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TESTS FOR AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS
The suggestion of Commissioner Barbur, of Portland, that physical and mental tests be required of applicants for automobile drivers' licenses is worthy of adoption not only by his city, but by the state.

What purpose does a driver's license serve at present? Scarcely any, save to provide something for police courts to take from a man for a season as a penalty for violating traffic laws. True, there are certain restrictions—on paper. The applicant must answer questions as to his age, experience, and physical soundness—but only the rarely honest incompetent answers these questions in a way to bar getting the bit of cardboard he wants. Of course the applicant has "driven" for six months and more. Driven what? How often? How successfully? And never has he any physical deformities that would prevent him from guiding a car skilfully.

"People drive cars when they have had no experience with them and don't know what to do in any emergency," states Mr. Barbur. "In Detroit recently they took the first 100 drivers they met and put them through tests and found only 13 who were entitled to a license. About half of the 100 were under the influence of liquor, some were maimed, some were one-eyed and one-armed and yet they were driving cars on the streets."

Conditions in Oregon are not so bad as that, but they are bad enough. Though we do not have so many drunken drivers as sousing wet Detroit, there are plenty of men and women with forty, sixty or eighty horsepower at their command and no sense or skill in directing it. 2146 people hurt and 70 killed in automobile accidents in Oregon the first six months of this year is anything but an enviable record.

There should be a real examination of applicants for motor vehicle drivers' licenses, under a competent officer susceptible neither to flattery, bribery, nor political pull. Let him get into a car with the applicant, and see what he or she can do with it.

Such a procedure, distasteful as it may be to those who lose by it, will have to come some day. As it is, we are living the world war over again—on our streets and highways.

THE CITY HALL CONTRACT

The awarding of the contract for constructing a jail and fire department garage under the city hall to John Miller is gratifying, for it means the employment of local labor on the project. In these times of comparative unemployment, jobs made available for Vernonia people who spend their money at home (when they have it) help not only the workers, but the merchants and the whole community. The price, too, is reasonable, and the taxpayer is glad to approve.

What's Doing On Oregon Farms . .

DALLAS—An irrigation tour for farmers and business men of Polk county has been arranged by County Agent J. R. Beck for Monday, August 11, for the purpose of observing the possibilities for economically increasing crops through irrigation. Various kinds of distribution systems in different stages of development will be seen. The tentative schedule of farms to be visited includes those of W. O. Morrow, S. H. Robins, J. A. Campbell, J. D. VanWell, John Vincent, and C. W. Brandstetter, with possibly one or two others.

OREGON CITY — Clackamas county is now producing approximately 40 per cent of the Oregon flax crop, estimates J. J. Inskeep, county agent. Figures kept on the farms of Chris Dopplet and the Berg brothers show net profits of \$30 to \$35 an acre growing flax on land that previously netted only \$5 to \$8 when planted to wheat or oats. Flax was first grown in this county about five years ago.

CANYON CITY— Phosphorous bearing fertilizers used on "run-out" alfalfa ground on the H. Ringsmeyer farm at Dayville are giving startling positive results, reports R. G. Johnson, county agent, who is conducting the tests. Johnson estimates that at least 800 acres of alfalfa land in Dayville section would benefit

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BEND—Calcium chloride applied for demonstration purposes last year on quack grass, morning glories, Canadian thistles and other weeds in Deschutes county shows kills varying from 75 to better than 95 per cent, says W. T. McDonald, county agent.

SOVIET LUMBER COMES IN

United States Treasury authorities on July 8 ordered admission of a cargo of 4,000,000 feet of Soviet lumber at Providence, R. I., and of wood pulp at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., which had been held up by the local customs authorities under protest that the material had been produced by convict or enforced labor, and was therefore inadmissible under the American customs laws. The Treasury department held that sufficient proof of such origin had not been submitted. Much Russian timber is prepared for export in camps operated by political prisoners and by kulaks exiled to these points and required to work. Letters from timber experts employed in Oregon and Washington by the Russian government portray the deplorable labor conditions prevailing in such camps. Many thousands of political prisoners, including two thousand women, are employed in preparing timber for export on Solovetsky Island, and according to bulletins issued by the Second (moderate) Socialist International, under such conditions that the annual mortality is twenty per cent. A curious phase of this situation is the fight by the British embassy for the admission of these cargoes because carried in British ships. This was a direct blow at a British dominion, Canada, which is the only important competitor of Soviet Russia in the import of spruce and wood pulp into the United States and which cannot meet the Russian competition from expropriated lands and with serf labor. Russia is preparing to treble her exports of timber, especially to the United States. The imports will displace American and Canadian free labor and furnish money for the war chest of a nation which has sworn the destruction of the United States.—National Republic.

