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LITTLE MORE COURTESY.

A little more courtesy would not be a bad thing in everyday driving. Apparently there is nothing like the feel of an automobile steering wheel to amputate a man from his manners and cause him to revert to the savage.

Back east they have a little custom that is seldom if ever practiced in California. It does much to solve the headlight problem.

Despite the attempts in California to legislate glaring headlights out of existence about fifty per cent of the cars met on the road at night are carrying lights which may be legal but which are none the less extremely disconcerting to the average motorist.

This is just one example of what one motorist can do to help out his fellow gasoline consumer. There are a lot of other courtesies of the road that might be observed to the general public benefit and they are nothing more or less than common politeness transferred to the highway.

The arrogant attitude assumed by some folks when they climb into the family hack doesn't do them any good, but it does give the other fellow a chance to get nasty himself. Why is it that a man who is in no particular hurry, merely out for a Sunday ride, when held up at a crossing for about ten seconds, will get red in the face and scream insultingly at some other motorist?

Let's try to practice a little more courtesy on the road and think of the other fellow once in a while. It does not cost anything, and enables you to enjoy life a whole lot more than you do when you get apoplectic over a trivial question of the right of way.—Touring Topics.

WATCH YOUR DRIVING.

The growing number of traffic accidents during the summer season has prompted Secretary of State S. A. Koser to send out an appeal to the press of Oregon to co-operate in urging motorists to use extreme care and caution on the road, particularly while the tourist travel is heavy.

His is a timely warning. Only Saturday twelve occupants of a sight-seeing bus on the upper Columbia highway were injured when the bus struck a tree. The bus was trying to pass a truck at the time and was forced off the road. Obviously there was a lack of caution on the part of the driver.

There were four serious traffic accidents in Portland on the same day. The newspapers almost every day chronicle one or more such happenings, emphasizing the need of extreme vigilance and conservative driving on the part of the operators.

The secretary of state in his letter to the press closes with this paragraph: "I feel quite sure that co-operation between the state press and the traffic division of the state department will tend to direct the attention of all drivers to the necessity of care on their part, and impress upon them their direct liability and risk by failure to observe certain rules of the roadway as well as impose upon other vehicles unnecessary dangers. Full co-operation will reduce to a great extent our records of violations in this state and prevent many accidents which are avoidable."

BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

Signs have appeared in the Near East which indicate that some of the bread we are casting upon Atlantic-Mediterranean waters may make the proverbial return trip. Nobody expected this to be—mainly because there was no return address on the bread.

Without anybody's authority, and with no trade agreements beforehand to excuse it to any of our well-known business competitors, the Lavan seemingly has taken a trading fancy to the brand of American goods we are sending to the starving.

Warranted or not, definite indications have appeared during the recent tour of the Near East by Dr. Edkin E. Pratt, who is managing director of the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant in New York.

"When peace contributes some stability to the Near East," said the commerce official while in Constantinople, "a certain amount of con-

crete trade returns will be realized from the foods and commodities given by America for relief work.—The Nation's Business.

CHEERFUL FARM OUTLOOK.

The governor of Minnesota said, in a recent address, that a cursory survey showed no reason for pessimism over the agricultural situation in the Northwest.

According to the governor, crops are plentiful, prices are better than they were a year ago or even six months ago, for most products, while the banking situation is greatly improved. Where bank deposits fell off heavily in 1920 and 1921 they show a recent heavy increase. No reason for pessimism, sure enough.

The executive lays the cheerful outlook to the fine soil of Minnesota, good farming methods, the fact that the farmers diversify their crops and also raise products almost entirely classed as necessities and in constant demand. It is a good list to consider.

He might have added also that when planting time began the farmers began to plant. They have worked their farms consistently whether things went to suit them in legislative halls or not. They have worked without knowing whether they would get high prices or low for their stuff. The reason that the banks are in better shape is that as the farmers began to get a little money in they began to pay their debts.

When any class of workers work as farmers do, for the job's sake, and pay their debts as soon as they are able, they deserve prosperity.

GUARD THE FOREST.

