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WHERE WILL IT END?

At the end of its first year in operation, the California gasoline tax of 2 cents a gallon produced \$12,226,145 for the state, remarks an exchange. When a Ford owner puts in ten gallons of gas and pays a 20-cent state tax on the same, he doesn't think so much about it as he would if he got a single bill at the end of the year for 2 cents a gallon on 500 gallons of gas, or \$10. When the gas tax has been raised as high as the traffic will stand, we will see a tire tax. It will only be a step from this to a tax levied on bank checks, railroad tickets and newspaper sales—a cent here, a cent there—millions in the aggregate. After we have gone around in a circle long enough in this manner we will come to the conclusion that tax reduction is not secured by shifting taxes or finding new sources of taxation. In the long run, the consumer pays the bill and by the time all the various special taxes with which he is now loaded are added to his regular tax, the tax item in the cost of living will be larger each month than the family grocery bill. The gasoline tax is a beautiful illustration of the enormous amounts special taxation extracts from the public by five-and-ten-cent-store methods.

A French anatomical expert says that high heels on women's shoes tend to deform their feet, and may eventually cause spinal trouble. Yet when high heeled shoes are fashionable, it is difficult to persuade the women not to wear them. Anyone would think also, that shoes thus made would be so difficult to walk with that women would get out of the habit of taking the exercise they need, if they wear them for any considerable part of the time. Women wear much more healthful clothing than they did in former years, and other like changes will come in due time. They gradually learn that health, physical capacity, and ability to compete on even terms with men in business and sport, make them more attractive than fads and fancies of fashion.

The survey tells of a young man who was selling an encyclopedia on farming. One of his first prospects was a foreman looking farmer whose home was a leaky shanty with woebegone surroundings. The youthful salesman told the discouraged farmer how much it would help him improve his methods. "Young man," replied the latter, "I ain't farmin' now as well as I know how." A lot of people know how to do their work better than they do it. Their information is good, but the sense of ambition is missing. Such types of characters are abnormal in hustling America. If a boy is indolent, have him take a physical examination, and see if some defective condition is not making him act in an unnatural way.

The government has just contracted for twelve billion stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, which it will sell at retail for a trifle more than the cost of the stamps, and then throw in the printing for another trifle, beating the printers and stationers out of millions of dollars worth of business which properly should go to them, remarks an exchange. One of these days some clerk in the postal department will persuade Uncle Sam that it will be a great convenience to the public to sell them clothing and dry goods and groceries and other commodities at less than cost, the business being carried on in a public place visited daily by the bulk of the people, with overhead and all other expense absorbed in the postal deficit.

The deplorable snobbery of a certain class of Americans (?) was again in evidence recently when the self-proclaimed "Czarina of Russia" was entertained free of charge at the "best" hotels—when she wasn't the "guest" of the elite—given the use of high powered automobiles, free entrance to the theatre boxes and free transportation to and from the United States (board and lodging presumably included both ways). All for the sake of the great honor of groveling at the feet of the "royal" personage. Congress should complete the list of gratuities by granting the lady an annuity.

With the railroads of the country paying increased dividends from a corresponding growth in traffic and the Southern Pacific company yielding returns on its common stock for the first time in thirty years, it certainly doesn't appear as if the automobile stage industry was driving them to the poor-house.

Can it be possible that the gradually rising prices in the corn market at this time of the year is due to—but, of course, there are other ingredients besides corn that will combat that interior chill.

The motorists are asked to help make the roads safer. Some people could help a lot by leaving their ears in the garage.

Some people don't seem to be thoroughly happy unless they read shocking revelations of wrongdoing every day.

This is regular Christmas weather—with a chill thrown in.

Just how cold is "awful cold?"

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Did you skim
The milk this a. m.
With a chicken?

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DUMBBELL DORA THINKS

"The snow, the bee-you-tiful snow," is the cat's gossamer when it comes to chilblains.

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The legion feller met last eve and tuned in on their one-tube radio.

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Many a feller had to go to work today without washin' out his eyes.

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Little Dumbell Dora had a crimp put in her hair last night and the freeze made it permanent.

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The worst thing about the cold weather is the recurrence of the galeous epidemic.

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The damsel with the fur-lined underwear are wreathed with smiles today while those who adhere to the silken garments have the well known wry look upon their mugs.

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Many a fillyer was all steamed up this a. m. and no place to go.

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It's even too cold for a feller's nose to drip and many a poor bird is runnin' around with an icicle ticklin' his chin.

