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THE FOOLHARDY PUBLIC

Twenty-six people killed, one hundred and ninety injured, and five hundred and eighty-six automobiles damaged or destroyed at grade crossings on the Southern Pacific railroad in the last nine months.

Of these, 293 ran in front of, or tried to beat trains at crossings, resulting in twenty deaths and 107 injuries; 126 ran into trains instead of trains striking them, causing four deaths and fifty-nine injuries; seventy-six stalled on the track, causing two deaths and thirteen injuries; fifty-five ran into and broke down crossing gates lowered to protect them from approaching trains, resulting in three injuries; twenty-eight were unable to stop at crossing and skidded into trains, resulting in three injuries; five ran down crossing flagmen who were warning the public of approaching trains, resulting in five injuries; three were miscellaneous accidents with no injuries.

Thus show the records of R. J. Clancy, assistant to the general manager of the Southern Pacific company, and the best posted man on automobile-railroad accident figures in the west.

In spite of every precaution that railroads can take to protect the public against accidents, says Mr. Clancy, reckless, thoughtless, or inexperienced drivers will approach a railroad crossing as if they were about to pass over a cow trail in an unused field.

The railroads have spent millions for overhead crossings, warning sig-

nals, flagmen and gates at grade crossings. In spite of this, the average automobile driver will not slow down, let alone stop, look and listen. He seems to take the attitude that "it's a wonder the fool engineers wouldn't watch out when they're crossing a highway."

If automobile drivers kept one hundredth part as close look out for trains as engineers do for automobiles, the records of accident would be greatly diminished. No automobile has yet been invented that can meet a locomotive successfully in a contest of strength at a railroad crossing.

250 WOMEN TO BE INCLUDED IN JURY CALL FOR COUNTY

Women will be called as jurors at the February term of the circuit court, under the state law, approved by the voters at the May, 1921, special election, and County Clerk Chauncey Florey will draw the list the first week in January, which will contain the names of 250 women and 250 men. The list is for the year.

The law as amended only requires that a juror be a voter, and not alone a taxpayer as heretofore.

The second story of the new county vault will be used as women's quarters, though the deliberations of a jury will not be separate.

School teachers are alone exempt from service, but all other women may be excused upon request, as follows, as provided by the law: "Any woman desiring to be excused from jury service may claim exemption by signing a written or printed notice thereof and returning the same to the sheriff before the date for appearance, and if exemption is so claimed by reason of sex, no appearance need be made in answer to said summons; provided, that it shall be the duty of the person serving any summons for jury duty to inform every female person so served of this provision and to furnish her with a written or printed blank on which to make such claim for exemption."

The requirement for a juror of both sexes is: a citizen of the United States, over twenty-one years of age; a legal voter of the county in

which he or she resides, and in possession of his natural faculties, and a sound mind.

The new jury law, effective January 1, also provides, that in all criminal actions, where the complaining witness or the defendant is under eighteen years of age, one-half of the jury shall be women.

The law also excuses members of the legislature when the august body is in session.

Oregon is the last of the Pacific coast states to have women jurors. Women served on the Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle trial in California, one being credited with hanging the jury. In Washington, a notable case in which women acted as jurors, was the murder trial of James E. Mahoney, charged with the murder of his aged wife.

Among the cases to be tried at the February term of court, with women as jurors, will be the remainder of the Bank of Jacksonville failure cases, and the probable retrial of John Goodwin and James (Shine) Edwards, taxi drivers charged with bootlegging.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

HEY TELLS ME A FOOL EN HE MONEY SOON PAINTED, BUT SHUCKS! HE DON' HATTER BE NO FOOL --ME EN MAH MONEY DOES IT, TOO!

