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Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. — Psalm 37: 4.

DRINKING SINCE PROHIBITION

Most wets claim that prohibition is a failure because there is more drinking today than there was before prohibition. But anyone who will make a fair, open-minded comparison of drinking before and after prohibition cannot fail to reach a single conclusion — that conditions are immeasurably better today.

Of course there is considerable illegal drinking today, but even the most confirmed wet would hesitate to say that each family of his acquaintance, on the average, will drink one hundred gallons of distilled liquors, wines, and beer in the next twelve months. Yet that was the approximate average yearly consumption in the years 1910 to 1914, according to United States Department of Commerce statistics — 22.43 gallons for every man woman and child!

Exact figures of present day conditions cannot be obtained, of course, but there have been several carefully computed estimates. Some authorities state that drinking now is only 10 per cent of that before prohibition; others say it is 20 per cent, and a few put it higher. Perhaps the most generous estimate of all is based on a careful investigation by the United States Bureau of Prohibition; its report states that for the year ending June 30, 1930, the average per capita consumption of distilled liquors, wines, and beer was slightly more than 7 gallons. That is 30 per cent of pre-prohibition figures.

If people today are drinking 30 per cent of what they formerly did, then prohibition has bettered conditions by 70 per cent! And the Bureau of Prohibition has other figures to prove that consumption of alcoholic liquors is growing less from year to year. So why repeal a law that is bringing about such a worth while improvement?

People too easily forget the conditions of ten or twenty years ago. In 1908 there was one wide-open liquor establishment for every 74 families in the country. The yearly expenditure for liquor before prohibition was three times the cost of operating our public schools, and twice the cost of running our Federal Government!

Before prohibition, in New York City alone, the Salvation Army picked up from 1200 to 1300 drunkards every night and brought them to Army "homes"; the number now averages not more than seven per night! Before prohibition there was need for 98 "Keeley Institutes" for treatment of those addicted to the liquor habit; today only 11 are needed. Any factory owner will tell you that excessive drinking among industrial workers, which was formerly the greatest cause of labor turnover, is now a negligible factor.

Of course no law will ever enjoy 100 per cent enforcement, but history is certain to repeat itself. Growing observance will increase the law's effectiveness. That was the experience of individual states which excluded liquor prior to National Prohibition. First there was a brief period of rigid observance, then a recession — as bootleggers and others began to develop means of getting around the law, and finally, after a period of years, a powerful, steady, unwavering swing toward effective enforcement and observance. National Prohibition is well along in the second stage now, and indications of the third stage are already beginning to appear.

FREEDOM'S PENALTIES

Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the board of the National City Bank of New York, has aptly expressed the great social and economic problem that faces the American people. Addressing a senate committee on the proposal for an "economic plan" for leveling out the business cycle, he declared: "As long as we live under a system of individual liberty we are bound to have fluctuations in business. Freedom for the individual involves, however, the freedom to make mistakes. Mistakes are the penalties of freedom."

This is quite true; and when the individual involved is a great financier or industrialist, his mistakes can make many of his fellow citizens suffer intensely. One of the greatest tasks in the coming decade will be to decide, as a nation, whether this individualism is worth the price we occasionally have to pay for it.

Air-mindedness will be an actuality when ocean flights cease to be news.

CHRISTMAS PLAY TO BE PRESENTED

trayed by Grace Hedden, Joseph, by Earl Hamilton; and the symbolic characters, Christmas Spirit, Peace, Joy, Faith and Love, are represented by Jennie Neilson, Emily Berry, Louise Lilly, Ida Frances French and Florence Bradshaw.

The complete program will take a little more than an hour's time, and at 6:15 o'clock the young people will be held their regular B. Y. P. U. meeting. Doris Williams is the leader.

Large Crowd Is Expected To See Wrestling Card

Advance sale of tickets for the Tuesday night wrestling card at Eagles hall is unusually encouraging. Ray McCarroll, promoter, announced today. Every seat in the house will be reserved Tuesday, with two heavy-weight main events, plus interesting preliminaries.

The tickets are being offered at the Imperial.

Count Harkovsk, Russian heavy-weight, will meet Howard Cantonwine, of Iowa, in the main event, and Frank McCarroll, of Boise, will tackle Cliff White, of Denver, in a 30-minute special event.

All four wrestlers are more than 200 pounds in weight and fans are anticipating an evening packed full of thrills.

WINDS CAUSE FEW HALTS IN LOCAL SERVICE

Winds with a velocity of more than 50 miles an hour are fortunately extremely rare in the Grande Ronde valley, and in past years, such blows have resulted in much more trouble on the part of public utilities than the one did this week.

Wednesday the Observer wire service operated faultlessly and on Thursday, it was down part of the time, but due more to trouble west of the Blue Mountains than in this country.

