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TIME TO CHANGE

It is to be noted that the city's water commission has purchased an automobile for the use of the superintendent. The car, it is said, is to be used for "hurry up calls" and in carrying light supplies and materials to points along the South Fork pipe line.

It is also true that county seat could do much worse than buy another automobile for the use of the fire department. A popular and much-evidence make of automobile is now turned out with "small town" fire equipment, consisting of a pair of chemical tanks, several hundred feet of hose, scaling ladders, hand extinguishers and a complement of tools.

The chief thing about an automobile in fire service is that it gets there in a hurry; and the average fire can nearly always be controlled if it is reached within a few minutes of the time it is discovered. No better illustration of this could be found than the fire which last week wrecked the local justice court.

Of course in the justice court fire an automobile chemical engine would not have been of sufficient service to justify its cost; but in a similar fire in the residence portion of the city, or in a location a block or more away from the fire hall, an automobile apparatus would have saved more than two-thirds of the damage that resulted.

Probably an automobile chemical suitable for Oregon City's needs could be purchased for a thousand dollars or less. Practically anybody could run it to a fire—certainly any of the members of the department could. And in this way there would be assured an immediate response to alarms with enough equipment to at least hold a fire in check, if not to actually extinguish it.

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TAKEN TO TASK

The Courier last week was slapped on the wrist by the Eastern Clackamas News, as the old Estacada Progress has been renamed, for remarking some time ago that we doubted whether the move for a community church in the eastern part of the county would be successful.

And though we have been rebuked by Editor Standish for expressing this opinion it appears to have some basis of fact, for in the same issue in which we are taken to task Brother Standish admits that "no noticeable advance has been made in the past few weeks in the actual formation of formulating of plans for community worship."

The Wheel That Squeaks the Loudest is the One That Gets the Grease

The same assuredly applies to you and I, as well—in order to get anywhere in this world, we must attract the attention of the big men. Now listen, young man! Nothing helps a young man more in advancement in business than to be known as one who keeps his bills paid, meets his obligations, has a bank account, and pays his bills by check.

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its time, but being conceited and bull-headed is not part of the program.

Federalization of the National Guard would do much to improve the usefulness of the militia, it would do much to make the militia efficient, and it would do much to humanize the militia officers. Of course all militia officers are not over-impressed with their own importance—but enough of them seem to be to make ordinary, untitled militiamen less and less willing to be bulldozed by "gentlemen" who carry swords.

JUST IN PASSING

There has been some gloating about these parts recently because it developed that a former office holder was not a citizen of the United States. Some people have said that because this man was an Englishman, that the "German vote" of the county would be cast solidly against the higher county official who employed the alien.

The Courier does not believe that the "hyphen" has any business in politics in this county or anywhere in the United States. There is no reason, that the Courier sees, why international racial prejudices should enter into county politics. The fact that an alien wrongfully held office under the sheriff of this county may, perhaps, be charged against the sheriff as a political blunder—but the alien's nationality should have nothing to do with it.

But the bunch down in Portland, that has fattened off the Portland school district until the bone has been picked bare; and that now are desirous of fattening off the state school fund, and who are responsible for the latest agitation for free books and for "Oregon-made" books—well, let us hope they will all have gone to their reward before Oregon provides

books. Just why there should be any argument about this matter is a mystery. The only question to be considered is a financial one, and financial determination will in the end solve the problem. Whenever the state of Oregon thinks it is worth while to provide every child within its borders with the opportunity to get an EDUCATION absolutely free of cost, then we will have free textbooks; and as long as a majority of the school patrons decide that taxes are too high to add on the extra amount required for free textbooks, we will continue to pay tribute to the allied firms that publish school books and that sell them at a fat profit.

Many states provide free textbooks. And the states that furnish their children with books from which to learn their lessons, usually buy books of average worth, regardless of where they are printed or written. If a book printed in the state is a good book, it is usually purchased instead. And judging from what we have seen of Oregon's school system and the men at the head of it, if Oregon ever advances to that stage of noble self-sacrifice whereby its citizens will pay a few mills more a year so that the children of the poor will not be hampered with a lack of books, Oregon will probably buy textbooks, and other of them could write serviceable books. Let that not be forgotten for a minute.

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monopolize land which must be used to produce or to transport wealth. To get universal peace we must give absolute freedom to the things that make for peace.

THREE IDEAS OF IT

Did anybody ever suppose Wilson would let go of a good thing?—Oregonian.

George Washington was the only man who didn't want to hold on forever. Now if Roosevelt is nominated by the Republicans, and if Wilson is reelected, the latter might come out in 1920 for a third term with the knowledge that the Republicans can't say anything along that line.—(Woodburn Independent.)

This may be prophetic enough as regards Roosevelt, but Wilson has too much sense to even want a third term. Personally he doesn't want a second one, but owing to exigencies he is willing to serve.

Man in Milwaukie was bitten by a mosquito last week. Summer has come soon after the snow, it seems.

