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dent prevention will have the same effect that fire prevention had in cutting losses by fire. The number of accidents, as the campaign of education goes on, will be halved or quartered. Portland will become a perfectly safe city for automobilists. Then every family can have a car and not be afraid to drive it.

USING THEIR PULL

THAT persons of prominence, position and influence have, by importunities and threats, measurably interfered with the administration of traffic regulations is disclosed by the Journal's investigations into automobile accidents.

They have threatened patrolmen with removal to remote beats. They have threatened their positions. They have appealed to friendship and to lodge ties.

They have even attempted bribery. They have invaded the mayor's office in efforts to gain immunity for themselves or their friends.

They have attempted to place themselves above the law. In one instance, two close friends, lodge brothers, and a former business partner were prevailed upon to interview an officer in an effort to "fix" a case.

A prominent lawyer, after violating two traffic provisions, told an officer that "he was not to be stopped" and that "no policeman could tell him how to drive." The officer was told that he would be "sent to the woods" if he again troubled the attorney.

He was arrested, but before conviction made repeated attempts through the mayor's office and other places, to have the case dismissed.

Citizens of eminence and influence, instead of attempting to hold themselves above the law, should be leaders in demanding vigorous law enforcement.

Mayor Baker is to be congratulated on his stand against influence in administration of law. Influence, corruption and coercion have no place in law.

No man is above law. His influence, friendship or wealth entitles no man to escape punishment for offenses against society. We can't have one law for the wealthy and one for the poor.

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Chamber of Commerce which is generally representative of the civic and business organizations. The committee's immediate duty is to perfect an aggressive organization that will cooperate aggressively and actively with those officially responsible for the count. It is an important duty. It cannot be deferred and be performed well.

ON TO BANKRUPTCY

HERE is a deeper meaning to railroad legislation than is reflected in the news dispatches. The situation of the roads is precarious. Men who know, say it is appalling.

Operating expenses are heavily increased by higher wages and costlier material and supplies. The proportionate operating cost was 62 per cent of gross income; now it is 81.

This leaves too narrow a margin to provide for betterments and extensions required to handle increased volume of traffic. This volume has mounted 65 to 75 per cent in eight or nine years.

With rare exceptions, the roads have not the locomotives to handle the traffic. They haven't enough cars. They haven't money with which to buy. They cannot get the credit with which to make the purchases.

The railroads and the banks were two great lines of enterprise that did no profiteering in the war.

The truth is, the railroads are in a breakdown. It was because they were in virtual collapse that the government took them over in war time. Under government management the rolling stock of all the lines was pooled, and was, without regard to ownership, used wherever it was most needed.

That was why the government succeeded in handling the war situation after the roads had failed. With the roads back in private control this resource will be gone, for each line then will have to rely on its own locomotives and cars, and most of them will not have sufficient equipment for the traffic offered.

Car shortages, delayed shipments, stagnation in the movement of transportation and other familiar phenomena will appear. The effect on other industries and upon the country is what makes the problem of tremendous consequence.

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REDEEMED BY HENS

ONE of the tragedies of human existence from the American viewpoint is the life of the outcastes of India.

This class, the lowest and most despised in the social scale, is regarded beyond the pale and the only work permitted to it is that which is considered "unclean" by the castes. Among these unclean pursuits is the raising of chickens.

Western progress has at least reached this class through the mission, bringing with it the hope of redemption. By the introduction of thoroughbred stock, cross-breeding with the native stock, the value of the Indian chicken has been increased 100 per cent.

Under old conditions the chicken of the outcaste was a scrawny specimen, weighing about three pounds and laying four or five eggs a year. The improvement of the stock has brought an increase of 100 per cent in weight of both chicken and egg and increased the average laying capacity of hens to 120 eggs per year. Prices have advanced from 6 cents a dozen to 50 cents, and the price of chickens from 12 cents to 81.

What is more important the marketing of poultry and eggs has been placed on a collective basis with corresponding benefit to the pockets of the outcaste, helping him to shake off the clutches of the money lender, and otherwise improve his material conditions. In America the hen is often described as a "mortgage lifter." In India she is taking on the character of "caste lifter" also.

AN INDECENT ERRAND

Fall Mission to Write House the Last Inch in Militarism.

