUNTARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Establishment of neutral zones for shipping in the western hemisphere as proposed by several South American countries, must be entirely voluntary on the part of the European belligerents, in the view of President Wilson. He told callers today he had discussed the question briefly with Secretary Bryan and Acting Secretary Lansing of the state department.



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but no conclusion had been reached. The American countries naturally would have no control of the waters outside of the three-mile limit bordering in their territory, the president said, and could place no restrictions on the operations of the fleets of other nations except within the three-mile limit.

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