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ROSEBURG, OREGON, SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1925.

AUTOMOBILE LEARNERS

Every year a new tribe of novices in automobile driving are on the road, and it is a matter of some consequence to themselves and the public as to how many errors they make in the new art they are attempting.

The horrible spectacle that marked the hanging of two murderers at Salem yesterday hardly constitutes an argument for the abolishment of capital punishment, but it certainly does establish a strong reason for changing the method of carrying it out.

A picture of the job of work that awaits the United States Congress at each session was given by the statement that 18,000 measures were offered to the Congress that adjourned on March 4.

The public has been warned over and over again of the danger of buying securities of people who handle worthless stocks, but the suckers still keep biting.

A man went into a store where he was not acquainted with anyone some time ago, and observed several men working together and he wondered which was the manager.

We had an idea that the beer opening in Toronto, Canada would lure a big crowd of parched persons from the United States, but we never imagined that the crush would be so tremendous as to cause that tidal wave on Lake Ontario, reported in today's dispatches.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS— Does the bottom Of yer feet burn From walkin' from One end of the Village to the Other—

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS An octopus is an enclosed car.

Goshamighty, wasn't that parade a humdinger!?!?

Those Oakland Gobblers knocked the boys for a loop.

The Bandon Beachmen were all dolled out in their bathin' suits for the Satidny night bawln'.

Ye ed. entered the sack race event yestiddy and ended fifth, five contestants competin'.

An antiquated flivver steamed down the main stem this a. m. with Louie Davis at the helm. Those are the kind of cars girls walk home from.

The big dawnc at the army tonight oughta attract a large crowd of local grappers.

Ben King, Bandon Beachman de luxe, who uter get his mail in this village, was among the visitors today. Ben brought over a sack of ocean breeze which he passed out as samples of the ozone in his home town.

Big Splash Norton, who was elected to that honored position as head of the Beachmen, has the best shape of the hull dern crew. Nort looks like a model for a Gersard corset and no wonder the Mermaids leave home.

Eddie Young, the biggest gobbler that ever gobbled, marched at the head of the Oakland fellers today and Ed certainly looked dignified. Ed came over to demand damage money from the Umpqua Chiefs who recently invaded the Oakland section and swiped all the tailfeathers from their turks to make war-bonnets.

Bob Stanfield arrived in our midst today and we haven't had a chance to talk to him yet. He's sure do for a dern good bawlin' out. Those last seeds he sent us never did sprout.

Dock Cooper has deserted broncho ridin' since he hit the dust along the main stem last year when his steed performed a collic-jit fox trot. Dock is now riding the hurricane deck of a motorcycle, as eatin' yer meals standin' ain't so funny.

Hi ho hum— Oh goah We can Sleep Tomorry mornin'.

GOOD NEWS FOR HOT WEATHER SUFFERERS

The refreshment counter at the Terminal Hotel is prepared to serve ice cream and all kinds of cold drinks. Motor parties served in front of hotel any time; will deliver a quart of ice cream any place in the city at any time.

FRED JONES, Prop.

VETERAN HIT BY AWNING

Henry Van Hess, a resident of the Oregon Soldiers Home, was slightly injured yesterday afternoon, when he was struck by an awning, dropped by workmen at Kidder's shoe store. The men were working with the awning, when it slipped in some manner and fell on the old veteran, who was passing underneath. He was stunned for a few minutes, but was otherwise unharmed.

DO NO concrete work in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery without permission of the trustees.

H. S. FRENCH, Chairman.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Bring wood and molar to Farm Bureau Exchange Thursday and Friday, May 28 and 29. R. L. Beckley.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

H. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 a. m.

Precipitation in inches and humidity in percent from Sept. 1, 1924, to date.

Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1924, to date.

Total excess from Sept. 1, 1924, to date.

Average precipitation for wet seasons, (September to May, inclusive).

Pair tonight and Sunday, combined.

WILLIAM BELL, Meteorologist.

All Had a Good Time

Our Delicatessen was crowded with people during the Carnival, and many learned what an easy matter it is to depend upon us. Just keep right on coming in for your lunch dainties and pastry. We have 'em.

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STATE PRESS COMMENT

L. N. DAY.

His great intelligence led many who did not agree with him in all things to highly respect and admire former Senator L. N. Day. He was a fair and square fighter. He respected, and had the respect of all fair opponents. There was no question about the high order of his citizenship. He was a born leader of men. He had a great deal to do with the inauguration of the system of improved highways in Oregon. He was, perhaps the leading spirit in securing the original six million dollar bond issue with which the work was started. It is a work that probably not one individual in the state would now wish to undo.

The final report to the legislature by the tax investigating commission of which Senator Day was the head, was a public achievement of the first rank. It is a masterly analysis of the tax situation, with constructive proposals for a better system.

To gathering material for that report, Senator Day devoted two years in active endeavor. In his study of the subject he traveled through the East and consulted the highest authorities on taxation. It is doubtful if any head of any public committee in Oregon ever took his responsibility more seriously or devoted so much time and personal effort to it. In time, Senator Day's findings in that report will be largely applied to the Oregon tax system, because they are fundamental and manifestly sound.

If Senator Day had no other monument, his great analysis of taxation is a legacy to his fellow citizens to stand as a lasting memorial to his work and his citizenship. — Portland Journal.

MOTHERS' PENSIONERS

The mothers' pension is intended to provide for dependent children in their homes. It is believed by those who initiated the plan, that the child would be better off in the care of his own mother, than in any institution.