The E. O. L. & P. company, with hundreds of miles of wire strung over the county, experienced no difficulty of any consequence, although a few minor disturbances were promptly attended to. The company at present is better equipped to handle unusual conditions than ever before, due to constant yearly improvement, part of the E. O. L. & P. company's general program of betterment.

and the subject, "A Christian Christmas," will be presented in an unusually interesting form. All young people are certain to find both of these programs worth while.

TIGER QUINTET DEFEATS POWDER

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to one field goal and two free throws in the first and second periods. In the last half, the La Grande team kept the Powderites from scoring a point.

The game was fairly rough, and was exciting in spite of the uneven count.

L. Stoddard and Torrence were high scorers with six points each, with Burnett a close second with four.

The lineup:

La Grande (18) — (4) North Powder
Lyman (2) — (4) Kelly
Stoddard (5) — (4) Williams
Corey — (4) Walk
Burnett (4) — (4) (1) Simonis
Torrence (6) — (4) (2) Hobbs
Fox — (4) (1) Sloan
Baxter — (4)
Feuerhelm — (4)

BASKETBALL

By the Associated Press
Idaho 43, Whitman 30.
First game: Benson 35, Vancouver 24; second game: Benson 42, Salem 21.

Linfield 35, Columbia 33.
Milwaukee 23, Kelso 17.
University of Washington 30, Nordstrom 25.

THREE PLAYS GIVEN AT COVE BY CAMP FIRE

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin
(Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore. (Special)—The three one-act plays presented by the Kodak-Kamp Camp Fire girls at the gymnasium Wednesday evening under the direction of Miss Hileman, proved most entertaining. Miss Louise Anderson played a piano solo as a prelude to the evening's entertainment. "Not a Man in the House" was given first. The cast of characters included Marie Bings, an experienced widow, Ruth White, Lucy Rider, a maiden sister, Lavine Hillmark, Belinda Rider, in sympathy with youth, Katherine Davis, Kate, a servant, Veda Houx, Jessie Ray, a niece, Jean Miller, between acts, Alma Blanche, Christine, Nigra, Jean Miller and Maxine Towle, singing, accompanied by Louise Anderson at the piano. "Parlor Tricks" was next presented. The characters were: Milly, whom romance has passed by, Miss Stella Eivanson; a group of girls living together were Blanche, Veda Houx, Neva, Alda Blank, Edith, Ada Freshman, Connie, Jean Miller, a college friend of 30 years ago, Maxine Towle. Between the acts Maxine Towle gave a reading "The Smoother." "All Out of Tune" was next presented with Lucile, an actress, Eleanor Davis, Lena, a Swedish maid, Katherine Davis, Oscar Smith, a piano tuner, Maxine Towle. The entertainment was pronounced good but the attendance was small.

Two girls who are attending college came home Friday. Miss Thelma Anderson from the University of Oregon at Eugene, and Miss Dorothy Mills from Whitman college.

Mrs. L. J. Chadwick and Mrs. L. E. Anderson entertained the Ladies' Guild at the new home of Mrs. Chadwick Thursday afternoon. The house was decorated in keeping with the season. A dainty lunch was served at 4 o'clock. Three tables of bridge were at play. Mrs. T. R. Conklin winning the honors. Guests were Mrs. R. I. Barker, Mrs. G. E. Barker, Mrs. C. Bertach, Mrs. R. S. Comstock, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. T. R. Conklin, Mrs. C. H. Huxley, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Louis Prevost, Mrs. Frank Wells and Mrs. L. M. Laird. Mrs. A. G. Conklin and Mrs. T. R. Conklin will be the next hostesses on Jan. 6.

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OIL: Far Cry from the Days of the Blacksmith Shop

CHAPTER XVII

When the motor car first appeared on the roads, the blacksmith was the handyman, and early car owners depended upon him for necessary repairs. The automobile repair business grew rapidly; and as faithful old Dobbin gave way to the motor car, the blacksmith shop was transformed into an automobile repair shop.

It was natural, therefore, for the first motorists to expect the repair shop to supply their oil and fuel requirements. From the first gasoline pump and tank installations at repair shops has grown our present extensive distributing system with its conveniently located filling stations.

Advent of the Gasoline Pump

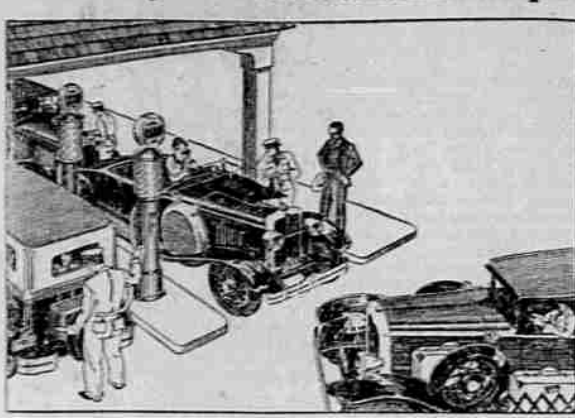
As manufacturers began to improve their cars and frequent expenses for repairs were to some extent eliminated, skepticism concerning automobile transportation soon disappeared and the manufacture of motor vehicles proceeded by leaps and bounds. The first pumps installed were serving the motorists well, and sensing the inevitable demand for better and more extensive fuel and oil service, oil companies were quick to establish more of these outlets.

