

SAYS PUBLIC IS MISINFORMED ON MOTOR LAW

Two important features of the motor vehicle operators' law are misunderstood among motor vehicle operators and peace officers of the state, says Sam Koser, secretary of state, who submits the following statement containing the opinion of the attorney general on these and other points. His statement follows:

The belief has developed in some sections of the state that persons under the age of 16 years may, under certain circumstances, obtain licenses or permits to operate motor vehicles. Such is not the case. The operator's law (section 4, chapter 3, laws special session, 1920) specifically prohibits the issuance of a license or permit to any person under the age of 16 years, whether or not such person be the owner of a motor vehicle, and the same section further enacts that "No person, who is the owner or custodian of any motor vehicle, shall permit any person who is less than 16 years of age to operate or drive any such motor vehicle or employ any person to operate or drive any such motor vehicle who is less than 16 years of age and a licensed operator of chauffeur."

Section 4 of this law provides for the issuance by the secretary of state of special licenses or permits to persons who are physically incapacitated, and the term "physically incapacitated" is defined to include "any person who has lost the use of one hand or one foot, or who has lost the use of both feet, or whose eyesight or hearing are greatly impaired." The impression seems to exist among some that under the terms of section 5, a special license or permit may be issued to a person under 16 years of age, but the attorney general has held that such a conclusion is erroneous. In no part of the law is there any authority given to the secretary of state or any other officer to issue to a person less than 16 years of age a license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, under any circumstances whatever.

Some doubt has also arisen with reference to the status under this law of a non-resident motor vehicle operator. Under this point the attorney general has ruled that while the operator's law is silent in this respect, yet by reason of the fact that the motor vehicle law, of which the operator's law is a part, does specifically exempt non-resident owners from registering their cars, by a logical reasoning it must be assumed that the legislature intended to exempt non-resident operators from obtaining operators' licenses or permits. This fact, together with the fact that there is some question as to the authority of the state to enforce the operator's regulation against residents of other states, makes it advisable, in the opinion of the attorney general, to withhold the enforce-

CANADIAN YACHTSMAN CHALLENGES FOR CUP

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Alexander Ross, Canadian yachting enthusiast, has issued a challenge to the New York Yacht club to compete for America's cup in 1922. The formal challenge, he said, was coming through the mails. Advice state the challenging craft will probably be named "Maple Leaf." It is estimated it will cost \$1,000,000 to be raised by popular subscription.

STATE G. O. P. MAKES READY

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—With the election of officers, the republican state executive committee perfected organization Saturday. This week the preliminaries for the campaign will begin with the opening of headquarters in the Morgan building.

The executive committee consists of the state chairman, national committeeman, secretary, treasurer and 21 others, 11 of whom are state committeemen and the remaining ten are women. The committee elected Clarence R. Hotchkiss as secretary, and re-elected Arthur Jones as treasurer. G. C. Leiter was selected for publicity manager. The committee has decided to have a bureau of speakers, a bureau of publicity and a bureau for the organization of republican clubs.

At the meeting, Robert N. Stanfield, republican nominee for United States senator, spoke, talking along party lines. The main policy of the campaign committee will be to urge support of the entire republican ticket, with particular reference to electing republican candidates to congress to uphold a republican president. Sanfield Macdonald, manager of the Johnson campaign in the Oregon primaries, spoke, giving assurance of the support of the Johnson admirers to Harding and Coolidge.

CHARGES PLOT TO RAISE PRICES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Howard E. Figg, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer in the enforcement of the Lever act against profiteering, charged today that manufacturers and jobbers of wearing apparel were attempting through carefully prepared propaganda to stampede retailers and the public into a renewed fictitious demand "for clothing and thereby forces prices higher."

"The department of justice," said Figg, "was fully advised of this carefully planned campaign and it only remains to fix the responsibility before applying the criminal provisions of the Lever act."

LEE BUYS RECKARD'S GARAGE INTEREST

W. T. Lee, formerly sales manager at the White Pelican garage, has purchased C. I. Reckard's interest in the Metropolitan garage. The other interest in the business is owned by O. L. Williams.

