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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

The response in recent weeks of the Cottage Grove fire department to several fires in the outlying district has emphasized the importance of fire fighting equipment other than those living within the city limits. The result has been considerable discussion of a fire protection district to include such territory as could be served by fire fighting equipment that could be sent from the city.

The city is in no way legally obligated to send its equipment outside the city limits, but it always has responded to every call for help, and there is no doubt that it will continue to do so, but every owner of property should feel that he wishes to do his duty in providing for protection of that property. He does not expect someone else to pay his fire insurance premiums, and he should feel the same obligation about providing fire fighting equipment that would result in lowering his insurance rates and would greatly reduce his losses in case of fire.

A number in the outlying district have expressed the hope that they may be included in a fire protection district, but whether the outlying district gives assistance in providing fire fighting equipment is not the outstanding reason for the suggestion for such a district. The real argument lies in the fact that the city is not financially able to provide the kind of equipment necessary to handle fires that are not adjacent to the city's water system. The present equipment is sufficient inside the city, but in the outlying territory a pumper is needed.

What a pumper is able to do in subduing flames was illustrated in the fire at the Bohemia Lumber company's docks, when a pumper was sent from Eugene. It undoubtedly saved enough property to have paid several times over for a similar piece of fire fighting equipment. Had a pumper been available here it would have saved additional property of sufficient value to have paid a large part of the cost of a pumper.

As it is the outlying property that would be protected by additional fire fighting equipment, the move to provide such equipment should start from outside the city. The city, which is willing to provide storage space and to man the equipment, should not be put in the position of asking the outside district to aid in providing it with fire fighting equipment.

The city will continue to respond with the equipment it has, and it will pay its share of providing better equipment which it does not as yet need for use within its boundaries.

THE COST OF KISSING.

Margaret Maypes, New York maiden, is asking \$48,000 as the price of a kiss taken without her permission two years ago.

If she is a modern maiden, it must have been some kiss that she can remember so distinctly for two years. Have there been none in the interim worth remembering, or is it because there have been no more than the maid asks such a high figure for the one. The fellow who delivered the soul-shattering smack that left such a distinct impression might learn something to his advantage by communicating with Ma Kennedy of What-a-Man Hudson fame.

Miss Maypes—the name sounds like that of a person who couldn't or wouldn't say no—declares that the long-remembered osculatory impression was made by Hal Kemp—the name sounds like that of a person who would be able to deliver the kind of smacker this one is all.

Radio Ray
Has This to Say:

HOWDY FOLKS—Henry Ford says that the country is better off than it was a year ago. Maybe he means that it has fewer dollars and more sense.

How to Have More Dollars. Buy our Philco radio and buy socks with the difference. 7-tube set, \$49.95.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAD THE GIRL TO THE ALTAR NOW-A-DAYS. MOST OF THEM KNOW THE WAY.

"What would you do," asks a writer on a woman's page, "if you upset a bottle of ink on the table cloth?" We'd hide from the wife.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF ALL THE MODERN CONVENIENCES SUCH AS OUR ELECTRIC HOT PLATES WERE TAKEN SUDDENLY OUT OF YOUR DAILY USE? IT WOULD BE TOUGH, WOULDN'T IT?

Static Helen says the stone age was the age when a man seduced a woman to be his wife.

News item says that the end of the stunt flier is near. The end of the stunt flier is always near.

Radio Ray's Store is near the bridge end of Main Street.

leged to have been. Hal is an orchestra leader and radio announcer, and the kiss probably had a wailing jazz intonation.

Hal should know that \$48,000 isn't such a high price for a kiss. It quite often happens that, over a period of years, indiscretion of this kind costs far more than that figure, and most of us who have paid the price would do it over again.

The mother of kissable Margaret is also suing Kissers Kemp. She wants \$23,000, probably on the grounds that she wasn't kissed by the efficient Hal. So there you are.

If you think that nothing can be accomplished by sitting still, then how else is a chicken to hatch an egg?—Eugene Register-Guard.

In addition to calling the attention of the Eugene paper to the biological fact that a chicken doesn't sit still to hatch an egg, we should like to know who wants to spend his time hatching eggs.

Wine bricks are to appear in Portland. It is said that if the purchaser fails to follow the directions that accompany the bricks, and drinks the stuff, he will feel the next day as if he had been bumped on the head with one of 'em.

Roseburg now has a weekly publication. Barney Shaw was not content with the amount of work involved in publishing the Oakland Tribune, so he started the new paper in the larger city.

The stork is getting to be an old bird and when once he gets the habit of stopping at certain places it seems hard to break him of it.

Just because you were married by a minister is no reason why you should have it in for the church of which he is pastor.

Dresses are much longer than they used to be, but they are no thicker.

For a person with his experience Cupid makes some mighty poor shots.

The man who makes enemies is at least doing something.

A girl can't be in love without telling her friends.

THE EDITOR'S JOB.

(Salem Capital Journal.)

Editing a daily newspaper is an easy thing. There is nothing to the task. The fact that so many people know more about the proposition than the editor himself makes it so. The public is very helpful and not bashful about suggestions as to improvements.