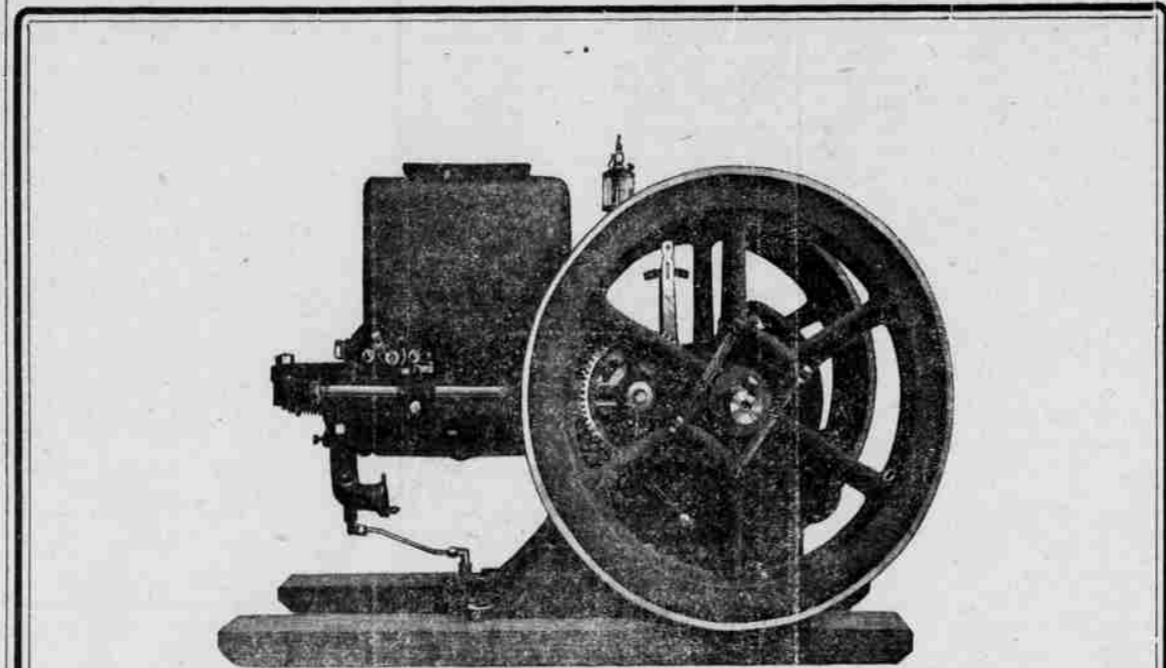
A political attack on the Gill bill was engineered through the courts by the Honorable George C. Brownell and the Honorable Christian Schuebel. Verily, politics makes strange bed-fellows.

"Wilson not to forbid travel" says the Oregonian, in headlines. Why should he? This is a free country, and every American reserves to himself the right to bet his life against a submarine any time he wants to.

The Corvallis-Gazette Times says nobody in Benton county thought taxes were unreasonably high till M. J.

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have no sympathy with anybody who tries to transfer the European war to this part of Oregon.

As far as the Courier is concerned, this paper believes that the laws of the state of Oregon should be enforced. If they are broken, and the Courier hears about it, there will be news. If the laws are broken by an American, the Courier will say so. If they are broken by an Englishman, the truth will be printed.

The trouble with the militia these days is that the officers "have too much ego in their cosmos." In other words they have the "swelled head." They are so busy remembering that they are officers that they forget they are also men, and that they have to take commands from their superiors, even as they are permitted to give commands to the privates. Giving commands is all right and proper in

her children with free textbooks, printed and written in Oregon. The children are handicapped enough as it is.

MAYBESO, MAYBESO

The Courier is indebted to the American Economic League, of Cincinnati, for the following: If Congress wants some testimony on the causes of war, from the class for which it has most respect, it should call Jacob Schiff and Admiral Chadwick to testify. Jacob Schiff says "world wars will never cease as long as custom houses exist." He ought to know, for his firm has had splendid opportunities to get inside views of the financial end of modern international wars.

Admiral Chadwick says that the way to maintain permanent peace is by "doing away with custom houses all over the world." He agrees with Mr. Schiff that without free trade wars will not cease. These men are not theorists. One is a practical and very successful business man. The other knows all about the practical side of war.

It may be that Mr. Schiff and Admiral Chadwick do not yet realize that free trade means more than abolition of custom houses. It means freeing of industry from taxes and from tribute to monopoly. Taxes levied by states and municipalities on labor and its products interfere with trade, as also do corporations or individuals who

Brown hit that neck of the woods, and wants to tar and feather Brown. That's a nice way to reward a man for opening peoples' eyes.

Federal engineers have opposed the appropriation of money to dredge a six-foot channel in the Willamette from Oregon City to Corvallis, saying that the amount of traffic handled would not justify the expense. Why complete the Oregon City locks, then?

Lester Butler, the housebreaker arrested in the county seat last week by Patrolman Woodward, blames his downfall on his wife. Seeing that Butler was advised to get married so he could straighten up when he was paroled, this is a low-down trick for Butler to play on his bride.

Somebody asks the editor of the Oregonian what a "pork barrel bill" is. A "pork barrel bill" is one that gives federal money to Washington or California. An appropriation bill that gives money to Oregon is "a wise realization on the part of Congress of the needs of our great state."

Drive on the right hand side of the street and turn square corners when you come to the county seat now, or else you'll be pinched for breaking the traffic laws. Like the Schuebel-Jones anti-booze law, this applies to farmers visiting town, just as it does to city folk. Oregon City's chief of police has in-

formed the newswriters that when there was any police news he would give it out. Every now and then a censor gets a chief's job in a police department, but history does not record that such chiefs have become over-famous. Publicity is one of the best deterrents to crime that ever was discovered.

Justice has been done again. Stanley McKay, without being present in court, has been fined fifty plunks for running into a carriage with his auto when on a toot. And if Stanley doesn't pay, he can't be made to, it seems. As we remarked, justice has been "done" again.

Wonder if the two men who held up and robbed the North Coast Limited, outside of Auburn, and who rifled the Oriental mail on board, were looking for "war secrets?" You can't tell how far these "for-ign spies" will go! This suggestion is made for the benefit of hectic newswriters seeking a new sensation.

Constable Jack Frost says "society is to blame for boys smoking cigarettes. It is the greed for making money, just as the greed for making money formerly led men to sell booze." Thus it will be seen that the cure for the cigarette habit is to teach people that money isn't worth much.

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