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Trust in the Lord, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Psalm 37: 3.

GASOLINE TAXES

That imaginary visitor from Mars would find no evidence of the great American depression in an analysis of automobile and gasoline taxes collected by the federal and state governments in 1931. On the contrary, if the motor vehicle appeared to him a luxury, he would interpret those figures as indicating a period of great prosperity.

Motorists broke all records last year in their contributions toward state and federal incomes. They paid more than \$500,000,000 in gasoline taxes and many times that amount in automobile taxes and fees.

Most of this money has gone into construction and maintenance of highways. It added thousands of miles of good roads to the system which has no equal in the world, helped large populated areas escape from the deadening bonds of isolation and strengthened the economic structure of the country by improving and extending its transportation system.

The motorist driving his average of 6800 miles a year is serving not only his own convenience and happiness but is contributing substantially to the general welfare.

More gasoline taxes were collected last year than in any previous year not because there were more cars on the roads or because the average persons did more driving but because the tax rate was higher in several states and the more powerful and speedier automobile of the vintage of 1931 consumed more gas per mile.

CALENDAR REFORM

Perhaps if societies for calendar reform could get together on some practical and trouble-proof plan that would be a substantial improvement on the Gregorian calendar something would be done about it by the powers that be and with the consent and approval of all concerned, and everybody is concerned.

These societies are all at white heat in their earnestness and all agree that drastic things ought to be done about our bungling old calendar which, it appears, is so irregular, inexact and confusing as to make life almost unbearable. But there consonance ends. Each has a different scheme of reform and all other schemes are wrong, fatally wrong.

Calendar reform becomes a popular issue with the rank and file only when the reformers talk of increasing the number of monthly or semi-monthly pay days in the year, and it loses this popularity when the tenant foresees that it would also increase the number of rent days and when the debtor is advised that the traditional 30 days would be reduced to 28.

Calendar reform would take the world by storm if it promised to obliterate the first of the month, abolish blue Mondays, do away with the day after holidays, elongate the vacation and multiply the number of payday while subtracting bill days.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON—Whenever a high post in American diplomacy is suddenly made vacant by resignation or otherwise of late, before very long the name of William H. "Bill" Castle figures in the gossip as to who will be the successor.

Castle is undersecretary of state and the man who, within the past decade, has risen from an obscure governmental position to the highest official post obtainable outside of the cabinet itself.

At the present there are three highly important diplomatic assignments open.

As usual, Castle's name enters the discussions.

First came the resignation of Ambassador Forbes at Tokyo at a time when conditions in the Far East are more unsettled than they have been in a long time.

Castle is the very man, it was heard, that President Hoover would send him out there as a special ambassador during the London naval conference in 1930?

Perhaps the reason lies in the fact that "Bill" Castle is one of the most popular men generally in Washington officialdom. When he

ARMS PARLEY OPENS FEB. 2 AT GENEVA

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world income, she is estimated to have about 17 per cent of the total armament expense.

Europe, with an income about equal, is responsible for 66 per cent according to Per Jacobson, a Swedish expert.

On the basis of 1927 national incomes, Jacobson figures the percentages spent on arms by European nations and the United States as follows: Great Britain, 34, France, 4.6, Italy, 4.3, Germany, 3.4, United States, 1.1, an indication of how the current arms burden of just under \$5,000,000,000 hits the world.

Thus the delegates and their 2500 helpers will have something tangible to bite into, but first the political arguments must be talked out, conferred over and blustered about.

Germany's Peace Problem
Possibly the most delicate of these is Germany's demand for permission to re-arm, unless other nations disarm in accordance with peace treaty pledges.

German statesmen have found a rising demand for equality, or something near it, with other nations. That France will oppose this with the greatest vigor may be taken for granted.

England's position, generally, is that she has already led the way in disarmament. America makes much the same assertion. France is increasing her expenditure and Japan has indicated that she would be loath to make further reductions.

None of this makes very good reading for disarmament advocates, but they are more than hopeful.

Ten Years' Preparation
To begin with, the conference climaxes 10 years of work, five years of it pointed for this Tuesday in February.

Nations are a bit sick of themselves and may be more willing than heretofore to make compromises, despite their advance statements, they argue.

And they feel they have popular opinion behind them in every land. The plans for continuing the conference certainly longer than a year indicate how thoroughly the question is to be examined.

Technical Work Heavy
After the political phase is past, the long general debate and the hotel room conferences, the technical committees and their subdivisions will get down to business. By then they will know how far disarmament can go.

By the time this is completed millions of words will have been written and spoken in languages for 64 nations, and new wings built by Swiss hotels.

FOUR BRIDGE TEAMS AT TOP

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La Grande store, J. C. Penney Co., Moon Drugs, Community Cash store, and W. H. Bohnenkamp. Printing was donated by the La Grande Printing company and the Curry Press.

Mr. Devine was in charge of the details of the tournament, finished after those being held in the leading cities over the United States, and assisting him were Mrs. Charles Graham, Mrs. Andrew Loney Jr. and Mrs. Lynn Larson.

The committee in charge of the ticket sale included: Mrs. Devine, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Dr. Margaret Inggle, Mrs. George Ties, Mrs. H. E. Brady, Mrs. Robert Stevens, Mrs. Russell Parlett, Mrs. Otis Palmer, Mrs. Walter Palmer, Mrs. Andrew Loney Jr., Mrs. Stanley Lyons, Mrs. Victor Eckley, Mrs. Robert Carey, Mrs. Dietrich and Mrs. Clyde Bunting.

