

## OREGON AUTOISTS GREETED BY CUT IN LICENSE FEES

AVERAGE CUT OF 25 PER CENT MADE—MUST BUY TWICE IN 1930

### STICKERS TO BE IN STYLE

Stickers Will Be Issued for First 6 Months—Retain 1929 Plates

Reductions of approximately 25 per cent will greet the automobile owner when he makes application for license for his motor vehicle the first of the year. This is in addition to a change in the beginning of the registration year, which will permit motorists to obtain licenses for a half year only at this time.

Changes made by the 1929 legislature put the licensing of all motor vehicles on a weight basis. Provision has been made for the three-quarter and one-fourth year license, in addition to the annual and half-year applications now possible. The retention of the 1929 metal number plate after the first of the year has been provided to do away with the issuance of two sets of metal plates in one year.

A windshield sticker will serve for the first six months, to be used with the 1929 plates. Then on July 1 the law becomes effective providing July 1 instead of January 1 as the date for buying new licenses.

#### Fees are Detailed

Annual fees for the registration of motor vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires will be as follows after January 1:

Weighing 1700 pounds or less, \$10.  
Weighing over 1700 and not over 3000 pounds, 90 cent per hundred pounds or fraction thereof.

Weighing over 3000 pounds and not over 4500 pounds, \$1 per hundred pounds or fraction thereof.  
Motor trucks, trailers or semi-trailers with one or more solid tires will pay 50 per cent additional over the regular fee.

Application January 1 will be accompanied by remittances for one-half the annual license fee, which will bring the owner a license to operate his car for the period ending June 30.

Secretary of State Hoss Tuesday sent out six tons of mail, all of it being license application blanks.

## H. C. Syme Was Watson Pioneer

Hutton C. Syme, 74, an oldtimer of Watson, died suddenly at the home of his son Carl in Roswell Thursday night. He had been in poor health since suffering fatal injuries in an accident several weeks ago. Funeral services will be held in Vale today at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Syme was born in Edinboro, Scotland, July 29, 1855. He came to this country at the age of 7. He resided in Malheur county 30 years and leaves a host of friends. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Bud Mattingly, Vale; a son Carl, Roswell; and a brother, John Syme of Weiser.

### NEBRASKAN SENDS DAIRY HERD AHEAD, HE IS LOCATING HERE

C. H. Poole of Marsland, Nebraska, had a hunch that Malheur county is the promised "farm" land. He loaded his household goods, his dairy cows and horses and sent them by train direct to Vale. Accompanied by George S. White, who also plans to locate here, they arrived Monday. Poole drove through and reached here a day later. Now, the newcomers are looking around for choice selections and are firmly convinced that this county offers the greatest land and water opportunity in the west.

Other homeseekers have mailed, or wired, the price of land but Mr. Poole is the first newcomer who sent in farm livestock and equipment in advance.

## EAST OREGON SHARES IN ROAD FUNDS

STATE WILL MATCH GOVERNMENT FUND \$11,900,000 FOR COMING YEAR

H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of the state highway commission, stated Tuesday that at the next meeting of the commission December 12, federal road aid will be used to the amount of \$235,000. Both the Central Oregon highway and Yellowstone cut-off are depending upon federal and state cooperation.

Mr. Van Duzer further announced that the balance as of today of federal aid funds for the fiscal year, from June 30, 1929, to July 1, 1930, is \$339,000. When this is used to the amount of \$235,000 December 12, there will be a balance of \$104,000, to be taken up at the January meeting.

At the first of the past year

there was an accumulation of federal aid funds—a carryover from 1928. It was due to the inability of the commission to proceed with highway construction work in Oregon because of the menace of the license cut bill. This surplus has been used and the money for the fiscal year.

Oregon will take up every available dollar of federal aid, said Van Duzer. The department of agriculture has apportioned funds, available July 1, 1930. Oregon's share is \$1,190,000. This will be matched by state funds on the basis of state 40 per cent, government 60 per cent.

## VAN PETTEN TAKES UP PUBLIC LAND SURVEY

IVAN E. OAKES ON COMMITTEE TO WORK ON LAND SURVEY IN OREGON

O. S. C.—(Special)—Work of assembling data on Oregon public lands for use of President Hoover's new land committee has been started by the Oregon reclamation congress, according to Dr. W. L. Powers, secretary. A committee of three has been appointed by President James Chinnock of Grants Pass to work with E. C. Van Petten, Oregon representative of the Hoover commission. The committee includes Ray Luper, Salem; Ivan E. Oakes, Burns; Marshall N. Dana, Portland.

A large base map is being prepared to show distribution of Oregon land in the public domain. Preliminary information indicates that the bulk of this area is grazing land, which in the southeastern section has an average grazing value at present of but 50 cents an acre.

