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## THE JITNEY MUST BE REGULATED.

For a long time the jitney problem was one for the larger cities to solve. It is no longer so, for with improved roads the jitney is killing about the country carrying passengers in competition with railroads and other conveyances. They must be regulated.

Although the governor saw fit to veto a recent bill that provided regulation for such passenger carriers, it is with regret to many that he did so.

Whenever you risk your life in another man's machine, who is running that machine for profit, there should be some responsibility attached. As the railroad is forced to undergo inspection of locomotives and cars, so the jitney should be forced to guarantee to his patrons a safe machine to ride in and a safe driver to operate it.

Engineer Curtiss and Conductor Norton, of La Grande, spent some time at Salem during the session in the interest of law regulation for the bus that carries passengers on the highways. These men see more of the dangers than most people. They see these machines race with trains, crossing and re-crossing railroad tracks with their loads of human freight, putting forth the forceful argument that some hand stronger than the one that holds the steering wheel should be held responsible in case of accident.

Right at the present time the fad of riding in auto busses is at its height. In the lower country people will crowd into a none too safe auto bus and pay a higher price to thus ride in discomfort than they will pay to have perfect comfort on a steam or an electric train. They will put up with any inconvenience with the auto bus, whereas, if the steam train operators would indicate half the same conditions a complaint would at once be filed with the Public Service Commission and an investigation would follow.

The danger, however, is the greatest factor now entering into the operation of such vehicles. One accident might kill eight or ten people, whereas if they were regulated and the moonshine drinking drivers forced out of the business, lives would be saved.

## EDITH KNIGHT HILL'S BULLETIN.

A newspaperwoman for whom we have the most profound respect is Edith Knight Hill, who for years was with one of the Portland newspapers, then went into the dairy business and became an enthusiast over Jersey cows. She handled clubs for the newspaper and like all of us, she returns to her old habits.

We have before us "The Clubwoman's Bulletin," published by Mrs. Hill. It is well gotten up and filled with the bright news of the different woman's clubs of the state, but there is one club that is lacking—a club that gets no mention in this good woman's publications, and that is the kitchen club. Neither does she have anything in it about the club to encourage child raising, nor the club that sweeps the floor of the home and mends the clothes of her husband and children.

You are overlooking the best clubs in all the world, Mrs. Hill, the very best. Your clubs mentioned are all right, but instead of playing them up on the front page, give the clubs we have mentioned first place and then let your clubs take the last page, according to the reports which show up only such profits as the

We would like to see a front page editorial in the next issue of the Bulletin, written by Mrs. Hill from her innermost heart on this very subject, for we know that she agrees with us, for she is a practical, first class American woman.

Wait until Dr. Phy at Hot Lake hears about the White Leghorn egg measuring ten and a half by seven and a half inches produced by J. C. Barkman, of Donald, Oregon, and see what the White Leghorns can do to offset this Willamette valley production.

Portland's Ad. Club has on another spasm of "tell the truth in your advertising." Let us hope that Aronson will not be the goat this time for the horrible example, but that the Portland club will have the nerve to hit at some of the big ones who advertise "one-half off," when such is not the case.

Standard Oil made twenty per cent on its capital last year, according to the reports which show up only such profits as the company was unable to hide. From the low price of crude oil at present and the high price of gas, watch the book-keepers work overtime to keep down the reported earnings for the next year.

Do you know what a "moron" is? Well, according to Dr. Henry Viets, of New York, who is now in Oregon, a "moron" is a person of mature age with a mind matured less than an eighteen year old youngster should have. And the "doc" says sixty per cent of us are "morons." He qualifies his statement quickly by saying there is nothing alarming about the undeveloped mental condition and that "morons" make very serviceable members of society. We have always wondered what was the matter with people who did not agree with us, but now we know they must be "morons" or we must be a "moron."

Down in Portland the business section is worrying about a singing school, the noise from which interferes with the daily routine of business. If Portland wants to adopt a counter irritant we would suggest that George Joseph and Gus Moser be pitted against each other in debate on the straight party ballot. The noise from the singers will be overcome.

## THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

### SCIENTIFIC REFINING.

Did you note the sign in A. F. Harris' window:  
TONGUE 48c—BRAINS 35c.  
It is most significant of the time that tongue should command a higher price than brains.

MEBBY HE STARTS 'EM AT 20 AND NUMBERS 'EM BACKWARD.  
"I know a merchant," deposes Chas. Murchison, "who has four clerks and when a customer comes in he shouts 'Number 19!'"

Our column has been ascribed as crude. We have been accused of butchering the American language, not from intent, but of ignorance. We are very much annoyed at this and from now on shall use the Harding-onian English.

When a comedian can make the trap drummer in the orchestra laugh, he feels that he's a real success.

A column conductor applies the same test to his wife.

