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**SUPPORTS THE JITNEY.**

Curtin, Ore., March 7.—(To the Editor.)—I will not misrepresent my occupation. I am a lumberjack, the kind that cuts hay if you put whisky on it, but what I want to know is what is all this jangle about the jitney service? I can't see where they are any more damage to the highway than those joyriders. I have ridden from Roseburg to Curtin and from Cottage Grove to Eugene and I think the driver used good judgment in operating the car. The car had good wide tires, therefore can't see where it damaged the highway.

I'll tell you how this service affects me and several others along the line. I can quit work at 4 o'clock and get to the highway and take the stage to Cottage Grove and do my trading and come back on the evening train, thereby losing one hour of time. By taking the train I would lose four hours of time. Figure that at 50 cents an hour. By train I am out \$2 and by jitney only 50 cents.

What was the highway built for? Do you think we poor devils who haven't the wherewithal to buy a car don't need any service, only the southern Pacific railroad, or don't you people want our trade? I think for my part I will send to Jones' cash store in Portland, thereby saving time and money. You know one of your merchants made the remark not long ago that the working man couldn't afford a car, so how are we going to get to town and back? You kick if we send away for our goods and you kick when we happen to get service that gets us to town but tears up your streets.

Not many years ago you made a special effort to get the cars to come through town.

I can't see what you expect if you think that the working class isn't to be considered. Just try getting along without them. They are a necessary evil, just like a lot of other things. Even the lumberjack has to have his day. Would like to see this in your valuable paper and your opinion on same. Yours for better service,  
P. F. MESCHER.

Editorial Note.—Mr. Mescher discusses the jitney problem from an interesting angle. The Sentinel is pleased to give publicity to the opin-

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ion of anyone upon this important subject, be he lumberjack, farmer, jitney owner, railroad owner or what not. The problem can only be solved by a thorough discussion from all angles. It is a new problem and no doubt many mistakes of judgment will be made during the experimental stage of regulation, but if all will discuss it as freely and with the same good intent that characterizes Mr. Mescher's discussion, we may hope to arrive somewhere.

The Cottage Grove city council, and city councils of other cities, for all cities are attempting to regulate the jitney, or soon will be making the attempt, have been somewhat misunderstood.

It is the intent of the Cottage Grove council, as it undoubtedly is of all other city councils, to make it as easy as possible for residents of outlying communities to get into the city to do their trading, or to visit with us, or for whatever purpose they may wish to come. This fact could be easily demonstrated by anyone who wished to establish a jitney line which would operate only within Cottage Grove's trading territory. It must be borne in mind, however, in discussing this subject that the jitney lines are an accommodation to a large number of other people besides those in whom we have the interest that we naturally have in those whom we call our neighbors and business patrons.

It should be borne in mind that if we have got to build streets to be worn out by passenger busses which carry the representatives of Jones' cash store, and freight busses which carry the freight from Jones' cash store, we are put to an expense which makes it just that much harder for us to compete with mail order business. Jones' cash store builds no road in the Cottage Grove country. If this mail order house, or any other mail order house, is able to make prices lower than those made by Cottage Grove merchants, it is largely because of the fact that it gets the money from this section without paying any of the expense of keeping up any of the public improvements here—without giving any of their profits to support churches and schools, because they are not called upon to contribute to any of the many things to which Cottage Grove merchants contribute to make this a more pleasant place to which to come to trade and visit.

The Sentinel was not aware that any Cottage Grove merchant had said that a working man could not afford a car. Possibly the employees of Jones' cash store can't, either, for the policy of the mail order house is to hold wages down to the lowest possible notch. Until minimum wage laws were put upon the statute book the mail order houses did not expect their female employees to be able to live upon their wages. The mail order houses had to get under the prices charged by local merchants and the girls in the employ of the mail order houses made up the difference. How they did so needs no detailed explanation.

We presume that in referring to a working man Mr. Mescher refers more particularly to the wage earner in the milling industry. If working men as a whole were meant, and no working man could afford a car, a point which we are not attempting to pass upon, there would be few left to own cars in the Cottage Grove country, for there are few who are not actual workers and most of them at a stipulated wage or salary.

The jitney business is a business proposition. Certainly the great jitney lines are not asking for charity. Certainly they are not asking for subsidies. As a business proposition, their business should stand on its own feet. They might just as reasonably ask the cities along the way to keep their busses in repair as to ask the same cities to keep highways in repair at no expense to them. This is a business proposition pure and simple. Their business is an accommodation to a large number of people and they will have to charge for their service a sufficient sum to enable them to pay their own way. We are quite certain that Mr. Mescher would make no objection to paying say 10 cents additional for a service which is a real accommodation to him, if that were

the additional amount the jitneys found they would have to charge.

It seems that there may be good reason why joyriders, who are in many ways a nuisance, should pay a fee just as well as the jitneys, which are in many ways an accommodation, but the policy always has been to make pleasures cheap, while business stands the whole bill. A joyrider who announced a definite schedule might come under the license law. A bus or truck which comes into the city only once in awhile and upon no definite schedule will not be affected by the license law, any more than the joyrider who may visit us only once or a few times.

**THOUSANDS FOR FREE (?) SEEDS; NOTHING FOR FORESTS.**

Congress sometimes gets some queer ideas of what the people want or ought to have.

