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STATE LEADS IN AUTO PER CAPITA.

Iowa Has One Machine for Every Fifteen Persons—California Second.

Iowa still leads in the number of automobiles per capita of the states of the United States, but California is a close second, according to figures secured by Roy Allen, head of the Iowa automobile registration department.

Iowa was one automobile for every fifteen persons in the state, while California has one machine to every sixteen persons.

Iowa stood sixth in the table of states in point of automobiles owned at the close of 1915. This is the position it occupied at the close of 1914. Although there was a gain of 39,734 machines in Iowa in 1915, the states which held the lead in 1914, also gained in number of cars, so that Iowa remained in its old position.

Ohio, which stood fourth in 1914 also gained in number of cars, bringing it up to second, and California, which held third position in 1914, dropped back to fifth in 1915.

New York Has 231,484. The number of cars registered in the seven states which had more than 100,000 machines each in 1915, follows: New York 231,484; Ohio, 181,250; Illinois, 180,477; Pennsylvania 163,481; California 162,621; Iowa 145,821; Massachusetts 102,633.

In 1914 these states ranked as follows, as to the number of machines registered: New York 168,223; Illinois 131,140; California 123,504; Ohio 122,348; Pennsylvania 110,963; Iowa 106,087; Massachusetts 77,246.

According to the 1915 report New York, which has the most machines of any state, has only one to every 40 residents of the state, Ohio has one to 26 people, Illinois one to 31, while Pennsylvania has one to every 41, and Massachusetts has one car for every 22 inhabitants.

Table with 2 columns: State, Number of Cars Registered. Lists states from Alabama to Wisconsin with their respective car counts.

Total 2,190,597. This table shows Florida to have the smallest number of cars. Only 1,494 automobiles are owned in that state.

License for Selling Meat.

We have had several inquiries lately from subscribers who say that they have been informed that the farmer is not permitted to butcher and sell his own meat without a license. Apparently a deliberate effort has been made to create this impression by some of the local butchers in different parts of the state.

There is no such regulation. State Dairy and Food Commissioner Barney advises us that the sanitary law requires that a license be procured for each place where fresh meats are sold at retail. The fee for the license is \$2, and it covers a market or vehicle from which sales of meat are made.

Good Business For Sale.

I am offering my ice cream factory and restaurant business for sale. This property is all clear of encumbrance, doing a fine business and it is an opportunity for some one to step into a good business. Will sell for part cash, balance on good terms.

Motorcycle.

New and rebuilt, on monthly payment plan. Dealers and riders wanted. Eagle Motor Co., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Mrs. W. R. Hagan.

Sister Flo Fern Hagan, whose maiden name was Hamilton, daughter of John Hamilton and wife, living one mile west of Pleasanton, Iowa, was called from the church militant to the church triumphant, Sunday, Jan. 2, 1916, 3 miles southwest of Pleasanton on the old homestead. She was seriously sick little more than a week and her death felt like a pall over the entire community.

The funeral services were held in the Christian Union church in Pleasanton, Monday, Jan. 3, at 2 p. m., conducted by the writer. The spacious edifice would not accommodate the people that were in evidence of the esteem in which she was held and will be a measure of comfort to all that are bereft by her early demise.

Flora Fern Hamilton was born in Harrison county, Missouri, 24 years, 6 months and 26 days ago. She was united in marriage to W. R. Hagan, December 26, 1911. Two children, a son and a daughter are the fruits of this union.

Charles R. Goble, son of John and Eliza Ellen Goble, was born near Elgin, Illinois, Dec. 6, 1853, and died at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, Jan. 2, 1916, being at the time of his death 62 years and 29 days old.

On September 10, 1883, death visited this home and the little daughter Mattie was taken, this being the only break in the family.

On Dec. 6, 1876, Mr. Goble, together with his wife, united with the Providence Baptist church, of which he remained a consistent member until his death.

Funeral services were held at Davis City Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. W. Smith, of the Baptist church of Humeaston.

Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Davis City.

Notice of Final Report.