Thus pumps began to spring up everywhere along the main arteries of travel. Garages, accessory and tire shops, hardware stores, and other stores that catered to the motoring trade secured this equipment and operated to perfect fuel supply service. When the auto appeared on the back road, the gasoline pump was there to meet it—either at the farm house by the crossroads or beside the village store.

Convenience of Filling Station

The gasoline pump at curbside and filling station has had much to do with the growing use of motor cars. It has made possible the dispensing of motor fuel when and where needed, and with a minimum of labor; and has been an important factor in keeping gasoline prices down.

Contrast this convenient method of distribution with the system pre-



The reliable bowl type of pump measures the liquid gasoline by means of calibrated markings on the inside of the glass. The metered pump operates with air pressure, and with a flow meter registers on a dial the amount delivered to the customer. In the electric pump a dial is set, a button pressed, and the customer gets the tank of his car filled in a few seconds.

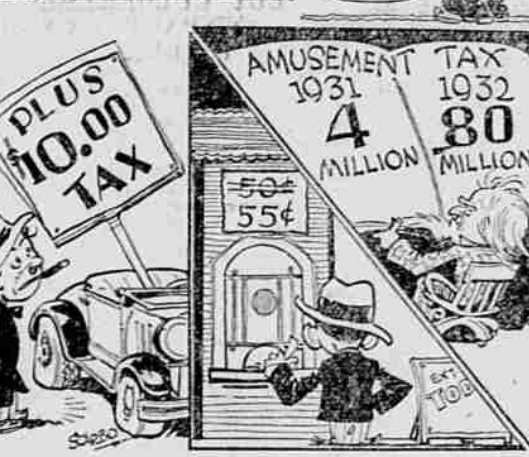
We take the gasoline pump for granted. It is a symbol of gasoline supply recognized by every motorist. The motorist drives alongside the pump and asks for ten gallons of gasoline. He sees the pump handle turn, the visible bowl drained or a flow meter register, and in a few seconds his tank is full of gasoline.

The modern gasoline pump serves with uncanny accuracy. The handle on a piston type pump operates with mechanical precision much the same as our automobile engine. A piston operates within a brass cylinder full of gasoline. Turning the crank handle raises the piston within the cylinder and forces the gasoline out through the discharge hose. The desired quantities are obtained by varying the length of the piston stroke.

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Here's How Hoover Would Boost Taxes

INCOME	1931 TAX	1932 TAX
\$30. PER WEEK	\$9.00	\$11.20
\$75. PER WEEK	\$36.	\$58.00
\$10,000 PER YEAR	\$255.	\$360.00
\$100,000 PER YEAR	\$24,000	\$42,000
\$500,000 PER YEAR	\$125,000	\$230,000



Here's what the tax increase advocated in President Hoover's budget message will mean if it is adopted by Congress. In the income tax chart shown above, figures given are for single men with no special exemptions. Lowering of the exemption from \$1500 to \$1000 will hit the small salaried man, while the large increase in the surtax will hit the very rich. The tax for the very rich is figured on net income after all deductions. The surtax would be 10 per cent on all additions of 70 cents or more, whereas the present tax begins with additions of \$3 and is expected to boost this revenue from \$4,000,000 to \$80,000,000. Automobile tax will be on a percentage basis, with \$10 probably the lowest tax on any car.

Hoss Explains Why Some Fail To Pass New Operators' Examination

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19 (Special)—Reasons for the failure of some persons to pass the new operators' examination and to receive a license to drive an automobile in Oregon are covered in a tabulation prepared this week by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

"While 3999 applicants have successfully passed the three parts of the operators' examination and have been licensed since July, a number of persons have either failed or neglected to complete the steps necessary in the test," states Mr. Hoss. "Of these latter some failed the first time on the examination relating to rules of the road. These persons with a little more study of the law would be able undoubtedly to pass the examination, but they have never returned to take a second examination. We make every effort to help them and supply applicants with questions and answers prior to their examinations."

"Applicants are privileged to try again and again if necessary until they successfully pass the tests, and our examiners have been instructed to aid in every way possible the applicant who has difficulty with any part of the examination."

