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It is hard to realize that it is only six years since Mr. Josselyn arrived in this city to take the important place of president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

From the very first he looked forward, grasping the inevitable growth of this city, both industrially and as the future residence of a great population.

He has taken, of necessity, the leadership in the extension of his company's provision of both light and power, to supply not only the needs of an expanding street railway system but of a city where manufactures, already considerable, are still but in their infancy.

He has seen the 1500 employees on the payroll when he came added to continually until his company now needs the services of 4000 men.

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In addition to bearing the burdens of the president's position in this great organization, Mr. Josselyn has found time to actively assist, as a citizen of Oregon, in plans for the development of the state.

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meeting called to consider the matter—"Do you want your boy to be strong physically, clean-minded, and a good citizen"—could receive but one answer. But from it there follows the recognition of the duty of all parents to support to the best of their power the plan proposed.

That girls as well as boys should be given the chance of physical development resulting from gymnastic exercises under competent instruction goes without saying.

Gymnasium work is in no sense a substitute for exercise in the open air, but, when well planned and directed by expert teachers, develops uniformly the bodily powers. It is independent of rain and storm. It gives the stimulus of companionship and of wholesome rivalry, and is always attractive to the children.

As proposed at Sunnyside it has the additional attraction that it demands common action by parents and school teachers to give it full efficiency.

The time has come to put a curb on these irresponsible gentlemen before they maim and kill more of us. We have, true enough, become dodgers of agility, but dodging at best is sad life insurance.

Even in its calmest moments, the motorcycle is a most uncertain and moody creature. Being on two wheels, it must keep moving to stay upright. Hence, from the first, your motorcyclist is tempted to speed up and take a chance.

"I would like to have the privilege," said Chief of Police Slover, in an interview Thursday, "of putting them all off the streets of Portland. They have no business there, especially in the crowded downtown districts."

One regrets, especially after some unusually narrow escape for his toes, that the chief cannot have a chance to try his hand. If the motorcyclist will have no law and recognize no law, then it is time that he become an outlaw with all law against him and be forbidden the streets.

But one reform, certainly, can be made now and lived up to without more ado. Motorcyclists should be compelled to obey the law, which they have found a way to evade, requiring them to have their license tags in plain view where they can be read.

The tag, now, in many cases, after being fastened to the rear of the cycle above the back wheel, is bent around the wheel guard on both sides. It presents only a rounding view, from which it is impossible to read the license number without being on both sides at once.

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and of their discovery in sufficient quantities to justify the great outlay needed to bring them to commercial use must be always borne in mind.

But those who undertake such work are playing for high stakes. The world demand for these products is constantly increasing, and the more rapidly the use of commercial fertilizers develops.

THE NEWSPAPER "EXTRA" NO STEWARDSHIP on earth carries a graver responsibility than that of which the newspaper must daily give account.

It is not the accident of an alliteration that couples "press" with "pulpit" whenever the primal agencies in dispensing moral influence in these modern days are enumerated.

And what is the truth, in the newspaper sense? It is the fact, plus the fact's meaning. A part of every fact's meaning is its value. How do newspapers authenticate, to their readers, the value of a piece of news?

Among the appraisal methods involving the use of display and position, the "extra" is quite the most striking. Its efficacy as a means of arresting public attention depends furthermore and chiefly upon the unexpectedness of its appearance on the streets.

More and more the public is coming to draw the contrast between the newspaper of the halftone "extra," and the newspaper that always keeps faith with its readers; and this contrasting extends not only to such "extra," but perceives the effects of the same leaven at work through the given offender's entire lump.

THE WEBB LAW TO BE TESTED WHEN the Webb bill, for preventing shipment of alcoholic drinks into states where prohibitory laws were in force, was passed over the veto of President Taft it was announced that its constitutionality would be tested before the Supreme Court of the United States.

A case has already arisen in Oklahoma. Under the provisions of the law federal officials at Lawton have seized a shipment of liquor from Missouri and Texas. The shippers have announced that they will carry the case to the Supreme Court for final decision.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN CHOOSING Judge Garrison of New Jersey for the head of the war department President Wilson did not create a new precedent.

ready for common action whenever orders should be received. The last experience, when President Taft and his advisors determined to quickly move a force to the frontier of Mexico ready for instant service, was, in its complete success, ample justification for the change.

Major General Wood, the chief of staff, and his subordinates, supplied the technical skill to carry out the plans for which the secretary of war was officially responsible.

From the course followed by President Wilson and his cabinet in other departments it is evident that competent and loyal officers will be sustained, rather than displaced, by them.

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PRESIDENT WILSON PRECEDENT SMASHER From the Des Moines Capital. The way that precedents are being smashed at Washington these days is something well calculated to fill the breast of the oldest inhabitant with consternation.

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