It will be readily conceded that no great harm could come should the distribution of free (?) garden and flower seeds be done away with. Those who would plant the seeds sent out by the government would not fail to put out gardens merely because they had to buy the seeds. Hundreds of thousands of packages of seeds go to those who have no gardens or, having them, wish some other kind of seed, or seed which they feel certain will produce what the label says it will produce.

Planting cabbage seeds and getting parsnips, or planting parsnip seeds and getting dandelions is provoking, to say the least, but just such unexpected things as these are said to have happened.

Some congressmen may distribute these seeds from the most altruistic motives, but it is no secret that a large number of the congressmen expect parsnip and dandelion seeds to produce good republican votes, or good democratic votes, as the case may be.

Many congressmen go so far as to employ stenographers to get out neatly worded letters to go along with the seeds, such letters sometimes giving the impression that the writer had spent most of his spare time out with his hose and sprinkler pot helping to produce the seeds which he with such unctious presents to his constituents—at the expense of such constituents.

The congress of these United States has just appropriated the sum of \$300,000 with which to perpetuate the free (?) seed heukus poeus for another season. Almost at the same time it turned down an appropriation of \$50,000 for the continuation of the forest airplane patrol.

The products of the free seeds (if they grow anything at all) are grown within two or three months and then are no more. To grow forests such as those in Oregon requires hundreds of years.

So we have the spectacle of congress voting a huge sum for the support of backlot gardens that continue but a few weeks and which would be grown anyway and probably grown better from other seeds, while our huge forests that mean millions of dollars to the living generation and should be left as an heritage to the next generation, are denied the paltry sum of \$50,000 to save them from the fire demon.

Consistency, thy name is mud and the mud is getting muddier all the time.

### Neighborhood News

#### DELIGHT VALLEY.

(Special to The Sentinel.)  
March 14.—A. W. Cornutt was a Eugene visitor last Thursday.  
Mrs. M. A. Horn and Edwin Anderson motored to Eugene last Friday.  
T. G. Hodges lost a valuable work horse last week.  
Lester Pentico has been visiting friends around in the neighborhood. He leaves for Kansas next week.  
The M. A. Horn family were Sunday guests at the Oscar Jackson home.  
The C. A. Moore family, Edwin Anderson and Lester Pentico were dinner guests at the E. J. Kent home Sunday.  
Mrs. Marion Pleck and two children, of North Bend, are guests at the Moore home this week.  
Mrs. Perine, of Salem, is here for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. D. Hodges.  
Mr. and Mrs. Oval Powell and baby daughter returned to their home in the Grove Sunday, after spending several weeks at the L. M. Powell home.  
Mrs. Fred Wright, of Walker, is spending this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Jackson. Mr. Wright and Mrs. Ralph Wright visited them Tuesday.

#### THE CEDARS.

(Special to The Sentinel.)  
March 13.—Literary was held March 10 with a large audience in attendance. After the program a basket social was held. The program committee for the next two meetings is Curtis Ventch, Mrs. Jas. W. Sears and Hassel Magee.  
Those who attended literary from town were Miss Gladys Chapman, Ardie Eby, Eileen Shortridge, Kathryn Hemenway, Harry Baker and Mr. Thorn.  
S. C. Ventch and George Hawley motored to Eugene Friday on business.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sprinkel and family, of Junction City, spent the week end at the home of Mr. Sprinkel's mother, Mrs. G. W. Smith.  
Merritt Bolton, who had been staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Bolton, left Wednesday for Sutherland.  
Enid Ventch, who is attending the U. of O., spent the week end at her home.  
Edith and Avery Hartsell, of the Grove, visited Monday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Magee.  
Kathryn Hemenway, of the Grove, spent the week end at the Jas. W. Sears home.

#### SILK CREEK.

(Special to The Sentinel.)  
March 14.—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hartley and son Harold were dinner guests Saturday at the D. A. Estes home.  
Mrs. Leslie Godard was home from Monmouth a week on account of the

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illness of her mother, Mrs. John Ashby, with rheumatism.

Mrs. Bob Cole is on the sick list this week.

Mildred Burcham attended a high school party in the Grove Friday evening.

Mrs. Richard Griffin and children, who had visited at the F. A. Green home for several weeks, have left to join Mr. Griffin at St. Helens.

Miss Pearl Ashby, who is attending normal at Monmouth, is at home this week with her mother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Godard returned to Monmouth Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Moe and family left last Wednesday for Portland, where Mr. Moe has a position. They expected to visit friends in Eugene, Albany and Salem on the way.

Lyle Hall and Oscar Wheeler, who work at the Harvey mill near Comstock, spent the week end with friends here.

Miss Anna Nice was a Cottage Grove visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Thompson was in town Monday on business.

O. H. Heine went to Eugene Monday afternoon.

#### BLACK BUTTE.

(Special to The Sentinel.)  
March 14.—Charles Caler, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Miss Grace Funk, who had been home for two weeks, returned Monday to Cottage Grove.

Wm. Lively's car broke down at London Wednesday while he was coming home from the Grove.

J. J. Groat has secured employment at Diston.

Lawrence and William Funk, Guy Vanatta and Miss Grace Funk motored to Cottage Grove Saturday evening.

Mrs. Susan Walker and Miss Emma Jones spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. Thos. Funk.

Russell Bemis left for Reedport last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hopper motored to Cottage Grove Wednesday.

Pete Withers is visiting at the home of Charles Caler at the Black Butte mines.

Mrs. Thos. Funk spent Wednesday afternoon in the Grove.