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## Auto Liability Insurance

One of the subjects that will occupy the attention of the legislature is that of compulsory automobile liability insurance, to force recompense for automobile casualties and accidents.

Other states have legislated upon this subject. In Ohio, Maine, Connecticut, New York, Utah, South Dakota and others owners of automobiles carrying passengers for hire, such as buses and taxicabs, are compelled to carry liability insurance. Some states have enacted laws making it compulsory upon "drive-it-yourself" companies to provide proof of financial responsibility to pay a judgment for damages that may be awarded against them.

The Massachusetts law, enacted in 1925 and made effective in 1927, compels every operator of a motor vehicle to provide an insurance policy on surety bond of \$5-10,000 or deposit cash or securities of \$5,000 to cover accidents on public highways. It does not apply to non-residents, nor does it cover accidents upon private property.

Two other plans have received attention, one of which, the Stone plan, has been adopted. The other is a compensation scheme similar to the workmen's compensation acts. The Stone plan has been adopted in Connecticut and Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, New York and New Jersey. Various modified it requires:

Any person who violates certain sections of the motor vehicle law or who becomes involved in an accident, or the person in whose name the auto is registered, or both, to furnish proof of financial responsibility to satisfy any claim for damage for injury or death to a person to at least \$10,000 and \$1,000 for damage to property. Such proof may be furnished in the form of a policy of insurance, surety bond or a deposit of cash or securities. Failure to supply such proof leads to a revocation of license and suspension of the registration. A man has a choice either to be careful in the operation of his car so that no accident will occur or to furnish security in some form.

Under the compensation plan, as under the workmen's laws, the liability of car owners will be limited, but without regard to who was to blame for the accident.

## The Revolutionary Spiral

The recent deposing of Alexis Ivanovitch Rykoff as premier of Russia by Joseph Stalin, secretary of the Communist party and real dictator of the Soviet state shows that the Russian revolution is running true to revolutionary form and whirling around the cycle of the revolutionary spiral just as the French revolution did. One by one the original leaders of the revolt are deposed, and sent into exile, just as the French leaders were sent to the guillotine. Perhaps Stalin will fall like the rest and a man on horseback emerge triumphant to restore order out of chaos, or it may be that Stalin himself continue the Russian Napoleon.

Rykoff, who has been the leader of the so-called right wing opposition, as Trotsky was of the left wing, has before this suffered "discipline", but he has given himself whole heartedly to the revolutionary cause, only to be ousted from reward in case of its possible eventual success.

Rykoff is the son of a Finnish peasant and has been active in the Bolshevist faction of the Social Democratic party since 1903. He experienced exile in Siberia and was a close friend of Lenin's. In 1924, he took over the nominal place that Lenin held and has since occupied the highest offices. Twice his health has broken from overwork but that does not save him for he stands in the way of Stalin's ambition.

So Rykoff, despite his faithfulness to the cause, is ruthlessly disposed of because of party differences and joins the ranks of the ousted, which include Trotsky, Bucharin, Kameneff, Zintviev, Radek and Preobaschkeski and others whose faithfulness to Communist cause was no more doubted than their capacity for leadership.

The fact that such leaders can be shelved speaks well for the impersonal discipline of the Communist party which ruthlessly casts aside its creators on the wane of those who have usurped authority.

## Football Subsidies

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, proposes that endowments be raised for college sports. A suggestion like this shows that the thinking of even a clear thinker becomes muddled at times.

What Dr. Butler means, of course, is not college sports but football, which has become a commercialized industry and is no longer to be classed with the sports. If he had suggested the profits of football be utilized to endow universities, he would have made a constructive suggestion.

No endowments are needed for college sports. Students would continue to play tennis, golf, hand-ball, hockey, squash, baseball and other games if there were no great stadiums or high priced coaches in existence. Subsidies are not necessary for student sports, open to the rank and file. Football, on the other hand, is confined to a small, selected group and the great mass of students participate only as spectators, along with alumni and the general public.

The over emphasis placed on football does more harm than good and detracts rather than adds to scholarship, the main purpose of the university. It is not at all essential to the existence of a real university. Yet the football machine is permitted to dominate university life and none dare oppose it—not even Dr. Butler.