Included in the group who have not completed the steps required are 54 persons who failed on the first driving test. These applicants are perhaps taking further instructions and may return for examination at a later date. Only a few have failed on a second try at questions on the rules of the road and on their second trial at actually demonstrating their ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Failure to pass the vision tests given by the division examiners has kept several persons from complet-

8 Pedestrians Killed During Month, Report

SALEM, Dec. 19 (AP)—Eight persons were killed during November by automobiles colliding with pedestrians, while six were killed in non-collision accidents on the highway, the state police report for that month, released Friday, reveals. The total of automobile accident fatalities for November was 19 in Oregon.

Two persons were killed in collisions between cars, which caused the greatest number of injuries, 301. The remaining three were killed by collisions with trains, with motor-cycles and miscellaneous causes. The total number injured during November was 1848, all in traffic accidents. Auto accidents reported for the period were 2364.

Failure to give right of way again led in contributing causes of automobile accidents, the police report showed. This cause resulted in 573 accidents. Cars parked or standing still was second, while exceeding the speed limit was third with 267 accidents.

In general law enforcement, the state police reported 409 arrests resulting in convictions totaling 43 years in prison and fines of \$18,131. Most arrests were for possession of liquor which also brought in the money fines, \$5,271; larceny under \$50 caused 33 arrests and drunkenness resulted in 29. Assault with dangerous weapon brought 20 years in sentences to two men, forgery 13 years to five men, and larceny better than three years. Sale and possession of liquor brought in \$1549 in fines while illegal possession of deer brought \$1128 in fines.

troubles, which while not sufficient to prohibit them from driving are such that the individual is glad to know about them so that steps may be taken to counteract any more serious difficulties later.

At present, 233 persons have passed the tests on knowledge of the motor vehicle laws and the vision and hearing tests and are driving with temporary instruction permits until they have sufficient familiarity with the actual operation of a car to enable them to take the driving test. These permits are good for 90 days and require that the applicant have a registered driver with him in the front seat of the car while he is learning.

"An outstanding fact in the conduct of examinations thus far," states Mr. Hoss, "is the revelation that even those persons who have failed to pass certain portions of the tests have seen the value in such examinations and have expressed their satisfaction with the law and the methods which have been followed in carrying out its provisions."

Evolution of the Clown

The rube comedian is a member of a vanishing race—and nobody shed a tear of regret—Country Home.

MORE CARS VISIT OREGON IN 1931

Automobile Tourist Travel Shows Gain; Most Come From California.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—Cars registered in the period totaled 90,829 compared with 90,172 last year. It is generally estimated that not more than 50 per cent of visiting automobiles are registered with the state, bringing the actual total considerably higher.

California led all other states. Ninety thousand tourist automobiles have been registered in Oregon during the eleven months of 1931, which, averaging three persons to a car, have brought 270,000 visitors to the state, show records in the department of state at Salem, where tourist registrations are maintained both for the protection of the state and the out-of-state motorist.

"The number of visiting cars registered this year slightly exceeds figures compiled in 1930, but whether this is due to a larger number of tourists actually entering the state or whether the knowledge is becoming widespread that registration for a visitor's permit is an assistance to the tourist himself is a matter of conjecture," says Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. "From January 1 to November 30, 1930, 90,179 visiting motor vehicles were listed, while during 1931 90,839 out-of-state cars called at branch stations throughout the state to register their cars and obtain information about the state, its motor vehicle laws, its scenic attractions, and its possibilities as a home for the visitor. The registrars try to be helpful in every way to the tourist by supplying service and data."

"While the peak registration of 1929, of 103,000 foreign motor vehicles will not be reached, the fact that tourist travel has held up to so high a level during the year and has exceeded every year but 1929 is indicative of the constantly increasing interest in Oregon as a vacation land and as a potential home-state."

DEAD GANGSTER'S FRIEND SPEAKS

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his acquittal at his trial for kidnaping. He said he was very happy. "I was in Albany awaiting the outcome of his trial and it was understood between us that when the trial ended I was to come home to Boston and my mother."

"He was with me only about 15 minutes. I never saw him again. When he left me he said he was going to meet some newspapermen with whom he had an appointment."

"My first knowledge that he was killed was the next morning when I heard a newsboy calling the extra outside my house."

"I thought at first they were calling out that Jack Diamond had been acquitted, then I heard the boys calling: 'Jack Diamond killed! When I fully awakened to know what the words meant I fainted."

"When I came to I realized I must pull myself together. I had planned to take the ten o'clock train to Boston but I missed it. The reason I did not go near the police was that I knew they did not need me for I could throw no light on what had happened."

"I had just time to catch the next

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train. Now I am back with my mother happy that she has forgiven me. I am sorry that I did not listen to her advice.

"The first thing for me to do is to clear myself of the indictment at Albany (Marion is under indictment in connection with the same case on which Diamond was tried in Troy and her trial is scheduled for next month). There is no reason why I should not be freed as I am not guilty of any crime."

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