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KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

Statistics published by the health service of the American Red Cross show that deaths among children of school age due to accidents are proportionately much larger than among either young children or older persons.

No parents need to be told that the most valuable possessions they have are their children. But it appears that there is great need for some power to instill into the minds of civil authority the conviction that the most valuable asset the state possesses is its children.

Accidents do not "happen." There is a cause for every accident. Particularly is this true of traffic accidents, which are assuming alarming proportions in the larger centers.

Cities and traffic bureaus search madly for remedies for traffic accidents; "safety weeks" are proposed, debates held; new and more drastic traffic rules are formulated, and more or less enforced; more severe penalties are inflicted by judges for driving recklessly, but the accidents continue.

It would seem that the engineering brains which built a Panama canal, took two million men to Europe in the face of submarines, and built and perfected the largest railroad and telephone systems in the world, might solve this problem, too.

Traffic accidents to the young is a subject of national concern, state concern, city and town concern, of such gravity and magnitude that their prevention deserves the consideration of the very best minds in the country.

BEWARE THE TRANSIENT SOLICITOR.

The Astoria Budget has the following sensible article as to the itinerant house-to-house salesman, and we are publishing it because it pertains to St. Helens as well as Astoria:

The appearance of itinerant house-to-house salesmen in Astoria who take orders for silk hose or other articles upon a basis of a dollar down and the remainder C. O. D. suggests the need of caution in dealing with strangers.

These particular salesmen and sales ladies may be properly accredited representatives of a mercantile establishment and may be giving value received for every dollar they collect, but hardly a trades journal nowadays has an article telling of lake salesmen flooding the country.

When an unknown solicitor takes money and gives nothing in return but a receipt and a promise of goods to be shipped later, the buyer has little assurance that the deal is a legitimate, bona-fide one.

A BUSY COMPUTER.

"I am not much of a mathematician," says Carelessness, "but I can add to your troubles, subtract from your earnings, multiply your aches and pains, take interest from your work and discount your chances for safety."

"Besides this, I can divide your thoughts between business and pleasure and be a potent factor in your failures."

"Even if I am with you only a small fraction of the time, I can lessen your chances for success. I am a figure to be reckoned with."

"Cancel me from your habits and it will add to your total happiness."

Woodrow Wilson got quite a kick out of the election and will be in a position to tell his friend, Georges Clemenceau, when the latter arrives in America, that the proverbial ingratitude of republics is only a forerunner of the ultimate triumph of right.

Remember the paved road is narrow; there is scarcely room for two cars to pass. Admonition: Keep to the extreme right for you might meet a fool, and it is possible that a fool driver may "cut the curve."

"There are splinters in the ladder of success, but you don't know it until you begin to slide down. Keep climbing."—H. M. Stansifer.

"Any work well done, anything worth while into which you throw yourself, gives satisfaction of the right kind."—B. C. Forbes.

The devil lived in Heaven until he began knocking. Now see where he is.

It isn't enough just to be busy. What are you busy about?

MEMBERSHIP OF SCOUTS INCREASES

The membership roll of the Boy Scouts of St. Helens shows a big increase. Scoutmaster F. P. Rowley reports that the membership is now 30 and there are several applicants. Members of the local scout camp are Clarence Akin, Oscar Albertson, Gustav Albertson, Harold Barber, Rexford Bellville, William Bennett, Sherwood Billings, Charlie E. Brown, Charley Brown, Harold Brown, Clarence Burdick, Lester Burdick, Robert Carlson, Kenneth Chapman, Orrel Clendenning, Harold Hunter, Leroy Hollingsworth, Raymond Kelly, James Kotel, James Perry, Lawrence Quam, Lloyd Sechler, J. Wesley Ushur, James Monty, Merton Miller, Archie Miller, Francis Whitney, Charles J. Whyman, Loren Woodage and Joe Young.

The advisory committee of the scouts are: Rev. S. Darlow Johnson, Dr. L. G. Ross and William Perry. Regular meetings are held weekly in the church parlors of the Methodist church each Tuesday at 7:30 o'clock. The charter for the camp has been approved but Scoutmaster Rowley has not yet received it.

WADE RUTHERFORD ON SWIMMING TEAM

University of Oregon, Eugene, November 14.—Wade Rutherford of St. Helens, who is majoring in medicine at the university, has made the varsity swimming team. He is the youngest of the team and is considered a good swimmer. Wade is also playing basketball for Delta Tau Delta fraternity, his playing being a chief factor in winning all of the games so far played.

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GEORGE

: Our Boy Reporter :

The chief told my father he saved \$1 million dollars on leekshin as my father sed hurray tell be a boat it an the chief sed well I didn't bet on leekshin an if I did bet I wood of lost evrythink I bet cause I wood of bet \$1 million dollars things wood cum out jess the opst to what they did. My father sed that a good way sed well I gess if I had \$1 million dollars I woodn't care who got best runnin for office.

June Day was home an's gomb-back agen an's cummin back for Christmas I bet to see what is sh's goin to get from Sandy claus.

Mister Edwin Jones is lurnin to sing he sed to entertaine his new baby wich likes music he told my father. My father sed well the baby may like music all rite but I bet she will pertocked herself agene that kind of noise when she gets old enuff to get up an go-out dorez stuf of lissenin to it. Him an my father's node each other a long time.

We got a win sent postle card from Mister George Perkins whas down to San Pedro now wich is in Calif, and he sed Sam was there on the dock waitin for him when he got there. Sam Pedro I gess he means wich is who they named the place for.

Mister Southard's warn out his 8th Ford he told the chief an he sed he will continue to ware them out jesses long as Henry bills them bet'er evry veer. He told the chief he went 196,567 miles in Fords in his life for less than 1 wan sent a mile wich beets rate rades all holler he sed.

Mister Nolf whas new man up to Houlton hotel's got the dinin room runnin agen an if you are hungry an want sumthin good to eat cum up an try what he's got he told me to say in my collum so evrybuddy wood see it. He sed sum time when I am hungry if I will cum up he will give me a hand out ded heds so I will.

Ruth Conway's all rite from her sergible oprashun now cause Mrs. Conway got a letter from her an she

sed she feels like her own self now an's gettin roddy for Christmas an makin presents an things like that an's havin a good time wonderin what she's goin to get when she gets home for Christmas. Mister Chas. Gerlach up to Scap-Poose was marrid 10 years wich was a surprise an they plade games an had cats an it was a sucksons. John Ramey an Carrie Bevin got marrid by father Clancy up to Scap-Poose but they dont no what they are goin to do yet. I gess they will jess settle down an keep house maybe.

If you want to get red of sumthin see Mister Holt Mister Trover sed what wanted to sell the Houlton hotel so he got Mister Holt to get red of it for him an he did. Mister Holt told me when time he cood get red of any thing but your wife for you an

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