Messrs. Williams and Lee are handling the Stephens automobile and Mr. Lee is now in Portland to secure a couple of these cars which will be here in a few days.

Mr. Reckard will devote his entire time to the upbuilding of his rent service, which has always been an individual enterprise, unconnected with the garage.

SAYS IRELAND'S FRIENDS MUST BACK HARDING

MARION, Ohio, Aug. 2.—Prediction that Irish sympathizers will support Harding and Coolidge was made today by Representative William Mason, of Illinois, one of the leaders in congress for Irish recognition. In a statement made public from Harding headquarters after Mason had conferred with the nominee.

"Friends of Ireland of course have to be for Harding," said the statement, "because they know what article 16 of the league of nations means—it would hitch Ireland to England forever and be used to help keep it there; and Governor Cox has pledged himself to support the Wilson program."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, administration leader in the senate treaty fight, has been selected by Governor Cox to represent the Democratic party in joint debate on the league of nations at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 9. The Republican national committee will select a debator in opposition. It was said today at Hitchcock's office.

LUMBER PRODUCTION LESSENS 20 PER CENT

For the week ending July 24, lumber production in Oregon and Washington was 20 per cent below normal; orders were 20 per cent below production, and 15 per cent above shipments, according to the report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Car supply was approximately 33 per cent of requirements. Mill stocks, throughout the territory, range from 25 to 45 per cent above normal.

One hundred and twenty-nine mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association on the week's operations show a total production of 72,947,428 feet.

The volume of new business taken totaled 58,597,507 feet.

Shipments totaled 51,200,532 feet, of which 36,900,000 feet represented the movement by rail.

Local deliveries averaged slightly above normal with 4,188,156 feet; domestic cargoes 5,048,119 feet; export cargoes 5,064,257 feet.

Unshipped balance for transcontinental rail trade 225,120,000 feet—approximately 7,504 carloads.

Unshipped domestic cargoes 62,072,515 feet.

Unshipped export 66,163,454 feet. Total all unshipped business 353,355,949 feet.

ROCK CREEK FIRE WELL UNDER CONTROL

First reports of damage done by the Rock creek fire were exaggerated, said Jack Steiger, son of J. J. Steiger, whose logging operations are in the district where the fire occurred. None of the Steiger logs were harmed, he said, and the fire burned mainly in slashings, making a hot flame, hard to combat, but with comparatively small damage. The fire is between Rock creek and Howard's bay. It is now under control, said Steiger.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN ANNUAL SESSION

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Delegates are arriving in large numbers today to attend the opening session tomorrow of the thirty-eighth annual convention of Knight of Columbus. The supreme board of directors today considered the request that the work of the order be extended to China.

1920 COTTON CROP IS THREE-FOURTHS NORMAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—A cotton crop of 12,519,000 bales this year was forecast today by the department of agriculture. The department based its estimate on the condition of the crop July 25 "which was 74.1 per cent of normal."

LYSOL DRAUGHT PROVES FATAL; MOTIVE MYSTERY

Absence of suicidal motive, and as far as investigation shows, a suicidal intent, lead to the belief that Jack Dorin, logger, who died this morning in the lavatory of the Crater cafe after taking a drink of Lysol, drank the liquid in the belief that it contained alcohol. Conflicting with this theory is the fact that Dorin knew that Lysol was poison, so stating a few minutes before he drank it.

Dorin had been rooming at the Country Club during his stay in town. He rose this morning about 7 o'clock, wrote some letters and came down town to mail them. From the postoffice he went to the restaurant here he met Fred Rodgers, another timber worker.

Rodgers has been having eye trouble, according to the account gathered by the coroner, and had purchased a bottle of Lysol and a bottle of boric acid solution for use as an eye wash. He explained his purpose to Dorin.

"You mustn't put that stuff in your eyes. It's poison," said Dorin. Then he grabbed the Lysol bottle and went into the lavatory, locking the door from the inside. When the door was broken in he had swallowed some of the Lysol. Olive oil was administered but the dose proved quickly fatal.