## ROTH GROCERY CHANGES NAME

Bids for the remodeling of the location being discarded by the Roth Grocery company and to be occupied by the F. W. Grand stores organization will be opened in the office of Frank Struble, architect, Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All bids will be telegraphed east for confirmation and approval and the successful bidders will not be announced until a reply is received. There are four general contractors, for electrical firms and four plumbing firms bidding on the reconstruction.

E. J. Roth and L. H. Barrett taking their interests out of the retail department and centralizing on the Willamette Grocery company, wholesale house. The new grocery will be known as the Model Food Market and located immediately south and adjoining the city hall on North High street. Associated in the new enterprise are Ed Schunke, Arthur J. Engelbart and William F. Perlich. Preliminary moving is under way in the new store which will be formally opened to the public for business Friday.

Immediate reconstruction at the old location will start as soon as the eastern firm awards the contracts, probably within a few days after word is received here, Struble believes.

Mehanna—Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Pulp of Waldport were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Phillips.

## WHAT DR. BUTLER OBJECTS TO



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## TEACHERS OF STATE FOR FREE SCHOOL BOOKS

Portland (SP)—Governor-Elect Julius L. Meier expressed hearty approval of the Oregon State Teachers' association resolution favoring free text books for Oregon school children, in his address Tuesday before the group. He welcomed the delegates to the first general assembly.

"Thus far, as a business man, I have been confining my attention on the financial conditions which Oregon faces," Meier said. "Your meeting has brought to mind the many interesting problems of education in our state. The questions are vital, and decisions and policies cannot be determined hastily."

Other speakers heard during the morning session were R. R. Turner, retiring president; Dr. Boyd H. Hoole, Ohio State university; Dr. Willis A. Sutton, Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of schools, and Cameron Beck, personnel director of the New York stock exchange. The afternoon was to be devoted to departmental meetings.

Portland, (SP)—Teachers of Oregon Tuesday stood in favor of free text books for pupils of the state, but at the same time opposed any plan for state printing and publication of the text books.

Resolutions to this effect were adopted at the last session on Monday's program of the Oregon State Teachers' association meeting here. C. W. Koettlicher of The Dalles was elected vice president and will succeed to the presidency next year. "That free textbooks should be furnished to the school children of the state of Oregon seems to be desirable," the Teachers' resolution read. Another section said "the association is unalterably opposed to state printing and publication of textbooks."

L. W. Turnbull of North Bend presided at the session, stepping up from vice president. E. H. Hedrick of Medford was elected member of the board of trustees to represent the state at large.

H. R. Gould of Eugene, was elected representative of district 2; Fred Peterson, Klamath Falls, representative of district 3, and Austin Landreth, Pendleton, representative of District 4.

The teachers wound up Monday's session late in the afternoon, cancelling the night meeting to enable all to attend the covered wagon centennial program here.

Equalized educational opportunity for all school children of Oregon is the objective of the Oregon educational plan, as outlined by C. A. Howard, state superintendent at Eugene. This plan favors a centralized state system, enlargements of units of school costs, development of county organization to insure a staff of trained and expert educational officers, standards of training, certification and salary, and provisions for retirement to insure a stable and permanent teaching profession of a high type, and an integrated and unified school system, the speakers said.

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## PROBE VALUE POWER PLANT AT OAK GROVE

Public service commission has scheduled a hearing in the valuation proceedings on the Oak Grove project of the Pacific Northwest Public Service company to be held January 14 in Portland.

Other hearings scheduled for next month: January 6, Oregon City, continuation of hearings relative to the baby house grade crossing between Park Place and Oregon City and the 17th street crossing in Oregon City.

January 8, Pendleton, application of Umatilla Indian agency for a grade crossing across the tracks of the O. W. R. & N. Co.

January 9, St. Helens, application of Columbia county for a grade crossing across the S. P. & S. tracks near Clatskanie.

January 10, Rockaway, rehearings on the tariff of the Rockaway Beach Water company and the Garibaldi Beach Water company.

January 14, Portland, application of the Southern Pacific company and other lines relative to tariff affecting rules governing minimum charge for long and bulky articles; Wasco Warehouse Milling Co., and others vs. O. W. R. & N. Co., and others; coordination of motor transport.

January 27, Albany, grade separation one mile north of Albany. January 28, Roseburg, application of Douglas county for grade crossing across Southern Pacific tracks. January 29, Medford, application of city of Medford for grade crossing across Southern Pacific tracks at Fourth street and at Eighth street.