If the editor says the day is warm half the readers disagree and say it is too cool. If he says it is cool the other half say he is reaching his doggie. If he points out that times are not as bad as they appear, half the readers disagree and if he says times are bad the remainder believe him crazy. If he attempts to bet on conditions he is a reformer. If he disagrees he is a fanatic and a radical. If he cautions against too much thrift he is a spendthrift and otherwise he is a miser. If he goes to church they say it is only a blind and if he remains at home he is a heathen. If he makes public speeches he likes to hear the sound of his voice and if he refrains he is regarded unfavorably. If he criticizes certain laws or politicians he is attacking the fundamentals of government and if he refrains from comment he has no backbone.

The editor and average newspaperman learn early in his career that the mass population falls into two general classes—half are doing their utmost to get their names in the paper and the other half is moving heaven and earth to keep their names from publication. All of which tends to make the life of the editor one of simple existence, for finding it impossible to please everyone, he passes his days suiting himself, in personal expression of opinion, taking events as they transpire and publishing events as they occur.

As the sage of Cottage Grove, Elbert Bede, has remarked—"Those that cuss out the editor for saying things about them in the newspaper should go down on their knees every night and thank the good Lord he does not publish all he knows."

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times.)

The general public ought to know by this time that this paper does not publish anonymous letters. We have over half a dozen of them today criticizing the actions of some of the crowd here attending the Legion convention. If the writers knew half as much about some of the people attending the convention as they claim to know, they would derelict in their duty in not telling the police and filing a specific complaint. If they know half as much as their letters would indicate and they are as indignant as they claim to be, they have a chance to become public heroes by signing their names to what they write, thereby letting the world know that they are highly moral, righteous and teetotalers. Unless some of these brickbat throwers do sign their names to the stuff they send in, they should know that this paper has always refused to print unsigned communications. Those who send them are moral cowards without the courage of their convictions and are moreover usually guessing at what they assert are facts. If there is to be any criticism of the convention, we will make it ourselves rather than depend on unsigned and unverified anonymous letters.

Now, what was the matter with the convention? Our anonymous correspondents say it was wet, but we feel sure that they must be mistaken for all of them are, apparently, prohibitionists and therefore they know that the 18th amendment abolished the rum evil from our land forever. They have said so time and again and so does all their official literature. That, we should think, would effectively dispose of the idea that there was any drinking going on. How could there be when it is prohibited and no body can get it?

SALARY RISES DISCUSSED.

COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 26.—(To the Editor.)—It is so seldom, Mr. Editor, that you and I agree about anything that when we do come to a spot where there is no parting of the way, I feel powerfully inclined to put you on the back. I can't resist the temptation of congratulating you on your two

editorials touching the inconsistent action of the governor in raising the salaries of two state officials. It is so out of harmony with other of his acts and expressed desire to lighten taxes that it is almost unbelievable that he would raise the salary of those who are already receiving a competency while thousands of others who would be glad to give their very best services for sufficient to keep soul and body together are receiving not a cent.

I am puzzled somewhat to know how he can do this legally. The law certainly does not permit him to raise salaries at will. If not, then he must be banking on the next legislature confirming his action in this respect, which would lead one to conclude he believed he had the next legislature by the nape of the neck, even before it is created.

You call attention to the fact that the budget director's salary has been raised \$1000, which, ever, is not the full amount. When we consider the lessening of the cost of living, we will see at once that it is much more than \$1200. A correspondent of the Oregonian undertakes to defend the rise by saying that, because of his efficiency, he is worth more than that. Measured by the value of other things, this is not true and the fact that we had another man more efficient and could have retained him without a rise, answers that excuse fully. He is not worth more to point out that his ability is not the paramount question, our ability to pay is the all-absorbing issue under the stress of circumstances.

If everyone who feels the burden of taxation and the stress of unemployment would express his disapproval of raising salaries at this time in a way that would reach the governor's ears, I feel certain he would take a different view of the matter. Now, Mr. Taxpayer, here is a chance for you to do something for home and country by getting back of The Sentinel in its just criticisms.

O. M. KEM.

The salaries raised by the governor are not fixed by the constitution, therefore the governor may be within his legal rights in raising them, but there is the point that the legislature adopted a budget of expenses for each office, and this budget, so far as salaries are concerned, is being evaded. It seems to The Sentinel that there was at least a moral obligation to abide by what the legislature provided. At any rate, when the governor has suggested that competent county and other officials take a cut in the tax reduction program, it is impossible to defend his boost of state salaries. Mr. Kem makes a good point when he says that it is the ability of the taxpayer to pay that is the issue now. When Mr. Kem and The Sentinel agree their contention must be right.

What a Motor Car Operator Should Know

Q. Can any person who is unable to understand highway warning or direction signs in the English language be granted a license?

Ans. No.

Q. How may a person who does not know how to drive gain the necessary experience to get a license?

Ans. Upon application for an operator's license by an inexperienced driver, the examiner may issue a 60-day permit which will permit the applicant to operate a car when accompanied by a licensed operator who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.

Q. How and where must application be made for an operator's license?

Ans. Upon approved form of application furnished by the secretary of state and before an authorized examiner at designated points in the state.