OREGON USES VAST SUM IN ROAD BUILDING

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\$14,759,449 was disbursed for highway work. The first year the commission expended but \$4,183.

Interest payments on outstanding bonds were charged against the highway fund beginning in 1917, but not until 1922 was any money paid on the bond principal.

No money was received for motor vehicle licenses for the highway commission until 1917 when \$150,000 was paid. In 1931 \$3,677,294 was collected.

First Gas Tax in 1919
Sale of bonds and accrued interest supplied \$43,387,882 toward the state highway fund, while the gasoline tax supplied \$37,630,914. The first gasoline tax was collected in 1919 when \$290,795 was paid in. This was increased until the peak year in 1930

Friend of Hoover
Another reason may be that he is a close personal friend of President Hoover. In the days before Herbert Hoover became president, the Hoovers, the Reeds (Senator and Mrs. David Reed of Pennsylvania) and the Castles comprised one of the outstanding neighborhood groups in Washington.

Washington observers know well how close Hoover and Castle were during the trying days the moratorium on war debts was being negotiated.

It is but natural that Castle looms into the spotlight on occasions such as this.

ILLITERACY CONQUERED, SAYS SOVIET OFFICIAL

MOSCOW (AP)—D. S. Sudimov, chairman of the council of commissars of the Soviet republic, has announced that the soviet five year plan for stamping out illiteracy has been fulfilled.

He said that 1,500,000 persons had been taught in 1929 to read and write, 5,550,000 in 1930 and 10,500,000 in 1931.

With the number of illiterates in the U. S. S. R. reduced now to 3,800,000, there will be none left by the end of 1932 and 32 out of every 10,000 inhabitants will be studying in universities.

Valuable "Bunny"
A sable-marked rabbit, valued at \$5,000, was shown at an international show in London,

In Jap Mixup

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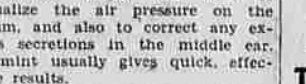
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TESTIMONY HELD UP IN TRIAL FOR LEGAL ARGUMENT

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Andrews briefs of supreme court decisions affecting the point, and defense counsel adjourned to the Marietta county law library to consult.

First Witness on Stand
The hogging down of the state's hitherto rapid progress came while the first witness of the day, John D. Washington, negro head porter at the Phoenix Union station, was on the stand.

Washington rolled his eyes toward Mrs. Judd, seated at the counsel table, identifying her as a woman whom he had helped aboard the Southern Pacific train for Los Angeles at 8 p. m. Oct. 18.

"I put her baggage on the train," he said. "She had a suitcase and a hatbox. The hatbox had 'A. A. M.' on it."

Mrs. Judd's maiden name was McKinnel.

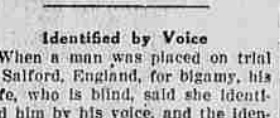
Identifies Suitcase
Washington identified the suitcase when it was brought to the witness chair.

"Did you ever see that before?" Andrews asked the porter.

"Yes, I put it on the 8:10 train Oct. 18."

"Whose was it, do you know?" "That lady sitting over there," He turned his eyes again to indicate Mrs. Judd.

Objection by defense counsel when the state attempted to have the suit-



Sir John Simon, above, Great Britain's foreign secretary, is expected to make the next move in the protests of nations against continued Japanese occupation of Manchuria. He has already been in conference with representatives of other governments interested in the "open door" for China.



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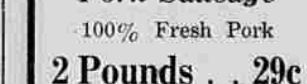
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MIDLAND COLLEGE SINGERS COMING

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lege conservatory of music will present them in a Sunday evening concert.

Their other engagements also show the high calibre of the eight-part Midland College choir. In Portland the Elson-White conservatory has booked them for a concert. In Salt Lake City the Tabernacle choir of 300 has engaged them to sing in the huge L. D. S. tabernacle. The Brigham Young university, Provo, Utah, is sponsoring the choir's appearance in that city; and the University of Wyoming is offering the choir to the people of Laramie, Wyo.

The Midland choir is ably directed by Prof. Oscar Lyders, who was a student under Dr. F. Mellus Christensen, well known director of St. Olaf College choir. That Mr. Lyders is effectively practicing the principles of harmony and interpretation which he learned as a student is proved by this statement from Dr. Christensen. "The Midland College A Cappella Choir sings music of a high order and does it well. Its aim is to produce an artistic rendering of the best there is in religious a cappella music, and it succeeds in a very great measure. My best wishes go with it," he said.

The concert of this skilled group of Midland singers will be one of the finest contributions to the program of La Grande's musical season. Mr. Bracher promises.

CAMP FIRE HEAD HOLDS MEETINGS

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land, Scotland, Canada, South America, Africa, Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Philippines and other countries. Many helpful suggestions of interest to the guardians were made, and Miss Kemphthorne emphasized the main feature of the organization—filling the lives of the girls with interesting occupations

and helping them to find an interesting and helpful way of spending their leisure time.

Miss Kemphthorne, when speaking before the future teachers attending the Normal school, stated that Camp Fire helps them because through the symbolism they can develop imagination, and it inculcates ideals of living, comradeship and so forth. Through the honor beads which can be earned in the seven crafts material is suggested to teachers which is helpful in the classroom.

Many interesting suggestions for the betterment of their circles was suggested to the girls who are now members of the great movement, when Miss Kemphthorne spoke before the assembled Camp Fire girls of the city at 4 o'clock. She described the fun and interest which can be derived from an active Camp Fire circle, and told them what other Camp Fire circles are doing at present.

During her visit here, Miss Kemphthorne was the guest of Miss Madeline Larson, leader of the Camp Fire movement in the city.

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