Commenting upon the public land problem, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, said the difficulty of controlling problems growing out of the administration of the public domain has caused the appointment of a commission to study the possibility and feasibility of transferring public lands to the public land states. This commission met in Washington last week and is now studying the questions involving 190,000,000 acres of public lands.

Secretary Wilbur desires to see the government participation end when reclamation projects have been completed. The community affected, he said, should administer the completed work.

The prince of Wales has taken up knitting and crocheting according to cable dispatches. Can it be that he doesn't know that the war is over? Tourists, mostly Americans, left \$353,000,000 in France last year. This ought to enable the French to pay something on the American debt.

## OWYHEE

Several moves have been made in the Owyhee neighborhood during the past week. Noble Pullen family moved to the Ward place in Owyhee. Doc Pullen family from near Nyssa will move to the old home ranch. The Elsberry family left the Jack McConnell ranch to occupy the Lynn Kygar place.

L. T. Larson family returned home from a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends on the coast and central Oregon.

Mrs. Fred Klingback spent the week with her sister Mrs. Frank DeBord of Payette. Miss Evelyn DeBord was at the Klingback home during her absence.

Mrs. A. C. Bradley visited in the Lem Wilson home in Oregon Trail last week.

Nick Bach family of the Kolony moved to the Frank Morgan ranch which they leased for the coming year.

The Kolony P. T. A. held their regular meeting at the school house Friday afternoon. The program pertained to safety, health and thrift studies.

R. R. Overstreet returned home from an extended trip to Seattle and several California cities. He came to Boise thru Nevada and was brought from Boise to his home by his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Overstreet, Friday.

Mrs. Earnest Elsberry and two children have been visiting relatives in Caldwell.

Mrs. J. P. McGinnis was an overnight guest in the John Jarvis home Sunday.

### JORDAN VALLEY BENEFIT FOR OLD TIMER

As a benefit for John Baltzor, one of Jordan Valley's old timers, who has been ill the past month of typhoid fever, a dance will be given at the hotel hall this evening, December 14. Entire proceeds will go to Mr. Baltzor who has resided in the valley for the past 35 years. Women of Jordan Valley arranged to donate the dance supper.—It isn't such a bad world after all.

Lecturer W. C. Higgins is arranging for installation of the new officers of the Boulevard grange at the December session.

The new list of officers includes a number of names familiar in grange circles of Malheur county. Ora Clark is master; Frank McCarty, overseer; Mr. Higgins, lecturer; Earl Weaver, steward; Mrs. Edna Ware, chaplain; Hilton Clark, assistant steward; George McCarty, gate keeper; P. F. Weikal, secretary; Mrs. Ora Clark, lady assistant steward; Chas. Christeson, treasurer; Mrs. John Magnuson, Flora; Mrs. Frank McCarty, Pomona; Mrs. J. H. Howland, Ceres.

## W. T. TEUTSCH SPEAKER AT VALE POMONA MEETING

MALHEUR COUNTY GRANGES MADE MERRY AT THANKSGIVING FEAST SATURDAY

### JOINT - INSTALLATION NEXT

W. C. Higgins Invites Grangers to Joint Installation of Subordinate Officers December 13

A Thanksgiving feast, good enough for royalty, was served by the ladies of the Vale grange for the delegations from Big Bend, Boulevard, Oregon Slope, Harper, Westfall and Vale, a hundred strong, who were here for the all day meeting Saturday. There was roasted turkey and chicken, cranberry sauce and salads, scalloped potatoes, and celery, cakes and coffee. It was just the biggest kind of a dinner and there was more than enough for a noon and evening repast.

After the feast at noon, the lecturer's hour program was enjoyed. Mayor T. C. McElroy welcomed the visiting grangers and Master V. V. Hickox of Big Bend responded. W. L. Teutsch, Corvallis, assistant county agent leader of the state, gave the main address of the day. He stressed the growing importance of western coast markets and the local agricultural outlook. An address by Senator-Granger J. D. Billingsley; solo, Eugene Hickox; Essay on Thanksgiving, Marjorie Norvall; duet, Oregon Slope grange; reading, R. S. Grant, Big Bend; reading, "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin," Mrs. C. E. Peck, lecturer, Big Bend; reading, R. G. Larson, Boulevard; group singing, a line-up of qualifications of a standard grange, Mrs. Karl Norvall; and a suggestion for a joint installation of subordinate officers by W. C. Higgins, comprised an enjoyable program.

E. B. Conklin, chairman of the resolutions committee, promoted the passing of several resolutions of grange interest, which have since been mailed to national headquarters.

Mr. Higgins' installation was accepted for a joint installation of all subordinate officers at Boulevard hall December 13. A box supper was planned. All grangers are invited to attend—the ladies to bring box suppers. Another jolly good time is in store.