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Ye ed, was out throwin' a blanket over the radiator on the bus today when some wisecracker walked by and said: "Never mind tryin' to cover it up, we saw it."

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The gay college feller will be back this weekend makin' the semi annual raid on Dad's pocketbook.

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We read today where a couple misses, septogenarian and octogenarian in ages, donned the gloves each day and engaged in a fist encounter "just to keep in condition." It will be noted that the prefix "Miss" is attached to each name, which limits their ring activities with the commonly called gentler sex.

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As yet the college glee clubs have not invaded this section with their bedroom farces and alley quartettes.

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Another calendar arrived at our sanctum today and was placed on top of the one we rec'd yesterday.

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Xmas greetin' cards are the depe after the worst greetin' comes after the Yuletide when the checks come back marked "N. S. F."

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The janes with the close shingles are just beginnin' to feel the pangs of winter.

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"Thought I'd never git that gold durned pump thawed out this mornin'!"

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The only complete electrical stock in town—Hudson Electric Store.

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Officers are today searching for the man who last night passed a raised \$1 bill at the Liberty theatre. A good description was obtained of the man, who presented a bill in exchange for admission. The denomination of the paper money had been carefully increased from \$1 to \$10 so that it escaped the notice of the cashier, who accepted the bill, and gave his change. When the fact that the number had been changed was noticed, the man had slipped away, and could not be located. Officers were notified at once and the description was telephoned to various points, and warnings issued to watch out for the raised bills. The government will be advised of the case and will probably set the forces at work to locate the man.

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HONOR McCURT'S MEMORY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—A memorial service in honor of the late Justice John McCurt, of the Oregon Supreme Court, will be held by the State Bar Association in the chambers of the supreme court here next Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. Resolutions will be offered for adoption and several speakers will be heard. The program has not been announced.

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RADIO PROGRAMS

From Pacific Coast Stations

December 17

KLX—Oakland Tribune—8 p. m. varied program of vocal and other music.

KNX—Los Angeles Express—7 p. m. concert orchestra.

KFSG—Angelus Temple, Los Angeles—2:30 p. m. auditorium service.

KJLH—Los Angeles Times—10 p. m. dance music from Biltmore Hotel.

KGW—The Oregonian, Portland—5 p. m. children's program: fairy stories.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles—10 p. m. Don's Melody makers.

KGO—General Electric Co., Oakland—4 p. m. orchestra music.

December 18

KGO—General Electric Co., Oakland—8 p. m. special program of vocal and instrumental music: comedy skit.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles—10 p. m. Syl Prior, piano, accordionist and others.

KGW—The Oregonian, Portland—5 p. m. children's hour.

KJLH—Los Angeles Times—6 p. m. Hickman's orchestra and children's hour.

KFSG—Angelus Temple, Los Angeles—10 p. m. organ and vocal recital.

KNX—Los Angeles Express—8 p. m. Cordeiro Trio; dinner hour feature.

December 19

KLX—The Oakland Tribune—8 p. m. special program depicting a "Radio Christmas," consisting of vocal chorus, instrumental music and solos.

KNX—Los Angeles Express—10 p. m. amateur hour.

KFSG—Angelus Temple, Los Angeles—9:15 p. m. band concert.

KJLH—Los Angeles Times—8:30 p. m. children's hour; bedtime story.

KGW—The Oregonian, Portland—7:15 p. m. lecture provided by University of Oregon Extension division.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles—8:45 p. m. Aeolian organ recital.

December 20

KFO—General Electric Co., Oakland—8 p. m. band concert; instrumental and vocal solos; address "Christmas Message," vocal solos.

KFI—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles—10 p. m. Packard Radio Club.

KGW—The Oregonian, Portland, Ore.—10 p. m. dance music.

KJLH—Los Angeles Times—10 p. m. Biltmore Hotel dance orchestra.

KFSG—Angelus Temple, Los Angeles—3:30 p. m. studio program, impromptu.

KNX—Los Angeles Express—10 p. m. dance music.

Ego Secret Balm, the greatest healer for cuts, bruises, etc. Try it, \$1.00 box, D. P. Fisher, agent.

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BOXING GLOVES KEEP OLD GIRLS IN TRIM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—Ladies and gentlemen: "In this corner we have Young Joe Davidson, aspirant champion of the whole wide world; in the other corner 'Kid' Peabody, conqueror of Old Age and Sadness." With such panache, a referee might introduce Miss Joe Davidson, 77, and Mrs. Ann Feabody, 80, inmates of the Old Ladies' Home here, who have become so interested in boxing that they have started sparring in order "to keep in good trim."

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