Albany Door Factory Being Refinanced to Employ 150 Men

ALBANY GREATER OREGON. Practically all of \$125,000 has been subscribed by business men of Albany which will be added to \$200,000 by a Portland company to enlarge the facilities and provide working capital for the Albany Door company, one of the large employers of labor here. Part of the plant will be leased for making boxes which will add another industry for the city.

BRUSH CREEK—(UP)—Drillers here reached 70 feet, brought up wood.

INSURE with an OLD ESTABLISHED HOUSE

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What Other Editors . . . Think . . .

Because Oregon Republicans are prohibited by law to establish a definite set of principles and policies and because a minority of the party can nominate a candidate, an independent candidate for governor is a virtual certainty. It is time for Oregon to correct its election machinery to return to party government or to abandon the pretense entirely.—St. Helens Mist.

SAME EVERYWHERE

If some smooth talking out-of-town chaps walk into your office with hand outstretched, a cigar ready for you and a beaming smile, beware, especially if he is offering you some new special in the form of a promotion scheme.

Records in our state press association's office show that the small-town merchant is being made the goat for all manner of promotion ideas, from special advertising stunts to radio broadcasts. The warning is issued that you investigate their propositions thoroughly before signing up.—Pequot (Minn.) Review.

"Owl" is a new liquor designed by a New York rummie. One drink of it and you can't see daylight. McMinnville Telephone Register.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

Meier & Frank company to start work on \$2,000,000 building immediately; Lloyd, the Los

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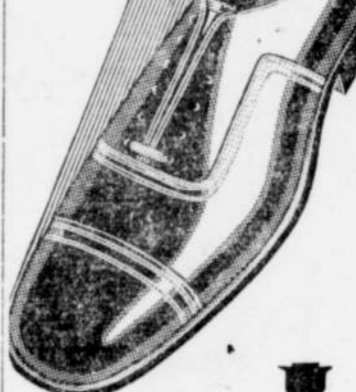
Angeles capitalist, calls for bids on excavation for three million dollar hotel and other buildings on east side, Portland; Weyerhaeuser to build pulp mill at Longview; Great Northern railroad will soon call for bids on 87 mile extension from Klamath Falls; Oregon Electric (G. N. & N. P.) extending railroad into Santiam timber; western railroad shops go back to 6 day week to get freight equipment in shape for moving of fall crops; Oregon Highway commission lets several road contracts. Looks like prosperity is rapidly approaching.—St. Helens Mist.

The nomination of Phil Metschan provokes no particular enthusiasm as far as we are able to judge. However the side of consistency and steadiness which he represents does not thrive on enthusiasm. He has made a commendable record in the management of his own business and is qualified to do the same for the state.—Forest Grove News-Times.

These tree sitting contests appeal to us as another confirmation of the popular interpretation of the Darwin theory of the descent of man.—Forest Grove News-Times.

Small boys in all parts of the

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country are competing for the world's tree-sitting "championship." It looks like it will take the school bell to bring them down.—St. Helens Mist.

Cold figures are deadly when it comes to swatting generalities and jumping at conclusions. While most people believe enforcement of the prohibition law is to blame for overcrowding the penitentiary, the warden says the largest number in the Oregon penitentiary are serving terms for burglary and larceny, and the 78 men serving time for murder are twice the number confined for dry law violations.—Hillsboro Independent.

Some of the old guard G. O. P. undoubtedly feel that Phil Metschan has his reservations all made for four years at Salem or maybe eight, but lots of reservations have been cancelled and next November may tell a different story.—Hillsboro Argus.

The Oregon senatorial delegation is staging a roundup about the admittance of Russian lumber to compete with the great pro-

duct of the Northwest. The lumber is said to have been turned out by convict labor. The mills of the Northwest shouldn't have to compete with lumber produced under such conditions, and if it were a product of the east coast it probably would not have to do so.—Hillsboro Argus.

Cherry Barreling is New Industry in Salem District; Several Carloads Shipped

Salem STATESMAN: Several carloads of cherries have been barreled this season at the West Salem fruit and dryer which has absorbed the surplus cherries of this area. Transactions were on a cash basis and only high grade cherries were accepted. This is the first season that cherries have been barreled in any amount in Oregon.

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