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FIRE HAZARDS IN OUR FORESTS

The heavy haze of smoke that has hung low over southern Oregon the past week and in some places has been so thick as to hide the sun comes as the result of the carelessness or cussedness of man, so we are told. Brush fires in many parts of the country have gained headway. Much money has been spent in fighting the fires. At least one life has been lost and several have suffered injuries to their persons and many others to their property, yet we are told that most of these fires have been set by incendiaries.

What an excuse for brains a man must have who will deliberately set a fire in the hills, we cannot comprehend. With one match they can cause the loss of life to the residents and their livestock. They can make barren wastes of the wooded hills and lay in waste acres of standing timber, the backbone of our greatest natural industry. And all for what gain. Grass will be better for pasture next spring, no doubt. Perhaps deer hunting will be better too, but our idea of a sportsman is not a man who will burn out the tiler of the soil and the people who are endeavoring to make an existence cultivating the hills, in order to make the deer more visible when the season comes. The resident can obtain a permit to burn the brush and refuse upon his range land in the proper time of the year when the damage to the trees will not be heavy. But yet the wanton destruction goes on year after year. Is it any wonder that some of the farmers in the Grants Pass area are carrying guns to use on the persons who are starting the fires in that section of the country.

If a few of the incendiaries would be taken in and the sort of justice meted out to them that should be given them, it would stop a lot of the wanton destruction of our forests and wood lands.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

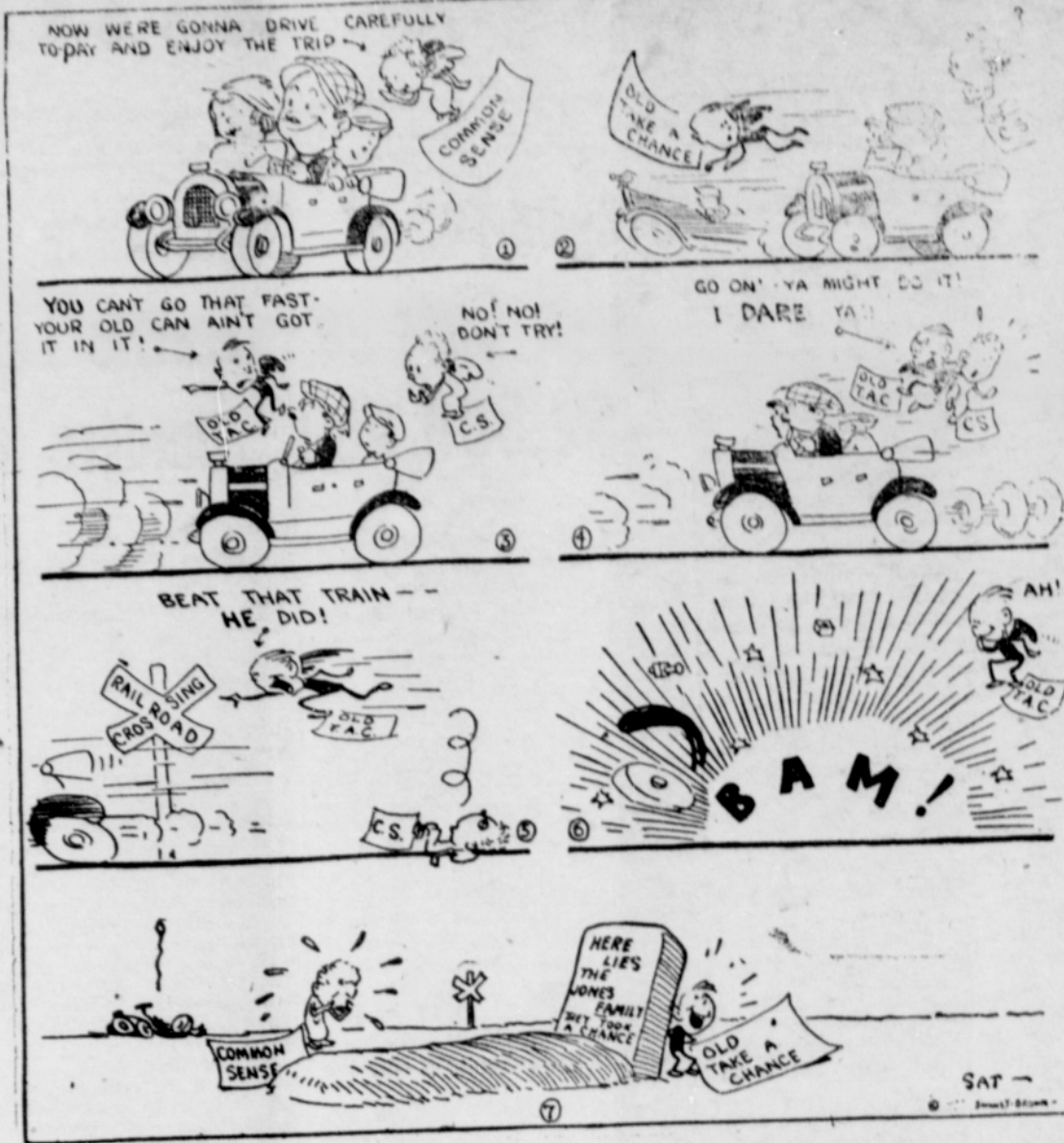
As time goes on, more and more comment is passed about concerning the coming political campaign which will either return Mr. Hoover to the White House or bring in a successor.

