

Capitol Letter

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SALEM—(UP)—Several bills to rule potential killers off Oregon highways, will be introduced in the 1931 legislature.

Included in the proposed legislation, was a measure to compel automobile drivers to pass a competency test, and another to provide for licensing of only machines physically conditioned for highway traffic.

Figures show more deaths occurred in Oregon from automobile accidents last year and so far this year, than should have in proportion to the increase of automobiles.

Only 15 per cent of the cars on the nation's highways would be able to pass a safety test, according to reports received at the state house.

Although a state-wide test never was made in Oregon, a series of recent examinations in Portland showed only 19 per cent of the cars on the road there were in excellent physical condition.

Most states force would-be drivers to pass a road test before issuing them a license, traffic department attaches say. The test includes driving in traffic, stopping and starting on hills, turning on narrow streets, and several oral questions.

Another proposed bill said to be receiving more than a little attention from traffic experts of the state, is that which would compel pedestrians traveling on highways after dark to "light up" with some sort of a lantern.

The bill was recommended by Traffic Captain C. P. Talent. He said:

"Pedestrians on the highways at night are in danger themselves and constitute a menace to motorists.

"It is impossible, almost, to see these hikers walking along the side of the pavement, and frequently minor wrecks are the result of a sudden application of brakes, or the swerving of a car to prevent a more serious accident."

Talent believes should such a law be enacted, a pedestrian light of some type would be invented to meet the needs.

SALEM—(UP)—Unnecessary depletion of Oregon and Washington fir tree stands are threatened by unemployment, according to Lynn Cronmiller, state forester.

Cronmiller received word from Los Angeles authorities that an over supply of Christmas trees threatens to exist in Los Angeles markets this winter due to many persons entering the business through lack of other employment.

According to Cronmiller, a single Washington town will ship eight carloads of Christmas trees. Similar heavy shipments will leave other Oregon and Washington towns.

Although not opposed to Christmas tree cutting, foresters will urge those in the business only to cut enough trees to fill standing orders.

SALEM—(UP)—A "private chauffeur" each day transports

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6000 Oregon school children to school.

The school bus system has become of such importance in the state's education plan that the number of school busses increased in Oregon in one year from 175 transporting 3500 school children to nearly double that figure—300, according to figures released by James Burgess, assistant state superintendent of education.

Columbia county has 31 bus lines providing daily service for 654 students, Burgess figures showed.

During 1929-30, the average cost per student per year was \$44.53 and an average of 32.9 pupils were taken to classes each day, Burgess said. As each bus traveled an average of 20.6 miles per day, the cost of transferring each child each mile, every day was 1.02 cents.

Oregon will receive \$1,334,195 forest highway funds from the federal government for the year ending June 30, 1931, it was announced by Lynn Cronmiller, state forester.

This is nearly double what was received last year when only \$632,638 was apportioned to the state, it was said.

The additional funds were made available not only for more rapid road construction work but to aid in relieving unemployment, Cronmiller said.

CORVALLIS—(UP)—Oregon's dairy industry now ranks third in total income among her agricultural enterprises, being surpassed only by cereal production and livestock, according to biennial report of the Oregon Extension service.

Increases have taken place most rapidly in the irrigated districts of Eastern Oregon, and dairying has assumed an important place in these former livestock regions as well as in the coast sections.

CORVALLIS—(UP) That the average cost of producing walnuts in Oregon is \$60.58 an acre, or 17.4 cents a pound of nuts, and that present average yields are far below a profitable figure, is the gist of a preliminary report of the walnut cost study being carried on in the state by the farm management department of Oregon State college.

The study, which will continue at least two years, covers 119 producing orchards, totalling 2,818 acres, and includes trees ranging in age from 12 to 37 years.

Average investment in walnut

orchards in Oregon was found to be \$667 per acre, of which \$646 is orchard value and the remainder equipment and improvements.

Seedling trees and poor locations are believed to be the major reasons for low average yields. Pound costs ranged between the two extremes of 7.8 cents to \$1.05, with about half the growers as well as half the acreage falling below 17 cents average.

Only 37.4 per cent of the operating cost represents cash cost, according to the report, while labor costs accounted for 34.4 per cent of the total, taxes 3.6 per cent, interest on investment 50.9 per cent, and miscellaneous 11.3.

HILLSBORO—Three Washington county farmers are this year trying out Hood wheat, a new variety developed from a selection of Jenkins Club at the Oregon experiment station.

Farmers making trials of this new variety in cooperation with the county agent are Ritchey Brothers of Forest Grove and W. J. Enschede and J. L. Batchelder of Hillsboro.

OREGON NEWS ODDITIES BY UNITED PRESS

MEDFORD—Al Smith, (no relation to the brown derby) arrived here seeking a new title—"World's champion motorcycle pusher." He's pushing from Seattle, to New York.

ASTORIA—Hotel switchboards flashed when screams and shots issued from an adjoining building. "It's all in the play," clerks replied.

SALEM—Entering a Salem bank, a depositor left \$1900 in \$20 gold pieces. Latest coins were dated 1915.

AURORA—W. W. Irvin requested to be buried like pioneers of old. He was wrapped

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What Other Editors Think

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of "saving at the spigot and wasting at the bung-hole."
—Columbia River Pilot.

Chicago is noted for gangsters, Boston for beans, Los Angeles for hot air and Portland is rapidly rising to the front for its love triangles.
—Hillsboro Argus.

in a blanket. Indian boys were pallbearers.

BEND—Henry Blackwell could not remove an oil tank cap. He used a blow torch. The cap was removed. So was Henry.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Bill Bullis takes bedclothes to class, claims he is making a study of sound absorption and reflection.

ALBANY—J. W. Quattlebaum grew turnips 33 inches in circumference.

SALEM—Believe it or not, Ripley is wrong. Mrs. J. M. Woolery of Salem said her largest

chrysanthemums measured 42 inches in diameter, not four feet as "Rip" claimed in his noted feature.

ASTORIA—Beach sands drifted, revealed to horrified bathers, a skeleton.

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DEER GRAZES WITH COWS

From somewhere out of the foothills below Rainier, a doe came out Wednesday morning and through a woven wire fence fractured the greater part of the day with the cattle on the C. R. Patching place in Rainier drainage district. The doe, a partly grown deer, stayed on her side of the fence, probably because she could not go through it, while the cows stayed on theirs, but they stayed rather close together from early in the forenoon until late in the afternoon.

Presence of the doe was first discovered when Mr. Patching noticed that the cows were looking with curiosity through the wire fence at some object on the other side. He investigated, and found the doe close to the cows. It made no effort to run away, although it walked off into the un-

derbrush when Mr. Patching approached. The cows were full of curiosity over their visitor from the hills, while the doe seemed willing to have joined them if it had not been for the fence, Mr. Patching said.

Mr. Patching's first thought was to go to the house for a gun, but on second thought (he says Mrs. Patching supplied the second thought) it developed that the deer was a doe, that the season was closed and that the only gun on the place was a shotgun. The deer accordingly was unmolested and spent a quiet day browsing near the cattle.

Late in the afternoon the cows were still looking into the underbrush with curiosity and it was presumed that the doe was still there. That evening she went away, but the Patchings have no idea where she went or from whence she came.

—Rainier Review.

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