There was no intimation in the short conversation with Rodgers that preceded the tragedy that Dorin contemplated suicide. The letters that Dorin wrote this morning are in the mail and unavailable for investigation. If the writer intended to end his life the contents of the letters would probably show it.

There is little information concerning Dorin. It is said that he worked for a while for the Saddle Mountain lumber company at Sprague river. He has a brother who lives at Bend, Ore., and is employed by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company there. The brother has been notified of the death. The dead man was a member of the Westwood Lodge of the Order of Moose and funeral arrangements are awaiting instructions from the lodge.

JAPS SMUGGLED IN WHOLESALE SAYS JOHNSON

TACOMA, Aug. 2.—Definite location of an "underground system" on the Pacific coast by which thousands of Japanese are smuggled into the United States yearly, was announced today by Congressman Albert Johnson, chairman of the house subcommittee on immigration, which is investigating Japanese activities in the northwest.

Johnson claims the system operates through Mexico to California. He claims the Mexican guards are bribed to allow the Japanese to enter. Then they are kept in seclusion on farms for five years.

PORTLAND PUBLISHER ON TOURING TRIP

R. M. Hofer, publisher of The Manufacturer, Salem, Oregon, was in the city today en route to his home from San Francisco. Mr. Hofer is making the trip by auto, visiting points of interest as he journeys leisurely along. He left at noon for Crater Lake, where he will spend the night and will return to Salem via Medford. This is Mr. Hofer's first visit to Klamath Falls and Klamath county and he carries away with him many surprises over the industrial development of this part of Oregon.

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SACRED HEART PARISH

A special meeting of the members of Sacred Heart parish will be held this evening in the assembly room. Every member is expected to be present.

COULDN'T HAPPEN IN KLAMATH FALLS

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 2.—Col. Lucius R. Holbrook, here visiting his sister, declares that he struck the peak of high prices in Hood River. Shortly after his arrival here he visited a barber shop, was given a haircut, singe and a shampoo. "I was in the chair a few seconds less than 35 minutes," says Col. Holbrook, "and when I asked the barber for my bill he calmly figured it out at \$4."

THRIFT WILL MARK CONDUCT OF CAMPAIGNS

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Presidential campaigns this year are going to be run on a basis, in the opinion of several members of the Senate committee which has been investigating pre-convention expenditures of the various candidates who sought nomination by one or the other of the major parties.

Senators Kenyon (Rep.) of Iowa, Reed (Dem.) of Missouri and Spencer (Rep.) of Missouri, all declared that the campaigns this year will be conducted with more care and consideration for the financial end than ever before.

The chairman of the Senate investigating committee, Mr. Kenyon said, the pre-convention disclosures made through the committee, and the fact that it was instructed by congress to investigate presidential campaigns, will make the political managers careful of their expenditures and no disbursement which might cause unfavorable comment from opponents, will be made.

"I don't mean to say that anyone is afraid of the committee," said Senator Kenyon, "but the politicians realize that their expenditures are going to be scrutinized carefully and consequently they are going to cut out many of the usual items."

Senator Reed said economy would be enforced on the political directors because they would not have so many large subscriptions as heretofore.

"Big business doesn't like to be publicly mixed in politics and many of the customary large subscriptions will be cut down," he added.

Senator Spencer also expressed belief that there would be considerable thrift in the campaigns but declared it would never go so far "as to eliminate the usual trumpet blare."

"There is no question, however, that the campaigners this year are going to be handled on a very careful financial basis," he said.

CHAMBERLIN FUNERAL WILL BE HELD HERE

The funeral of H. C. Chamberlain, father of Mrs. C. H. Underwood, who was killed while cranking a truck at Ashland last week, will be held from Whitlock's chapel here this afternoon. The body left Ashland this morning in an automobile hearse, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, who were recalled from a visit in Albany, New York, by the news of the accident.