In the Estate of James Gallhager, deceased. In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Decatur County.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Edward Lockwood, administrator of the estate of James Gallhager, has filed his final report therein in the office of the clerk of the district court in and for the aforesaid county, and has asked for its approval and his discharge from any further duty or responsibility therein.

EDWARD LOCKWOOD, Administrator.

Mayor's Proclamation.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance to an ordinance passed by the City Council of Leon, Iowa, on the 10th day of January, 1916, authorizing the Mayor to call a special election for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing to the Leon Electric Company a franchise for the purpose of operating and maintaining an electric and steam heating system in the City of Leon, Iowa, and to use the streets, alleys, and public grounds of said City for said systems: to supply said City and inhabitants with light, heat, and power (both electric and steam) for a period of Twenty-five years, and to use said streets, alleys, and public grounds of said City for the purpose of carrying of transmission lines for the supply of said commodities to parties outside of the limits of said City.

It is further provided that if the said company fails to replace any of its lamps that become broken, burned out or defective, or to make any necessary repairs in its lines, that after reasonable notice and failure to comply, the said City shall have the right to order said lamps replaced, or said lines repaired, and to charge the actual cost thereof to the company.

All street lamps, including any that may be hereafter installed, are to be turned on Two Thousand Hours (2000) per annum as directed by the City Council.

It is provided however, that if any time, a type of electric lamp more modern, efficient and economical than the Tungsten Lamp should come into use, upon notice from the city the Company shall install such lamp in place of the tungsten lamp, and should the cost of installation and maintenance of said lamp be greater than the tungsten lamp, then such sum as may represent the difference shall be added to the amount due or to become due said company; and should the cost and maintenance of said lamp be less than the tungsten lamp, then such sum as represents the difference in cost shall be subtracted from the amount due, or to become due, said company.

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The complainant shall deposit One and Fifty-One Hundred Dollars (\$150) which sum shall be the fee for making such test, with the person designated to make such test. Such test shall be made by the City Clerk or other person designated to make the same, at such place and time as said complainant and said Electric Company shall be given notice of the time and place of such test, and an opportunity to be present at the time.

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That said grantee shall do no permanent injury to any street, sidewalk or alley, or pavement thereon, nor trim any shade trees along the streets and alleys of the City without first notifying the owner thereof or some person having control of same, or in any manner unnecessarily interfere with any water pipe, sewer, telegraph, telephone or electric wires which are now or may hereafter be made by the City of Leon, and that during the progress of the work of said grantee it shall not unnecessarily obstruct the streets, alleys or public places, and shall complete each part of the work commenced as speedily as practicable, and restore all streets, alleys and public places to as good and like conditions as before said work was begun.

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The city of LEON shall have the right to install such additional street lights from time to time as it may desire, but said grantee shall not be obliged to extend its poles and wire lines for a distance of more than Four hundred (400) feet from its lines as then constructed, to supply one (1) additional lamp for street lighting.

The rights herein granted are given by said City Council of the City of Leon and accepted by said Leon Electric Company upon the express condition that this Ordinance shall not become effective or binding until it shall have been submitted to and approved by a majority of the electors of the said City of Leon casting their votes upon the following proposition:

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One reason why clergymen are prematurely gray is because they have to face so many heavy-hearted bridegrooms who never come in on time without being punched in the ribs by the bride's father or the best man, or both.

Whenever there is going to be a wedding the bridegroom is invited to come to the church and be taught how to assemble his legs and hands so that he will know what to do with them during the ceremony. One of the greatest trials an eager, conscientious bride can have is a hollow-headed bridegroom, who is liable to mar the most solemn part of the occasion by standing with his legs crossed and both hands folded peacefully across his stomach.

If it were not for the bridegrooms who have no sense of location and are apt to walk into the furnace room on the way to the altar, there would be no necessity of heating a large, stained-glass church for rehearsals, at heavy expense to some broken hearted parent.

The bridegroom is not consulted about anything until the honeymoon is over, when the law gives him the right to assert his authority with a ball bat, if necessary. Every once in a while some rash and untutored bridegroom will object to cutting the word "obey" out of the ritual service, but he is stopped at once by the voice of the conscience and a sledgehammer look from the bride's mother.