The dry season is here and the unusual lack of spring rains has made our forest sections a veritable tinder box. Every person and every camping party that passes through our forests should consider themselves deputy fire wardens and see that no careless act of their own or any person under their observation adds to the fire hazard in our forests.

The smoke of burning forests is a signal and a warning to all. It should teach that an excess of caution, a most meticulous care, is only wise. Vacationists of all varieties, who seek the ancient, friendly shelter of the forest, should look to their camp fires and their burned matches—not only because the law requires that they do so, but because common sense and self-interest require caution of them. None would willingly be the source of a destruction so calamitous and irremediable as a forest fire.

PLAYGROUNDS.

Washington, D. C., which has 23 playgrounds already established, has just opened 26 more, in order to eliminate the necessity of children playing in the streets. A good many of these playgrounds are school yards. All of them will be in charge of play supervisors.

The larger cities need such play places to protect the children from traffic accident and to supply the needs of the child who has no yard of his own. The smaller communities have not yet realized their need so keenly, but the day is coming when even the country town will have its community play-ground. The well-equipped, supervised playground promotes health, civic spirit, co-operation and constructive recreation instead of destructive mischief.

DO NOT WASTE WATER.

Due to the protracted dry spell Milton creek from which St. Helens obtains its water supply is running low and there is grave danger of a water famine unless water users are more careful to avoid wasting water. The St. Helens Water board realizes the seriousness of the situation and has asked water users to co-operate with them. Their notice, or we might say, request, is published elsewhere in The Mist. Every citizen of the town is, or at least should be, as much interested in this matter as are the members of the board, and should do as the board has requested.

Every week we read of the trains knocking the tar out of autos that stop on the tracks, but never have we read of an auto knocking a train off the track. This ought to be conclusive evidence that it can't be done. Autoists better wait and let the train go by.

It is hard to tell whether Lloyd George changes with public sentiment in England or whether public sentiment changes with Lloyd George.

In other days we were taught that half a loaf was better than no loaf at all, but now the idea seems to be that a strike is better than a steady job.

The reason there are so many kickers is because they decline to get in harness and pull. Even a mule can't kick when pulling.

Another thing that this country needs just now is a thermometer that will register about five degrees cooler than it really is.

Say what you please, but the children of the present generation will have mighty little to brag about to the next generation.

Prohibition may not prohibit, but a lot of people are now wearing better clothes than they ever had before.

You may not believe it, but there are a lot of people in the country who have never heard a radio concert.

Nights are getting longer. Two more months and daylight robberies will be unnecessary.

If reform would begin at home it would probably go further.

PROF. ELDER'S PUPILS IN PIANO RECITAL

At the high school auditorium the evening of July 12th, the pupils of Professor Fred Elder gave a piano recital. The large and appreciative audience enjoyed each number and were liberal with applause. The following program was rendered:

- Fairies' Lullaby (Renard) Lois Kuenens
Jolly Jokers (Renard) Lois Kuenens
March (Sawyer) Esther Welinder
Waltz (Lindsey) Viola Sodderberg
An Autumn Afternoon (Lindsey) Grace Ballagh
Happy Dreams (Bonner) Margaret Cates
Butterfly (Legue) Almee Sten
"Faust"—Transcription (Gounod-King) Ruth Hoven
Gertrude's Dream (Beethoven) Lois Masten
Venetian Serenade (Brown) Mildred Tucker
Woodland Sprite (Taubert) Mildred Adams
Robin's Return (Fisher) Marion Sten
Con Amore (Beaumont) Loreta Coates
Faust Waltz (Gounod-Lange) Ruth Levi
Meadow Brook (Bragdon) Blanch Perry
Galop (Bohm) Maurice Richardson
March (Wollenhaupt) Doris Nauman
Prize Song (Wagner-Bendel) Marguerite Russell
Second Mazurka (Godard) Blossom Garrison
Valse Styrienne (Wollenhaupt) Ruth Miles
Souvenir de Trovatore (Hoffman) Morris Hoven
Hungarian March (Kowalski) Erle Stanwood
Cujus Animam (Rossini-Liszt) Rose Adams
To Spring (Grieg) Annabelle Isbister
Polka de la Reine (Raff) Eleanor Elder

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