## A Happy New Year

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## CHINESE TRAIN ATTACKED AND 80 ARE KILLED

Peiping, China (UP)—A passenger train on the Peiping-Mukden line was attacked on Saturday by bandits.

Official advices estimated that 80 passengers had been killed in the attack. Twenty others were kidnapped by the bandits.

The Peiping-Mukden line runs from the old northern capital to Tientsin and then along the gulf of Liatung to Mukden, the capital of Manchuria.

The bandit horde attacked the train on Saturday afternoon after derailing the locomotive. The train was looted. The kidnapped passengers were carried away by the bandits.

Forty-seven persons were injured in the attack. The bandits tore up tracks in front of the speeding passenger train and the locomotive was derailed, wrecking nine coaches. Two coaches caught fire or were set afire by the brigands and some passengers trapped inside were burned to death.

The coaches were ransacked by the bandits. The attack was considered the worst railway holdup in China in many years.

The Chinese trade decline was even greater.

Governor Dern then went on to say that India and China were the principal silver users in the world. Together they consumed 70 per cent of the world production in 1929. He pointed out that the silver drop was largely caused by Great Britain dumping the white metal on the market and added that low silver had crippled the buying power of India and China.

Suggested remedies were mentioned:

1—Senator William King's proposal of an international conference to stabilize the price.

2—The proposal to lend several hundred million ounces of silver to China and persuade the Oriental war lords to cease their incessant internecine wars and direct energies toward national development.

3—Senator Key Pittman's belief that the immediate remedy lay in persuading the English government in India to desist dumping silver on the market.

Governor Dern said there would never be silver overproduction. He pointed out that it was merely a by-product of other metals and must necessarily keep pace with their production.

Professor T. J. Nylander of Occidental college, Los Angeles, spoke at length on the silver question. He felt that the silver problem would be partially solved by the industrialization of China which, he felt, was about to occur.

## NO RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME IN GUATEMALA

Washington (SP)—The American legation at Guatemala City on instructions of the state department has informed the Guatemalan government the United States will not recognize the regime of President Orellana.

Department officials refused to comment. It was said on high authority, however, that the disinclination to extend recognition to Guatemala was based on the terms of the treaty of 1923 which set forth the conditions under which new regimes in Central America may be recognized.

The attitude of the state department was asserted to be that the Orellana regime came to power through a civil coup d'etat, and not under constitutional provisions allowing recognition under the terms of the treaty.

Kingwood—Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Boerne and son of Portland, visited at the Bernard Benson home on Riverside drive and Kingwood Terrace, over the week end between Christmas and New Year's day. Mr. Boerne is a brother of Mrs. Benson.

## STABILITY OF SILVER NEEDED FOR PROSPERITY

Salt Lake City, Utah (UP)—If the United States is to regain its lucrative Oriental trade, silver must be brought back to a position approximating stability, Governor George H. Dern told the Pacific coast economic conference Monday night.

The Utah executive addressed educators from 24 western colleges and universities, here to discuss economic and educational problems.

Governor Dern said a contributing factor in the present worldwide depression was the fall in silver price—the metal dropped from 57 cents an ounce in January, 1929, to 31 cents today. He pointed out how the price recession and decline in Oriental trade went hand in hand.

"In 1929 our Oriental trade had developed to a \$2,000,000,000 enterprise," he asserted. "Our exports to Asia dropped \$70,000,000 the first six months of this year. In January of this year our India imports represented \$23,000,000 and in July they had dropped to \$45,000,000."

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December 31st closes thirty-one years of a successful grocery business and we take this method of thanking our many customers and friends for the loyal support they have given us through the years.

We have leased our building for other store purposes and are making a change in the personnel of the company. Mr. Theo. Roth, Mr. E. J. Roth and Mr. L. H. Barnett are taking their interests in the Willamette Grocery Co., a wholesale grocery firm which the Roth interests have sponsored and of which Mr. Theo. Roth has been manager for the past eleven years. Mr. Edward Schunke, Mr. Arthur J. Engelbart and Mr. Wm. F. Perlich have taken over the stock and fixtures and are moving them to a new store building next to the City Hall on High street where they will be open for business on January 2nd. We bespeak for them the business you have given us in the past and their years of experience with us and the ability of each one of them, we believe, will assure you as good or perhaps even better service than we have been able to render.

The new store will be known as the MODEL FOOD MARKET, and a visit to it will convince you that it is all its name implies.

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