Through the eyes of Albert Bacon Fall of New Mexico, the Republican senator, seen the president of the United States.

Through the hands of Albert Bacon Fall they have touched him. Through the ears of Albert Bacon Fall they have been addressed as "buncoed."

Through the lips of Albert Bacon Fall they have spoken to him. Thanks to this unimpeachable Republican evidence, we know that Woodrow Wilson still exists that he lives in the White House and that the White House is at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue from the Capitol.

The members of the cabinet beyond controversy, and while Senator Fall, in behalf of the Republican majority, was pursuing his investigations, the Mexican government related, Jenkins, thereby exploding the hand-made crime that the senate committee on foreign relations had used as a pretext for its partisan invasion of the president's sick-room.

This visit to the White House was the culmination of an slimy an adventure into blackguard politics as Washington has ever witnessed. For weeks the Republican committee of which Senator Fall was to get their hooks into the president somehow. For partisan purposes they have adopted the attitude that he is totally incompetent to transact public business, that his official acts were really done for him by others, and they have schemed to drive him out of office if means or methods could be found.

The fall expedition was not a party vote in the belief that Mr. Wilson would refuse to see the subcommittee or that his physicians would interpose a veto. So confident was the foreign relations committee of which Senator Lodge is chairman, that no personal interview would take place with the president, that the subcommittee was instructed to proceed to France and return at once and report to the full committee.

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THE REAL BUTCHERS

Speaking of the president, the Oregonian says: His insistence on the league covenant without change has blocked legislation of all kinds.

So we have all been mistaken—it is the president who has been holding up the treaty. It is the president who caused the senate to dawdle away six months of precious time. The president is not the president, but the senate. Being the senate the president "blocked legislation of all kinds."

Could absurdity go to greater lengths? Could a statement be more unjust or unfair?

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These are all Republican authority as to what the reservations did for the treaty. They show that Lodge and his group proposed to set aside the treaty already accepted by the 26 ratifying nations and that the Lodge group was offering a new treaty of its own. President Wilson said that the Lodge reservations were a "nullification" not a ratification of the Paris treaty. Now, then, was it the president and not the senate that frittered the senate's time away and "blocked legislation of all kinds"?

After the vote defeating the Lodge treaty in the closing hours of the late session, Senator Pomeroy proposed a committee on conciliation to be headed by Senators Lodge and Hitchcock. It offered a compromise between the two factions, one of which favored the Lodge treaty and the other favored the original treaty with interpretative reservations. But Lodge rejected the proposal. He even refused to permit it to be debated.

The facts cannot be obscured or perverted. Lodge and his followers refused to accept the treaty of peace that was signed at Versailles. They refused to accept the treaty that Germany and all the other governments had ratified. They refused to accept the only treaty of peace that there is, and insisted upon having a treaty of their own that nobody ever negotiated, that nobody ever ratified, that nobody ever accepted, that had no status whatever, either in law or in diplomacy.

Though a woman was noticed driving madly along on the left hand side of Oak street yesterday there is a noticeable increase in careful driving. Fewer violations of the law are seen. The agitation for acci-

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Band instruments have arrived at Banks, and the Herald says citizens are having "music" from dawn until late at night.

The forehand man, as defined by the Oregonian, is a man who has been prepared for a cold snap in the Willamette valley 35 years ahead.

In view of the recent completion of paved highway connection of Hillsboro with Portland, the Oregonian suggests that the Hillsboro Trip and Return should take a trip down the highway to Portland. Those who predicted we should have a place to live in mud were poor guessers.

The Independence Post quotes the old-timer as follows: "Professor J. B. Horn had an article in last Sunday's Oregonian in which he mentioned an occasion when the Cascade mountains arose from the Pacific ocean and gave place to live in. An old timer says he remembers that incident very distinctly, but he can't recall the time when Oregon had such weather as at present."

This public donation is reported by the Bend Press. Following the policy of the Shelton-Hixson company, in their adding to the park along Tumalo creek, the Bend company has donated to the city of Bend, Oregon, a tract of approximately 160 acres of land. This leaves an unbroken stretch of land the entire length of Tumalo canyon to be protected by the city for a recreation park.

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