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Lardner Considers Traffic Puts Ban on Fat Folk



Have traffic policemans stationed at every corner in the middle of the

Like for inst. I am a man 37 yrs

with a reliable scales.

By Ring W. Lardner Nobody that drives a car or rides and my weight is 187 lbs, which is

in one will question the statement exactly what the tables say I ought that the traffic conditions in big to be. cities is something terrible and

by the undersign surance Co. says they should be ac-

because they did not have the mind that he ain't right. brains to think them up personly. After the passage of the law the I am all through trying to tell the enforcement would be the next police how to improve same as far question and I suggest the following us vehicular traffic is concerned, as the best method. Have traffic

but my tension has now been called policemans stationed at every corto a traffic situation which is a ner in the middle of the side walk whole lot worse in small towns and also at the entrance to all st. on a Saturday night and in big cars, subways and elevators and cities all the wile, namely, the side- have these policemans equipped 5 and 10 yrs. ago it was possible

for a man to walk a block in the the gutter or worse and it was also possible to step in to a elevator or but when a party come along that a st. car or subway and find enough standing rm. so as your figure was no different when you come out than when you went in. But that was 5 and 10 yrs. ago.

Since then the population of the entire country has increased I forget how many per cent but any way a person and a specially a man is takeing there life in to their own hands when they try to walk anywheres now days except out on a lonely country rd. like the ones they have in New Jersey and even that is dangerous and when you half to ride in a elevator or st. car it is seldom never you come out the same

Wall you will ask how can these conditions be remedied because you can't make no distinctions between people and keep some of them home where they belong wile others is allowed to home the great out doors

This would be in direct violence to our constitution which declares or a office bidg, before they stepped many loose strands in the narrative everybody equal which is no sillier than other things in the constitution a specially some of the recent additions to same.

Luckly a man in Boston name Paul Whelton has came forwards dressed and vice versa. A good and at the same time cause a great to draft some of same in to the po- are not announced. many men and women'of both sexes lice force.

He points out that every insur- such a law get past. In fact when ance Co. has provided themselfs you come down to cases pretty near with a table of statistics showing everybody that has got influence is Christmas Cheer how much every man and woman over size. Hence the expression he should ought to weigh according to carries a lot of weight. their hight and age.

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future welfare." Dr. Keith then pro

Dr. Keith then proceeds to show how mankind faces the problem of continued existence in an ever more highly complicated artificial environment with the physical and mental equipment provided during the million years of "natural subsistence."

In reviewing the racial problems of the world the lecturer pays hasty but significant attention to the negro problem in the Southern states, the anti-Asiatic problem in the Pacific states, the racial situation in Latin-America, the anti-Oriental situation in Australia, the Maori-problem in New Zealand, the complicated racial difficultand, the complicated racial difficul-ties in South Africa, and finally to the Irish situation in the British Mes. His remarks upon all of these critical points in the ebb and flow of human affairs are not infrequently surprising, but are always stimulating and sensible. This lecture is a distinct contribution to that altogether, too scanty literature which tends to clarify the social muddle with critical thinking instead of adding to its murk the blind slime of prejudice.

"Gigolo" by Edna Ferber. Donbleday, Page & Co., Garden City, N. Y. \$1.75. This collection, of eight delectables from the pen of Edna Ferber will often tickle the reader's funny bone, occasionally twang his heart-string, and with pleasant rarity disturb his conscience or set off his cerebral apparatus. Edna Ferber writes about the same kind of people in the same sort of settings that have provided themes for the more philosophical narratives of Sinclair Lewis and Sherwood Anderson, but she blinks a Anderson, but she blinks a charitable eye at the shortcomings and blemishes that have fascinated those gentlemen. She does not flatter. Her smile often makes one squirm. The point to her joke is frequently a sharp one. You cannot say that her interpretation is less true to life than that of "Main Street" "The Triumph of the Egg." It is simply another view of a silce of American existence which can be viewed from a good many different angles. And her view happens to be a fairly pleasant and very entertaining one.