### GEORGE SALES, 83, WAS PIONEER OF JORDAN VALLEY (Contributed)

Death claimed an aged pioneer of Jordan Valley, George Sales, aged 83, who passed away at the Spanish hotel, Jordan Valley, where he made his home the last five years. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church last Saturday afternoon, Prof. Hayden assisting.

Mr. Sales had lived in the valley since 1884. At one time he owned the ranch on Hooker creek which is now the Fred Palmer place. He was a successful rancher and sheepman. When the Silver City mines were active, he supplied the miners with vegetables and farm produce. But as years rolled on, adversity overtook him. He did not complain and met his trials unflinchingly. He was respected and was loved by the children of the community in particular. He was a familiar figure on the streets and the day before his death seemed in his usual health.

The clouds that had hung low and threatening all day broke as the hour came for the funeral. The sun smiled. And amidst the peaceful quiet of a late autumn day, a good man was laid reverently and sadly to his final rest.—Mrs. R. L. Munter, Jordan Valley.

### Wife of McDermitt Banker Succumbs

McDermitt—The McDermitt and Jordan Valley communities mourn the death of Mrs. J. E. Ward, wife of the cashier of the Quinn River bank here, who passed away Wednesday afternoon, December 4. Mrs. Sarah Florence Ward had lived here and in the valley the past 12 years. She was a beloved worker in the Sunday School. Funeral services were held from the OreVada hall Friday afternoon with the Rev. Donahue of the Methodist church of Winnemucca officiating. Mrs. Eddy assisted with funeral arrangements.

After a decidedly weak end Congress has gone home for a week end.

## PHEASANT IS FARMER'S FRIEND SAYS O. S. C.

ANALYSIS MADE FROM EXAMINATION OF BIRDS FROM ALL PARTS OF STATE

So far as the samples sent from all parts of the state are concerned, the Oregon State college has come to conclude that the Chinese pheasants are more helpful to the farmers than predatory upon his crops.

Prof. Allen of the state college examined the contents of the gizzards of 35 Chinese pheasants sent to him by Perry Steilmacher, deputy game warden, from July 1 to August 1, and he has ascertained that they feed on insects and weeds which are harmful to the farmers.

Birds were captured by the game commission all over the state on July 1 and August 1, and sent to the college where the contents of the stomachs were analyzed by specialists in the departments on entomology, farm crops and veterinary medicine.

Weed seed and insects were found to constitute by far the major food of the birds, with only small amounts of field crops. Animal food was mostly grasshoppers, sundry beetles, chitins and various small insects in adult or larval forms.

Small amounts of rye grass, wheat, vetch, barley, oats and blue grass were balanced by quantities of weed seeds such as buttercup, bindweed, bull thistle, bachelor button, wild blackberry, rat-tail fescue, dandel, cornel, snowberry, wild turnip, wild rose, sow thistle, wild mustard, buckthorn, knotweed, trefoil and sedge.

### VALE

Mrs. John Norwood was here from Jamieson Tuesday. She is contemplating moving to her fine new residence in Vale soon. The contractors are completing the interior. The beautiful little bungalow has an attractive stucco exterior finish.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Shurtliff enjoyed the visit of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kinghorn, of Sugar City, Ida., last week end. Mr. Kinghorn has been the depot agent at Sugar City for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Millous Lawrence and children went to Unity Saturday to make a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. H. Lawrence.

Mrs. L. L. Campbell has been quite ill. She was at the Vale sanitarium for about two weeks.

"The big affair in Brogan Saturday night was the dance and chicken pie supper given by the ladies aid," said G. Y. Chester, Jr., a visitor here Monday. Quite a crowd attended.

## MRS. E. M. CRAIL SOLVED SCHOOL TUITION QUERY

JUDGE NOE PLEASSED BY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF SCHOOL AND ROAD PROBLEMS

Yards of tabulated figures compiled by Mrs. E. M. Crail, county school superintendent, removed all doubts as to the annual amounts paid out of the high school tuition fund since 1915, and settled an important question at the budget meeting of the Malheur county court in Vale Wednesday. The figures showed that high schools had received nearly all that was due them, under the law, and the matter was straightened out satisfactorily. To care for an increasing cost, due largely to bus transportation to come out of the high school tuition fund, the court raised the high school tuition item in the budget from \$19,000 to \$21,000.

The court also managed to increase the general road fund enough to take care of the highway right-of-way for the Central Oregon highway from Harper to Juntura. The survey is about completed and right-of-way must be secured before a contract can be let.

Judge H. Lee Noe is well pleased by the outcome of a budget session that was confronted by two major problems. Commissioners Frank T. Morgan and J. D. Fairman were present.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purdy a 7 1/4 pound girl at Ontario Tuesday. Numerous friends have already called to see the welcome arrival, a first child.

Clarence Winters family of Adrian were overnight guests in the Al Winters home Friday.

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