Right at the present time the temperament of the people is such that should a real strong liberal run for the office he would undoubtedly receive the endorsement of the people. The rank and file of the people have listened all their life to the promises and would be incantations of the old regular parties and each time they have been duped and the same policies go on, getting worse if anything, and the relief promised is yet forthcoming at the end of the term as it was before it began. Why shouldn't people get disgusted? The old saying that "you can't fool all the people all the time" is true, even tho it has been going on for so long.

The psychology of the mass must be considered. Either industrial conditions must get a lot better before the next presidential election or there is going to be a change in the management of this country, or else its going to require the work of some first class publicity artists to save the scalp of the administration.

We feel, however, that the bulk of the people are tired of pinning their faith to candidates who are tied down with the bonds of a political party and who, when elected must knuckle to the man or men who pull the strings, like a monkey on a stick. It is difficult if not impossible for any man

LITTLE PENOGRAMS



to achieve the position of president of so great a country as this without the backing of a political machine but it is much more difficult for a man to follow a true course after he has been thus elected and bound with such political entanglements as he must necessarily be under our political system. The layman however will get little support from a candidate who is placed in the office by a power who has not the interests of the common people at heart. And in a final analysis no one is to blame but the common people for they trustingly follow the siren call of their pet political party each time an election comes along and are just as often sold out by the men they support or are misguided by their false publicity.

The wing dam case, decided in the Circuit court this week still leaves the general public in suspense as to who owns the Rogue river. The decision, according to the way we interpret it, sort of straddles the fence. The land owners on the banks of the stream were said to have had the riparian rights to the center of the stream yet at the same time they were asked to pay the miners for their labors. Even King Solomon could not have done better. Both litigants are perhaps satisfied and the public doesn't know any more than they did before.

IGNORANCE OF TRAFFIC LAWS HINDERS WORK

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in an intersection intending to turn to the left shall yield to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction, which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver, having so yielded and having given a signal when and as required by law, may make such left turn and other vehicles approaching the intersection from said opposite direction shall yield to the driver making the left turn. (P 125, sec. 35c.)

65. Q. What are some exceptions to rules regarding right of way?
Ans. (a) The driver of a vehicle entering the public highway from a private road or drive shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such public highway. (P 125, sec. 36a.)

(b) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to all authorized emergency vehicles when the latter are operated in emergencies, when the drivers thereof sound audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle. (P 125, sec. 36b.)

66. Q. What should you do upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle?

Ans. Upon the approach of any authorized emergency vehicle, giving audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position and parallel to the right-hand edge or curb of the highway clear of any intersection or highways and stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police officer until the authorized emergency vehicle shall have passed. (P 126, sec. 37.)