Most of the stories in this collection have to do with Chicago. Hyde Park, Englewood, Michigan avenue, Ellis avenue—their flats, hotels and parks But there is very few others that provide homely Ferberesque scenes. But New York, Winnebago, Hollywood, is perfect and a specially amongst Honolulu and Okoochee, all come in the ladies. So Mr. Whelton wants for sympathetic treatment that makes a law past in every city and town this volume curiously reminiscent of a city license at least as a brother makeing it compulsory for every O. Henry's far flung command of set-

been pointed out citizen male and female to keep tings.

The people of the stories—they are garage mechanics, inmates of the Home for Aged Gentlemen, actresses, and I have also cording to there hight and age and clerks, and boarding house waitresses. suggested reme- if this was done he claims that How Edna Ferber has ever managed dys to which nobody seems to pay
no tension to destrians would be reduced to a high romance out of their commonas city commissioner t h e m probably minim. And they's no doubt in my place comings and goings that is the plete with good work on behalf of if KGG were actually operating for secret of her art.

One thing such a collection as this betrays about Edna Ferber is the number of times she works the same little stunt on her readers, the freuency with which she plays up some with, or she couldn't put them over so often without offending.

"The Penitent," by Edna Worthley Underwood. (Houghton-Mifflin company, Boswood. (Houghton-Millian tous), \$2.

The one thing that would seem to us They would be required to obhuman beings seem romantically interserve every individual that come esting is the making of remantically there way. In many cases it would extraor business dist. of pretty near any there way. In many cases it would extraordinary beings seem interesting-town and not get shoved off in to be evident that the party observed by human. It is this latter task which was O. K. and fulfilling the law, Edna Worthley Underwood undertakes in a trilogy of epic novels depicting the fall of European civilization com-mencing with the Napoleonic era and looked suspicious the policemans closing with modern times. The first of the trilogy to be offered the reading public is "The Penitent," having to do would have authority to stop them. inquire in regards to their age and hight and then ask them to kindly with the life of Alexander I, tsar of step on the scales for just a mo-Pushkin, Russia's Byronic Count Woronsow, and later, Niheolas himself and the others at hand. He in-If it was found that the policemans suspicions was wrong, the sented in this tremendous drams.

party would be allowed to proceed
after a slight apology on the part
of the policemans.

If on the other hand the party
was found to be over weight he or fore they had fulfilled the law they would be locked up a couple wks. in been given a particularly strong clim.x a cell too tight for them.

Of course the statistics as compiled by the insurance Co. is based on what a person weighs when they aint got no clothes on you might say and as it might not be handy by obligations too great for human for everybody to stripe in the st. or a office bidg before they stepped ture, and, doubtless, a true one. The for everybody to stripe in the st. on the scales, why the policemans must be forgiven as unavoidable in a would half to kind of make a study historic novel that is true to its hisof gents and ladies clothes and be able to tell at a glance what would further novels of the trilogy.

be the differents in there weight Rebecca West, author of "The Paul Whelton has came forwards dressed and vice versa. A good with a suggestion which it looks to many butchers is expert along these Lee Keedick for a lecture tour of the me like it would solve the problem lines and it might be a good idear United States next fail. Her subjects

December 27 was the hundredth anto think seriously about physical training and the proper diet and thus confer a boom on the future race.

I give you Mr. Whelton's suggestion for what it is worth which to my way of thinking is a whole lot but I don't suppose nothing will come of it as they's too many over Mr. Whelton's idear is something to many over size people with influence to let like as follows:

I give you Mr. Whelton's suggestion of the birth of Louis Pastion. The life of "the most perfect man who has ever entered the kingdom of science" is good enough reading for anyone. The best biography available in this country is that by Rene Vallery-Radot. (Doubleday, Page state than Portland.