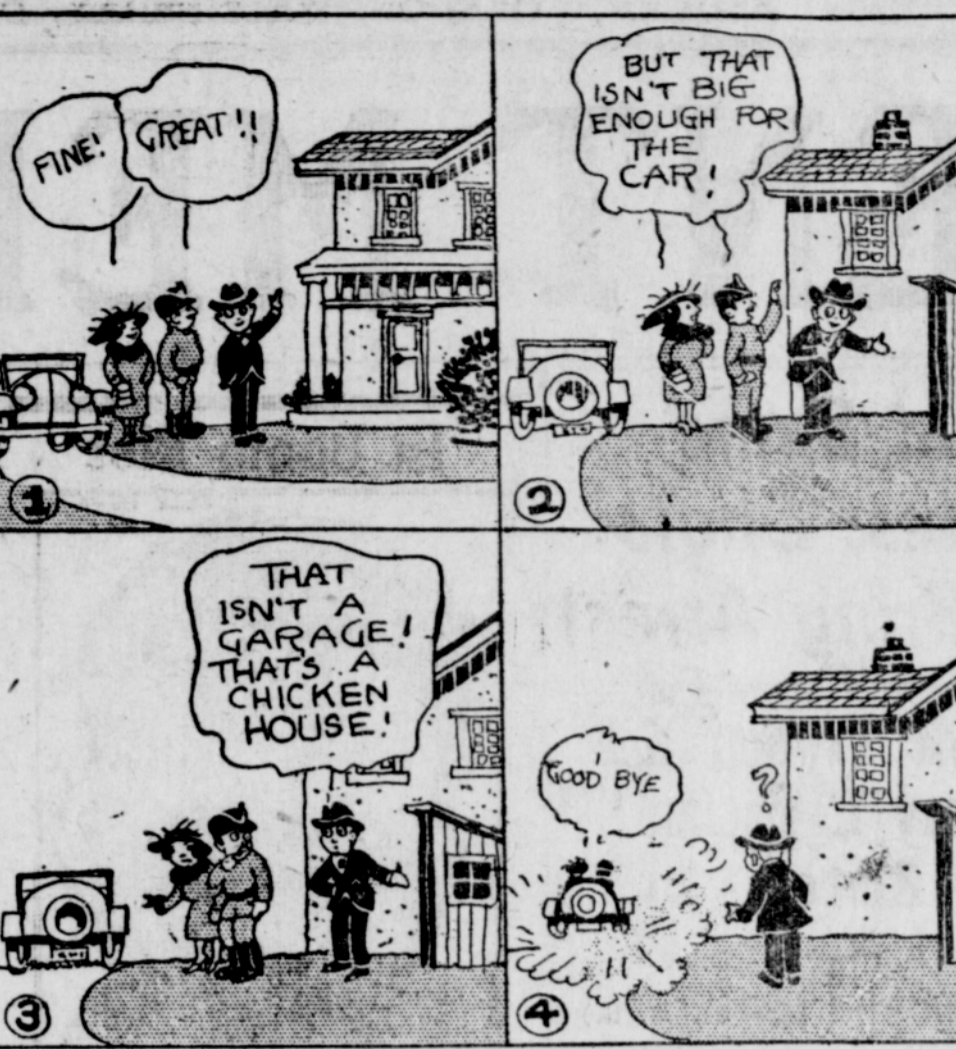


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LARGEST DISTILLERY IN OHIO DISCOVERED

ELYRIA, O., Dec. 2.—The largest illegal distillery in Ohio was confiscated and four men, foreigners, arrested, when Sheriff N. D. Backus raided a farmhouse at Brownhelm

Anthracite Miners Have No Rent Profiteering Problem



ANTHRACITE mine workers as a class constitute the most highly paid labor in the United States. Hundreds of contract miners, under the prevailing wage scale, earn as much as \$400 a month. Some earn even more.

The miners and their families are comfortably housed in single and double houses built and maintained by the mine operating companies and leased to the men at a purely nominal rental.

Recently one of the big mining companies built a number of houses which were rented to the miners at \$10 a month. These houses have all modern improvements in the way of electric light and plumbing and each has a chicken coop and space for a garden.

The only criticism made by the miners was that no garages were provided.

Miners are supplied with household coal at cost by the mining companies. Their wives are excellent housekeepers and go in for hundred-dollar refrigerators and enamelled kitchen cabinets.

The modern anthracite mining town is something to see and marvel at. There are public schools and high schools costing from \$60,000 to \$150,000, libraries, recreation centers and parks. In some of the communities the mining companies pay more than 90 per cent of the taxes for these improvements.

Community spirit is encouraged by the mining companies and cash prizes are offered annually for the best flower and vegetable gardens and the most attractively kept grounds.

Station, five miles west of Lorain.

The house contained six stills, two of which were found in operation, twenty-seven barrels of mash of all varieties and approximately 100 gallons of the finished product. The plant has a capacity of from 100 to 200 gallons of hooch daily and is believed to have been the main source of illicit liquor supply for the foreign settlement at South Lorain.

Thirty gallons of the finished product were found buried in the hay-mow. It is believed it was secreted for the purpose of sale.



A Cordial Invitation

Before 1922 appears, the officers and directors of the First National extend to new residents and those with no banking connections a cordial invitation to open Savings, Time Deposit, or Commercial Accounts here.

We do this because we believe a bank connection essential to progress, and we also believe that a connection with this bank will be very helpful to you.

May we have the pleasure of talking the matter over with you?

First National Bank
 Ashland, :: :: :: Oregon

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

Holiday Tickets

will be on sale at

A Fare and a Half

for the

Round Trip

Between all points on the Southern Pacific where the one-way fare is \$1.67 to \$25.00.

Tickets on Sale—

December 25-26-31 and January 1st and 2nd.

Final return limit January 4th.

For further particulars, ask agents

Southern Pacific Lines

JOHN M. SCOTT,
 General Passenger Agent.

HOLIDAY PREMIUM SALE

\$1.20 Worth of Goods for \$1.00

Beginning Wednesday morning, December 28 and continuing until 12 o'clock midnight, December 31, 1921

The Depot Supply Store

267 Fourth St. - - Ashland, Oregon

Will give a premium of 20 per cent of the amount of all purchases of five cents or over at regular retail prices. All premiums will be paid in goods at regular retail prices but only a single article will be given on each purchase and any article in the store may be selected that does not exceed in price the amount of the premium on goods purchased.

On all purchases of \$5.00 or over a 20 per cent premium on the premium will also be given in goods.

There is a large stock of Books, Stationery, Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Soaps, Magazines, Candy, Tobaccos, Cigars, Medicines and sundries of many kinds to select from.

GEO. W. TREFREN, Mgr.