67. Q. When must the driver of a vehicle yield the right of way to a pedestrian?

Ans. The driver of any vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked cross walk or within any unmarked cross walk at the end of the block, except at intersections where the movement of the traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals. (P 126, sec. 38a.)

68. Q. Is it lawful for the driver

of a vehicle to overtake and pass any other vehicle which has stopped at a cross-walk or intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway?

Ans. No. (P 126, sec. 38b)
69. Q. When must pedestrians yield the right of way to vehicles upon the roadway?

Ans. When crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk. (P 127, sec. 38c.)

70. Q. Is it lawful for any person to solicit a ride from a driver of any private vehicle?

Ans. No. (P 127, sec. 41.)

71. Q. Which side of the highway outside of incorporated cities or towns should pedestrians use?

Ans. The left hand side. (P 127, sec. 41a.)

72. Q. Why should pedestrians and especially children be taught to walk on the left side of the highway?

Ans. They will then be facing the oncoming traffic and can step off the highway if necessary to prevent being hit. There is less danger of being hit from the rear by a car.

73. Is it lawful to pass a street car proceeding in the same direction upon the left?

Ans. No. Unless on a one way street. (P 128, sec. 42a.)

74. Q. How should you operate when overtaking a street car?

Ans. The driver of a vehicle overtaking any street car stopped or about to stop for the purpose of receiving or discharging any passenger shall come to a stop; except where a safety zone has been established, the vehicle may proceed past such car at a speed not greater than is reasonable and proper.

75. Q. Is it unlawful to drive through or over a street car safety zone?

Ans. Yes. (P 128, sec. 44.)

76. Q. Is it necessary to stop before emerging from an alley or private driveway?

Ans. The driver of a vehicle with-

in a business or residence district emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway. (P 131, sec. 49.)

Let us all be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with.—Charles Farrer Browne.

RESOLUTION

Gold Hill, Oregon, August 3, 1931
At a regular meeting of the council of the City of Gold Hill this day regularly called and held at the City Hall in said city at the hour of eight o'clock p. m. with Mayor Ferguson, Recorder B. E. Adams, and the following members of the council in attendance, to-wit: O. U. Newell, W. E. Ross, Albert Pankey, Paul C. Thompson, J. W. Bryan and Geo. Hammersly. Absent: none, the following business was transacted:

Councilman Paul C. Thompson introduced the following resolution, which said resolution was duly seconded, read, and adopted by the following, the said resolution and the vote thereon being as follows:

RESOLUTION

The people of the City of Gold Hill do resolve as follows, and Be it resolved by the council of the City of Gold Hill, Jackson county, Oregon, that the following proposed amendments to the charter of said city be and the same hereby are proposed for submission to the legal voters of said city for their adoption or rejection at the special city election to be held on the 19th day of August, 1931, as in this resolution provided:

CHARTER AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS BY THE COUNCIL

AN ACT
To amend as act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gold Hill in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon," approved by the Governor February 12, 1895, as amended by the legislative assembly by an act approved February 7, 1899, as amended by the legal voters at an election held April 13, 1907, as amended by the legal voters at an election held April 18, 1921, as amended by the legal voters at an election held July 6, 1926, and to amend all other amendments thereto enacted by the legislative assembly or by vote of the people.

Be it enacted by the people of the City of Gold Hill that an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Gold Hill, in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon," approved by the Governor February 12, 1895, as amended by the legislative assembly by an act approved February 7, 1899, as amended by the legal voters at an election held April 13, 1907, as amended by the legal voters at an election held April 18, 1921, as amended by the legal voters at an election held July 6, 1926, and as amended by all other amendments enacted by the legislative assembly or by vote of the people, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto Chapter Six A, to read as follows:

CHAPTER SIX A

SECTION 1. The council of the City is authorized to extend the terms of that agreement dated October 19, 1926, between the City and Beaver Portland Cement company for a further term of five (5) years. All the terms and conditions in said agreement shall remain in force and effect for a further term of five (5) years upon the signing of said agreement of extension. Said agreement was authorized at an election on July 6, 1926, when the

voters voted to accept the proposition of said company reading as follows:

The Beaver Portland Cement company makes this offer for the leasing and purchase of the City's hydro-electric power site, plant and equipment, and all of the City's right, title, and interest in and to all land lying on the west bank of Rogue river, between the Pacific highway bridge and the City boundary, and between the river and Sams Valley highway; also all water rights owned by the City; the city to lease said properties to this company for a term of five years at a rental of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per month, with an option to purchase said properties at any time during the term of the lease for a price of \$22,000; or, at the option of the city, this company will agree to pay an amount of money sufficient to complete the payment of the principal amount of bonds outstanding, issued by the city to purchase said property, and to pay all interest thereafter due on said bonds; all money paid as rental to apply on purchase price at the time the option may be exercised. The option to provide for giving good title to said properties.

The Company may defend title to all properties in the City's name, but the expense thereof will be borne by the Cement Company.

The lease to be and become absolutely void if, on account of legal difficulties, this company is unable to develop or operate the power properties for the purpose for which the lease is made, or should there be a failure to obtain water rights for at least 1,347 second feet of water, including the City's water rights on the west bank of the river and the water right of the Braden and McClure ditch, provided such failure shall not entitle the Cement Company to the return of any rent.

This company to agree to supply, pump, and deliver into the City's mains at the pumping plant, free of charge, all water which may be required for domestic and municipal uses.

When present plant is in operation such power as now consumed by the City for municipal lighting will be furnished free, and upon the development of a larger power plant the Company will furnish electric power to the City to an amount of twenty kilowatts for municipal use only and free of charge.

At that time, should any additional power be required for municipal lighting and power, same will be supplied by the Company at one cent per kilowatt hour.

Should the Cement Company at any time fail to live up to the various clauses of this offer, and any agreement made pursuant thereto, such action will constitute a forfeiture, and property and plant will revert to the City.

Due to litigation and other events beyond the control of either party, the terms of said agreement could not be carried out, and said agreement should be so extended for five (5) years. Full power to enter into and carry out said agreement leasing the properties set forth in said offer, with an option to purchase the same is hereby given the Council.

Resolved further, that this resolution for proposed charter amendments submitted to the voters by the Council be filed with the Recorder of the City of Gold Hill for submission to the legal voters of said City for their rejection or approval, to be voted upon at a special election to be held as herein provided.

Resolved further, that the Council deems it advisable and does hereby and herein call and make necessary provision for the holding of a special election which shall be and hereby is called to be held on the 19th day of August, 1931, between the legal voting hours on said date, and that said time be and the same hereby is designated as the time for holding said special election, and the City Hall in said City is hereby designated as the polling place therefor, and the following named persons, are hereby designated and appointed as and for the Judges and Clerks of said election, to-wit: Fred G. Turner, Merriman judges, and Mrs. Millie Walker and Mrs. Ester Gilchrist, clerks.

Be it further resolved that the Recorder be and he is hereby instructed to publish the hereinabove proposed charter amendments submitted to the voters in the manner provided by law; that is to say, by publication of this resolution in full with the ballot title therefor not less than ten (10) days before the date of the said special election, in the Gold Hill News, a newspaper printed in said city, and of general circulation therein, and the Recorder shall also post similar copies of such notice in three (3) public places in said city, and the Chief of Police shall post one (1) of said notices at the City Hall, the same being the place of election, at least ten (10) days before said election date.

Whereas, the agreement referred to herein will expire in October, and the company has been operating said properties under the terms of said agreement, and it is necessary for the peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the city that this matter be determined at as early a date as possible, and it is necessary that this resolution take immediate effect, now, therefore,

An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this resolution shall go into force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted by the Council on the 3rd day of August, 1931, by the following vote:

YEAS: Newell, Ross, Thompson, Bryan, Hammersly.

NAYS: Pankey not voting.

Submitted to the mayor August 3, 1931.

Approved by the mayor August 3, 1931.

W. H. FERGUSON

Attest: Mayor

B. E. ADAMS

Recorder

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