Is Carried to 64 Destitute Homes

Town Hall Gossip

and not so far from the water-front. But times that the geograph that the geograph-ical center is at Dupont and Lar-rabee streets, on the east side of the river, two blocks north of

Broadway. C. A. McClure, head draftsman in the street extension department, is nation. Looks like a formidable task Clure's method was easy and is declared to be fairly accurate. His formula? "Twas like this: McClure took a map of the entire city, cut it down to the exact boundary lines and then mounted it on cardboard. He then balanced it on a pin point, and found that the balancing point was at the street intersections named. At this street intersections named. At this location, on adjacent lots, are some fine old residences which have a re-

markable view up and down the Wil-lamette and across to the Council Crest and Kings Heights skyllnes. Has this thing of New Year's resolutions gone into the discard, along with blue-glass windows, hoop skirts,

a la Santa Claus, a la Santa Claus, etcetera? Don't you believe it. The list is in the making right now among city hall officials, and partially, at least I've learned about it.

Mayor Bakar re-RESOLVED solves, with the

help of providence, to stand firmly against having his picture in the newspapers, except, of course, where the editors or reporters eem to want same Commissioner Mann has resolved not

to tell another "story" during city cil chamber itself. He may have to get excused and go out into the ante-chamber to tell a new one he's just mile from the station can hear it. thought of, however. Commissioner Bigelow has resolved to try to look upon an alien holder of

somewhat far removed, and to adjudge no man guilty until he has failed to prove himself innocent. to buy a new pipe for use at the "four fifths" sessions of the councilthat is, as soon as the old one gets a

Commissioner Pier resolves that the remaining months of his incumbency as city commissioner will be so re-Portland that his son, Stanhope Pier, will have to step mighty lively to keep up the Pier record when he steps into dicate that The Journal's news bul-

Dr. George Parrish, city health offavorite trick or bit or eleverness. ficer, is an amiable man and a busy They have to be pretty good to start one. Frequently his office is swamped ficer, is an amiable man and a busy with callers who



care of by some member of the office staff. And at list gets impatient because the doctor is behind closed doors with some Such a situation existed the

other day. But it was cleared away by the doctor himself. He opened the door of his private office to slip out for something and post of the period, Prince Metternich, an irate citizen who had been waiting the Empress Elizabeth Alexandra. for some time became spokesman for I-Such people are the characters pre- sistently insisted that he would have to see the doctor in his private office

was found to be over weight he or she would be ordered to stay home till they had trained down to the proper weight. There name and address would be wrote down and if they were caught a 2d. time before they had fulfilled the law they elsewhere, and one by one the others faded away.

"Simply an incident in our day's work," was Dr. Parrish's comment. John Mann, city commisioner und

came back from Salem the other day with the state budget committee and expressed elation that all was as well with him as it is. He had

from state funds for The Cedars institution for the next two years. The committee cut down the amount

000, was the "askin' price," ala David

closing, and it is altogether likely that the proposed appropriation will stand. Whoever it is that has the assigning of office room to the various city bureaus surely has an idea of the

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eternal fitness of the eternal fitness of things or else a quaint sense of humor, far I action he has housed in one room the city in spector of

of censors of mo-

Gleaned by the Gossiperwhen the geographical of "Fatty" Arbuckle
city of Portland lay on Baker gave of "Fatty" Arbuckle comedies. Mayo Baker gave a hint of Portland sent ment, I believe, when he said the other day that he would hate to be the the-atre manager in this city who under-took to show the Arbuckle films, as he would get some impressions of public

eity council chambers the other day
As the august body which presides
over the destine
of this municipal conclave the fumer of burning yenshe arose and one by one the city so-lons bent their heads over the

burning stinkpot and the unforgetable smell of the insidious smeke an unmistakable oder that

clared Mayor Baker, who has been a blg factor in the fight against the narcotic evil in Portland and Oregon. Oh, yes, I almost forgot to explain "how come." A hotel man was on the carpet for permitting drug ad-dicts to harbor themselves in his place. He claimed he didn't know the smell of yen she. Officer Shaffer steppe captured drug, and then came the demonstration. The hotel man was required to take whiffs of the smoke sufficient to make a lasting impressio

Journal Radio Is Heard There

D. L. Peters of Rio Viste, Cal., reports that concerts from The Journal studio and the chimes come in so loudly on his set that by using a mag-navox fishermen on the river one half FROM E. E. Webb of Syracuse, N Y., comes word that a broadcast from station KGG, broadcasters of The Journal news bulletins, had been heard in the Knickerbocker city at 10:30