Q. What would you do if you lost your operator's or chauffeur's license?

Ans. A duplicate will be issued upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the secretary of state that such license has been lost or destroyed and upon the payment of a fee of 25c for duplicate operator's license and \$1.00 for duplicate chauffeur's license.

Q. Where must you keep your operator's license while driving?

Ans. In your immediate possession.

Q. When does a chauffeur's license expire?

Ans. On June 30 of each year.

Q. How may your operator's or chauffeur's license be affected by the ruling of a court having jurisdiction over the violation of the motor vehicle laws?

Ans. A record of convictions will be endorsed on the back of the license by the court and a record made in the secretary of state's office. Said court may also recommend the suspension or revocation of an operator's or chauffeur's license.

Q. For what reasons must the secretary of state revoke an operator's or chauffeur's license?

Ans. (a) The secretary of state shall forthwith revoke the license of any person upon receiving a record of the conviction of such person of any of the following crimes:

1. Manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle.
2. Driving a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs.
3. Perjury or the making of a false affidavit to the secretary of state under this act or any other law of this state requiring registration of motor vehicles or regulating their operation on highways.
4. Any crime punishable as a felony under the motor vehicle laws of this state or any other felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used.

5. Conviction or forfeiture of bail upon three charges of reckless driving all within the preceding 12 months.

6. A conviction of a driver of a motor vehicle, involved in an accident resulting in the death or injury of another person, upon a charge of failing to stop and disclose his identity at the scene of the accident.

(b) The secretary of state, upon receiving a record of the conviction of any person upon a charge of operating a motor vehicle while the license of such person is suspended or revoked, shall immediately extend the period of such first suspension or revocation for an additional like period.

Has No Ear for Humor

He who laughs last may laugh best, but he will be suspected of having no ear for humor.—Toledo Blade.

Church News

Free Methodist Church, Rev. R. W. Howell, pastor.—Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock and morning worship will be held at 11 o'clock. The pastor will have for his subject, "The Church." Evening worship will be held at 8 and the pastor will preach. Prayer meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Presbyterian Church, D. P. Cameron, pastor.—Sunday school, 10 classes for all ages under direction of trained teachers; morning worship, 11, pastor's sermon subject, "What are the characteristics of a live church, are there any live churches in Cottage Grove, in Oregon, in the United States, that in churches according to the expected pattern?" Union service, 8, at Baptist church with Rev. M. A. Groves of the Methodist church as the speaker.

The Highway Baptist Church, Henry Wilson Davis, minister.—Bible school will meet at 9:45 and public worship will be held at the 11 o'clock hour. The pastor's sermon theme will be "Hearing and Doing the Word." In the evening the young people will join in a union service at 7 o'clock. The church will join in a union service to be held in this church at 8 o'clock. Rev. Meredith A. Groves of the Methodist church will preach.

Church of Christ, Sixth street and Gibbs avenue, where more men than women attend evening services.—Bible school, 9:45, Clem Sarff, superintendent; the men of this school meet at this hour each Sunday morning at the Arcade with the community men's bible class; morning worship, 11, communion of the Lord's supper, followed by sermon, "The Triumphant Gospel;" C.

E. groups, 7; evening worship, 8, union service at the Baptist church with Rev. M. A. Groves of the M. E. church as preacher. The Bible school session will be the closing session of the international contest and the school is making every effort to win. I. G. Shaw, minister.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Meredith A. Groves, minister.—Services: Sunday school, 9:45; S. L. Mackin, superintendent, classes for all ages; morning worship, 11, communion service, sermon topic, "In Remembrance," special music; union young people's meeting, 7, with Presbyterian young people in charge; union church service at the Baptist church, 8, Pastor Groves will preach on "The Divine Forgiveness."

Church of Christ—(London, 12 miles south of Cottage Grove.)—Sunday services: Bible study 10 a. m., worship 11 a. m., scripture study 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Nazarene, Eleventh street and Adams avenue, T. J. Orr, pastor.—Sunday school, 10; morning preaching service, 11; young people's meeting, 6:30; evening prayer service, 8:00; mid-week prayer service, 8:00 Wednesday night.

Lutheran Mission, Adventist church, west Main street; Martin P. Simon, pastor.—Divine service at 9:30 each Sunday. All Lutherans, irrespective of nationality, are cordially invited as well as those who are without a church home.

Pentecostal Church, 1024 east Main street, F. W. Spradley, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; worship, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; bible study, Tuesday night; prayer and worship, Fridays.

At the intersection of west Main and M streets is a small white church, Seventh Day Adventist, Each Saturday at 9:30 an hour is spent in the study of the Sabbath school lesson. At 11 o'clock the pastor, Elder Paul Iverson, delivers a sermon, the proof of his statements being named by chapter and verse from the bible. A warm welcome is extended to all either on Sabbath or at the Wednesday evening hour of 7:30.

Free Methodist Church, corner of Monroe avenue and Fifth street, Rev. Fenton, pastor.—Sunday school, 10; preaching service, 11, Y. F. S. 7; evangelistic service, 8; mid-week prayer meeting, 8 Thursday.

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