But we are inclined to believe that most trap drummers are easier to please than—well, our goodness, if the sun ain't shining again.

### ISAAC'S GRIEF.

The shade of Isaac Newton quivered with emotion.  
"What's the trouble, Ike?" sympathetically inquired what had once been Christopher Columbus.

"Well, Chris," came the reply, "as a fellow-discoverer, you probably can sympathize with me. You recall, perhaps, that I discovered the law of gravitation."

"Uh huh."  
"Well, look at these blamed profiters—they're violatin' it every day." Then the two of them sat down on a damp cloud and wept bitterly.

### "EVERYTHING COMES TO HIM WHO WAITS"

says an old proverb. It's all wrong—everything waits for him who goes after it.

Who remembers the day when he used to crouch way back in the saddle of his bicycle and ride down the street imitating the lucky guy who owned a wheezy one-junged motorcycle?

C. S. Dunn says it may take nine tailors to make a man, but one can break him.

### TO A FAITHLESS CONTRIBUTOR

Some day may we  
Not hope to see  
More stuff from thee,  
Fair B. M. G.,  
R. S. V. P.

### SIGN OF

He—"There's an awful rumbling in my stomach—like a cart going over a cobblestone street."

She—"It's probably that truck you ate for dinner."

### "Women Wanted

For Hanging Up,  
Shaking Out,  
And Folding."

What do you suppose is wanted, shimmy dancers or laundry help?

It works in a circle. Fat makes you lazy and laziness keeps you from getting rid of fat.

### A WAY CORK HAS

Leave it to the mayor of Cork to bob up serenely.

### WHY THE EDITOR LEFT TOWN!

Somebody sent the editor of the Poketown Gazette a few bottles of home-brew. The same day he received for publication, a wedding announcement and a notice of an auction sale. Here are the results: "Wm. Smith and Miss Georgia Jones were disposed of at public auction at my farm one mile east of a beautiful cluster of roses on her breast and two white calves, before a background of farm implements too numerous to mention in the presence of about seventy guests, including two milk cows, six mules and one potted." Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot with 200 feet of hay rope and the bridal couple left on one good John Deere gang plow for an extended trip with terms to suit purchasers. They will be at home to their friends with one good baby buggy and a few kitchen utensils after ten months from date of sale to respective parties and fifty chicks.

### The Great Western Pioneer.

Every sunset which I witness inspires me with the desire to go to a West as distant and as fair as that into which the sun goes down. He appears to migrate westward daily, and tempt us to follow him. He is the Great Western Pioneer whom the nations follow.—Thoreau.

### Thanks for Ye, Mike.

"Oh hat! Hatery," said O'Brien the other day. "Hatery makes ye think ye are better than ye are, an' no man 'avin' no hat."—Boston Transcript.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

There were 319 births and 257 deaths in Eugene and Lane county during 1920.

The statistical report shows that the city of Portland now has 1648 employees on its payroll.  
The Crook County bank of Prineville, recently closed will be opened within the next thirty days.

From 155 9-year-old Grimes Golden apple trees Dugald Campbell of Eugene netted \$1920 this season.

The state highway commission, at a meeting in Portland February 1, will open bids on \$1,000,000 of state highway bonds.

Approximately 1250 students of the elementary schools and 350 students of the high schools will graduate in Portland January 28.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Oregon Trunk railroad pumping station at Metolius, causing a loss of approximately \$12,000.

Heavy snows are driving deer from the mountains to the desert altitude in eastern Oregon, and as a result illegal killing has begun.

The annual report of the Lane County Farm Loan association for 1920 shows that the organization has made loans totaling \$601,200.

Work of completion of a new hotel at Union is going along nicely and will be finished in about three months. Its cost will be nearly \$50,000.

Total cost of building construction in Klamath Falls last year amounted to \$756,150, of which \$166,900 was spent on 127 new dwellings.

The real property of John T. Albert, Salem banker, who died recently, was valued at \$92,669, and the personal property at \$85,000, a total of \$177,669.

Because of depleted reserve, the First State & Savings Bank of Klamath Falls was closed by Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

A perfect mastodon tooth, together with the end of a mastodon rib, was found by E. A. Read of The Dalles as he was wandering down a gully on his ranch.

District attorneys of Oregon in convention in Portland voted to adopt a uniform policy which will mean the suppression of punch-board operation in the state.

The pear industry ranks third in fruits in Oregon, with apples first and prunes second. The apple acreage is about 50,000, that of prunes 40,000 and pears 13,500.

The Standard Oil company paid to the state a total of \$21,748.96 as tax on its sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon during the year ended December 31, 1920.

The Lane County Sportsmen's association is arranging a big trap shoot for Lincoln's birthday, February 12, to take place on the new state game farm near Eugene.

Senator McNary appeared recently before the senate finance committee and offered argument in favor of a tariff of 5 cents a pound on cherries in brine, filberts and walnuts.