Eastern time, December 19. Many such reports have been received by the local station but credence has not been given them due to the details of the broadcast. Only in this way is a sure check made, for the call letters of other stations might be mistaken for KGG.
This would be impossible, however

letins were heard. The communication from Webb is addressed to: Station KGG, Portland,

Oregon. It reads: "We heard your station last evening about 10:30 Eastern Standard time. Came through very clear."
Despite the holiday season, when the

could be taken radio set is forgotten in the general festivities and also despite the fact the station has given only one concert dur ing the past week, a large number of reports have been received. The list is printed below. As usual only the California stations having heard KGG for the first time are listed. -The

Columnus—The orthogens was very good
L. B. Whitten.
Boneman—The chimes come in strong.
Carl V. Finch.
Stevensville—Thanks for resumption of code
practice. Ashley C. Dixon.
Walhalls—Your programs are coming in
better. A. D. Knutson.
Ambrose—You come in bully. O. L Oleson.
Wrangell—Your modulation is fine. J. W.
Mason.

Worland—The chimes come regularly, Heard your station 19). E. E. Webb. Orest Heard you once. H. H. God

Denver—You break through lot ference very well. William Emery. Indiana North Manchester—Heard part of gram. A. L. Ober. Hi Paso—Lost you on Ned M. Crosier.

KGG-KGN

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Music company
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in a New Year's eve specialt
de part of the National Radio

week program.
Toot Tootsie."
Darktown Flappers' Ball."
" an Oriental romance.
ty Lak a Rose," chimes ers.

"Hot Lips," De Mars in novelty chorus
"Bees Knees," special arrangement.

"Haunting Blues," De Mars in nov

has been made—tentstively—for state spayment to Portland for the care of The Cedars of unfortunate girls who are residents of other parts of the state than Portland.

This item of \$55,000 has to be passed upon finally by the state legislature, after it runs the gauntlet of the joint ways and means committee from both houses; but the precedent has been set for state aid during the two years just closing, and it is altogether likely that

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for the first time. All of the mall now

The navy system, as before said, has

has the correct call signal.

Letter-Name Fans Praise a name for each letter of the alphabet. They are: Able, boy, acet, dog, easy, fox, george, have, item, jig, king, love, mike, nan, oboe, pup, quack, rot, sall, tare, unit, vice, watch, x-ray, yoke and Scheme Wins

Universal adoption of this scheme of announcing call signals of the many broadcasting stations, it is believed, A DOPTION of the letter-name syswould not only do away with the contheir station has won many favorable comments for KGG station, broadcasters of The Journal news bulletins, and concerts from The Journal building fusion now prevalent but would also add greatly to the enjoyment of the

Similarity of letters when pro-nounced alone makes it difficult for listeners to correctly ascertain the call of the many stations now on the air, especially if some distance from the broadcasting station. Interference from static or local stations also tends to make it impossible to separate the calls when the letters alone are

given.

J. H. Hallock, broadcast announcer for station KGG, now uses the system that has proved highly successful, The system is used in the United States navy to designate the flags of the signal code. Instead of calling out the letter alone each has a name beginning with the letter the flag rep-

Using this system the call KGG is now broadcast as "King George George." Before this was adopted replies from distant points were often addressed to station KGE, KDD, KBB or any of the combinations that pho-netically sound like KGG. Since the letter-name has been used there has been no trouble experienced by those who have heard the station

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ing in doubt as to the station heard

the radio fan would be able to credit the proper station with its own work

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cist's Point of View," being the Rob-ert Boyle lecture delivered before the Oxford University Junior Scientifically in 1918, is presumably not obtain-able at the book stores and may not be readily available at all public libra-tes. But, though an exceedingly brief and more than elementary survey of ome important problems, it is well worth whatever trouble it may cost to

in their simplest terms. It is an exposition of cultural, racial and politi-cal fundamentals which indicates the nature and direction that human fa-vestigations must take, if it does not forecast in any profound degree the results which those investigations are

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