In practice, this belief has been more than justified, and the law has been generally approved so that every poor child whose father is dead, or disabled, receives the assurance of food, clothing, shelter and a mother's companionship.

According to Miss Sophie Irene Loeb, president of the Child Welfare Committee of America, the operation of the law shows that it has the added virtue of economy.

In round numbers, it cost the city of New York, in 1923, over \$4,000,000 to take care of 12,600 children in institutions. It cost the board of child welfare \$4,500,000 to take care of 23,000 children in the homes of their own mothers. It cost the city \$23.48 a month to keep the institutional child, and it cost the welfare board a little over \$15.00 to keep it in its mothers' home.

It is always deplorable that any child should be obliged to rely upon sources outside the family for its support. If readily accepted it weakens the moral fibre of the child. It received reluctantly and under the compulsion of stern necessity. It breeds a sensitiveness and bitterness that nothing can quite remove.

However, since such aid must now and then be given, by all means let it be done in and through the home. Taxical and self-sacrificing charity that reaches the child only through the mother's services, is the best means of preserving for him the self respect that is his surest armor. — Portland Journal.

BRYAN'S ATTITUDE

In one of his diatribes against those who venture to differ from him in religious belief, and against the upholding of the funny anti-evolution law in Tennessee, Mr. Bryan said at New York: "We must win if the world is to be saved." That is precisely what Mr. Bryan said in 1894, only then it was the United States which was to be saved by the victory he was in win for the silver. Mr. Bryan and his silver lost and the United States has gone right along.

Mr. Bryan at present is giving the most notable public exhibition of individual history of recent years. When a student at Brown university asked him a question the other day, that startled him, he insisted the student and stalked off the platform. When a Congressional minister at New York differed from this statement that moderns cannot send missionaries abroad "because they have no message to send," Mr. Bryan replied: "After this I'll not be in the congregation. But if they have no message and stand by nothing, I'll leave them out."

In his response, Mr. Bryan has responded advanced the idea that "the hand that controls the schools." The implication is sinister. Mr. Bryan would make the test of a school

merely bowed. The king and queen didn't say a word.

And out of this pantomime, the so-called Americans achieved, so they say, one of life's greatest social heights.

Let's pity them! Let's forgive them for their weakness in thinking that this dumb show cast any glory on them. Rather did it, if it meant anything at all, emphasize their own inferiority.

But the dumb show didn't mean anything, that is, to men and women of the real American stripe. It was simply one of those insipid affairs which serve as one of the few remaining props to royalty in that they are meant to inculcate the idea that the king and queen are fashioned from superior clay. This idea has been bumped pretty hard of late, but royalty still persists in fighting for self-preservation. The dumb show reception, in which the ruled bow to their rulers, is a part of the game.

American women whose ancestors, perhaps, fought at Bunker Hill or at Brandywine have so far forgotten the sacrifices of their forebears as to esteem it an honor to curtsy before kings and queens. It is to laugh.

Here in the United States we are all kings and queens, not by right of birth, but by right of our own achievements. If we live rightly and achieve nobly we earn our claim to the purple and there is no better title of ownership—Albany Herald.

Who Pay the Taxes. People generally imagine that agriculture pays from half to three-fourths of the property taxes levied in Oregon. Until within the last 25 years such was the case, and the tradition has persisted. The facts are that this year agriculture is paying only 26 per cent of the property tax, including the \$1,500,000 of irrigation and drainage district taxes levied upon the small acreage within those districts. Aside from this \$1,500,000 of district taxes, agricultural property pays only \$9,500,000 in taxes, or 22 1/2 per cent of the \$42,600,000 property tax bill.

Public utilities and railroads are paying \$5,500,000 in property taxes this year, or 12 1/2 per cent of the total. Timber and sawmill property outside of the cities pay slightly more, or \$4,417,000. As there is much lumber and sawmill property and stock within the cities, it may be said that the lumber industry and the public service corporations pay considerably more in property taxes than all the agricultural interests of the state.

Property located within the cities pays the largest part of the total. The taxes levied on property within city limits this year amounts to \$22,452,874, or 52 1/2 per cent of the total—Oregon Voter.

ABOLISH THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE. If the people of the United States would exercise care and ordinary common sense there would be no need for a Dead Letter Office. Last year there were 21,618,185 undeliverable letters sent to that office. In addition thereto, there were 304,542 parcels post packages sent there. Such a waste is almost unbelievable, yet they are official. The Government spent \$1,740,000 to look up addresses last year, with the result that 200,000,000 other pieces of mail reached their intended destination.

Almost all of this could have been prevented if people had used a little more care in addressing letters and packages. The names of the post office, the state and the street numbers are omitted in millions of instances. It is true that some of the miscarriages are due to the fact that the addresses have moved, but all the mail would have been returned to the writers had they taken the precaution to place a return address on the envelopes. This address should be placed on the face of the envelope, and not on the back where it is liable to be overlooked. Some people have an idea that it is "smart" to put the address on the "flap," but, instead, it is silly.

Abolish the Dead Letter Office by using care and common sense. — American Economist.

NEW NOTE IN INDUSTRY. The new president of the Federation of the Labor says that industrial wars are caused by "a flagrant disregard or denial of the common rights of either employers or employees."

The things to do, he declares, is for each to place to rest the other side as well as its own, and to realize the common ground between them, instead of emphasizing their differences.

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