C. C. Fulton, attorney for the port of Astoria, has stated that he will file a petition with the interstate commerce commission for a rehearing of the Portland-Astoria rate case.

Many new buildings at Astoria are being held up on account of the high costs, and an effort is being made to enforce a gradual reduction in the wages of carpenters and painters.

Zora weather has forced the union high school at Mailin to move its class rooms from the city hall to a recently completed building, designed to be used as a barber shop but not yet opened.

The Indian school at Salem, which is educating 600 Indian pupils, some of whom were brought from Alaska, will receive \$147,000 according to the Indian appropriation bill reported to congress.

Senator Chamberlain appears to be feeling more comfortable and hopeful after several setbacks. At the best, it is said, he cannot hope to leave the hospital in Washington, D. C., for many weeks.

The Harney Valley Improvement company of Portland has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate water from Rock creek for the irrigation of 315 acres of land in Harney county.

The Shell Oil company of California has remitted to the secretary of state a check in the sum of \$1,522.51, covering the tax on sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month ended December 31, 1920.

Not less than 1500 veterans of the world war, at an open session in the Portland armory last week, called by Portland post of the American Legion, reared affirmation to a resolution calling upon the Oregon legislature to allow ex-service men the option of \$7 for each month of service or a \$30 farm or home loan.

Would Keep Off Most Anything.  
In Turkey the moment the roof is built over a new house it is customary to hang from the most prominent eave a string of garlic, with an old shoe, to keep off the evil eye.

# THE JOY OF KNITTING

DOES NOT WANE!

American women, patriotically industrious when Army and Navy Sweaters were in demand, learned to love the fun of creating useful things. Hence, our yarn department continues in its splendid service—supplying you with all shades in

**MINERVA YARNS.**

These yarns are unequalled in quality, richness of color, loftiness and strength. They are wound on a special ball that unwinds like a silken thread—without fuss or fret.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY of these beautiful yarns—every wanted shade. Two strand and four strand, wool, silk, silk mixes, lustrous silks, golf yarns, Saxony and four-fold Germantown. Prices 25c, 40c, 50c, 60c, and 75c.

MINERVA KNITTING BOOKS, containing instructions for making of more than 100 garments. Price 35c.

## New Gingham Aprons

80c, \$1.25 and \$1.65.

Here are serviceable Aprons of fine plaid and striped Ginghams, at prices that will enable you to practice economy in the purchase of a supply.

There are Dress Aprons, and String Aprons with bib fronts, in neat and attractive styles, colorings and patterns. All sizes, and the prices are very low.

## More New Hand Bags

Of brown and black leathers, also patent leather. These are the newest shapes and comprise everything in the way of Handbag accessory. We invite you to see them. Prices from \$3.00 to \$13.50.

## 72-Inch White BOBINETTE for Dresses.

A material so often wanted and one that we have been out of for some time; 72 in. wide. Price \$2.50 yd.

## NEW LACES

Dainty new laces, edgings, etc., make our stock most complete at this time. Look through the lace book for your wants, there will be hundreds of new pieces in various widths.

# WALKING PLOWS

—AT BARGAIN PRICES—

John Deere 12-in. G. P. N. steel beam	\$32.25
John Deere 12-in. G. P. 6 N. steel beam	\$35.50
John Deere 16-in. G. P. 7 N. steel beam	\$10.00
P. & O. 9-in. C. O. wood beam garden plow	\$ 8.10
P. & O. 9-in. wood beam corn plow	\$ 9.45
P. & O. 9-in. steel beam vineyard plow	\$18.65
P. & O. 14-in. wood beam timber plow	\$34.20
P. & O. 10-in. steel beam "D"	\$21.60
P. & O. 12-in. steel beam "D"	\$25.20
P. & O. 14-in. steel beam "D"	\$29.25
P. & O. 16-in. steel beam "D"	\$32.85
P. & O. 10-in. steel beam "E"	\$24.50
P. & O. 14-in. steel beam "E"	\$29.25
P. & O. 16-in. steel beam "E"	\$33.30
P. & O. 12-in. steel beam "A"	\$26.10
P. & O. 14-in. steel beam "D" second hand	\$21.60
P. & O. 16-in. steel beam "D" second hand	\$27.00
P. & O. 14-in. steel beam "E" second hand	\$21.60
Moline 16-in. steel beam "D 10"	\$33.30
Moline 16-in. steel beam "B B"	\$33.30
Oliver No. 40 wood beam cast	\$24.75
Oliver 12-in. steel beam "G"	\$25.20
Oliver 14-in. wood beam "G"	\$25.20
Oliver 12-in. steel beam Cres. 7	\$25.20
Oliver 12-in. steel beam "G 12" used	-15.75
Oliver 14-in. steel beam "G 14" used	\$18.00

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