CONTRACTOR AND ATTORNEY ARE HERE FROM PORTLAND

J. M. Dougan, contractor, whose suit against the county for payment alleged to be due on the Main street courthouse, and Harrison Allen, his attorney, are in town. No especial significance attaches to the visit in connection with the courthouse litigation. It was said. They are here to consult with C. F. Stone, local attorney, in regard to points connected with the action and the appeal now pending. They expect to be here for two days.

SUES TO COLLECT

Suit to collect \$165, alleged to be unpaid on the purchase price of hogs and chickens delivered by plaintiff to defendant, has been begun in the circuit court by D. O. Brown against B. F. Lewis.

COUNTY NURSE IS PROMISED FOR KLAMATH

The need of a public health nurse for Klamath county was discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross Saturday evening. Miss Grace Harrington, director of the department of nursing for the northwestern division of the Red Cross, Miss Jane C. Allen, state head of the anti-tuberculosis association, Miss Azile Howard, general secretary of the Lane county chapter of the Red Cross, and Dr. A. A. Soale, city health officer were present at the meeting.

The matter of securing a public health nurse was taken up with Miss Allen several months ago and it was decided at that time that the local chapter of the Red Cross would cooperate with the anti-tuberculosis association in putting a nurse in this county for at least six months to demonstrate the value of such public service. Miss Allen has been making efforts to secure a nurse for this county but has had little success owing to the fact that public health nurses must be specially trained for this work and there are not nearly enough nurses to fill the demand. Both Miss Allen and Miss Harrington now feel quite certain that they will be able to secure a nurse for this county by September.

Miss Allen pointed out that it may be necessary to offer some extra inducements in order to get a nurse for Klamath county owing to the isolated position of the county and the difficulty in getting over the territory. It will be necessary for her to cover, as much of her time will be spent in the rural communities. As a quorum of the executive committee was not present the Red Cross could not take definite action on how much of the expenses they would be able to assume. It was felt by those present, however, that the local chapter might possibly supply a car and office space and equipment. This will be definitely decided at a later meeting. In the meantime Miss Allen and Miss Harrington were urged to send the nurse as soon as possible and were assured that the necessary funds for the enterprise would be found.

Miss Howard told the committee of the efficient work that the public health nurse in Lane county has been doing. Lane county intends to put on two more nurses this coming year. One of these nurses will devote all her time to giving courses in home care of the sick while the other two will divide up the county and continue the practical community work which Miss Brownell, the present nurse, has been doing. Miss Brownell came to Klamath Falls with Miss Howard en route from Crater Lake but left again Friday night. Miss Howard stayed over another day to visit with Mrs. William Ganong with whom she was associated in Red Cross work in Seattle. Miss Allen and Miss Harrington left Sunday for Bend where they are going in the interest of public health nursing work.

COUNCIL SESSION MAY BE INTERESTING

The meeting of the city council this evening will probably be of more than usual interest, owing to the anti-gambling ordinance being before the council for adoption or rejection, if they decide to dispose of it at this time.

A large crowd was present last Monday night on account of the ordinance, which has aroused both opposition and advocacy, but the council could not muster a quorum and so adjourned until tonight.

The ordinance as it stands at present would prohibit the possession of cards, dice, chips, etc., in any place of public gathering.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—Cattle, steady, choice grass steers, \$10.50 to \$11, good to choice, \$10 to \$10.50; heavy firmers, prime mixed, \$10 to \$10.50; medium mixed, \$10.50 to \$11; open steers, 44 to 46 cents a pound.

MICKIE SAYS

"TH' BOSS SAYS IF HE WUL T QUIT NEWSPAPERIN' N GO INTO BUSINESS, TH' FIRST THING HE WOULD DO 'D BE T' MAKE HIMSELF SOLID WITH TH' LOCAL EDITOR BY SLIPPING HIM A CONTRACT FOR A YEAR'S ADVERTISING." "GIT TH' EDITOR AN' TH' BANKER WITH YOU," SAYS TH' BOSS "AND TH' REST IS EASY!"

