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**A SAFETY SECTION FOR AUTOS**

If automobile associations would take the same interest in educating automobile drivers in safe practices, as the railroads take in thus educating their employes, automobile travel would be safer and more pleasant, and there would be fewer auto accidents on the highway and at railway grade crossings.

On the Southern Pacific, which is a typical western road, a passenger may travel on its trains a distance equivalent to 340,000 times around the world without danger of loss of life in steam train accident. On the Southern Pacific in 1925, more than 5,000,000 man-hours were worked for each employe killed on duty. While this is the best record made by any of the large railway systems of the United States having more than 100,000 working man-hours for the year, there were others almost as good.

This shows what systematic safety work means in the prevention of accidents.

Instead of advocating grade changes, which would burden the people with taxes, and then only take care of less than 10 per cent of the total auto accidents—for records show that more than 90 per cent occur at street intersections and elsewhere on the highways—the situation would be much better cared for and at little expense, if auto associations would emulate the example set by the railroads, and establish a Safety Section to deal with carelessness and educate auto drivers in safe practices, as the railroads have educated their employes.

**A BY-PRODUCT OF A MODERN SCHOOL**

Few people realize how important a factor are our schools in the prosperity and growth of a community—purely a commercial viewpoint. We measure the products of our schools in terms of their educational value, their moral influence, their part in developing a better citizenship, their work in equipping our boys and girls to meet the problems of life. These products are of first importance and it is a wholesome condition that they are so stressed. However, we often overlook the fact that a community without a good school may be not only lacking in these essential elements but likely to be equally as far behind in material progress.

When the time comes for a family to change its residence, a location accessible to a well organized school is of first concern. This is true in rural as well as city movements. Real estate values are affected by proximity to the schools. A good school will surround itself with a population of industrious families; families whose wants must be supplied, who build up church memberships and who establish community centers.

Attention is called to this phase of school influence, an influence that builds up the business welfare of a district as well as leading in the mental and moral development of its youth. A substantial, sightly and well-equipped school, manned by a teacher or teachers of personality and power, with adequate facilities for study and play, is a source of pride, a worthy asset to a rural district or town. Such a school atmosphere makes for stability in the property surroundings, increasing land values through its influence on the character and desirability of the neighborhood.

We have the testimony of a former cabinet member who has said that ambitious citizens will go where education may be had for their children. The same point is emphasized in the story of another prominent American who tells of his father's leaving the backwoods of the mountains because there were available but three months of school. "My father packed our belongings in a covered wagon," he relates, "and went to a new state—and we moved out of a three months' school into a nine months' one, with a free high school."

The importance of the products and by-products of our schools may be summarized in the words of Herbert Hoover, "If we were to suppress our educational system for a single generation the equipment would decay, most of our people would die of starvation, and intellectually and spiritually we should slip back four thousand years in human progress. We could recover the loss of any other big business in a few years—but not this one."

**His Favorite Sport**



**STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER**

BY CHARLES P. STEWART  
 News Service Writer

**WASHINGTON** — If Secretary of Commerce Hoover ever becomes president, we know in advance just what kind of a government we'll have.

It will be exactly the kind we have now.

It's no secret in Washington that Hoover, subject to President Coolidge, has more than any other man to say concerning the present administration's policies.

In effect, he's prime minister. Now, a strong prime minister who's fully trusted and much depended on by the potentate he serves, can run a government about as he sees fit.

That's the case with Secretary Hoover. Nominally he only gives advice, but where advice always is accepted and acted on as the advisor suggests, it amounts practically to the actual shaping of the course the latter favors.

Hoover's advice "soaps" with the president.

As president, he'd act. As secretary of commerce, he advises and the president acts. That's the

only difference. So, by observing this administration, we learn what Hoover's ideal of an administration is. It's a fair conclusion that, in the White House himself, he'd duplicate it.

It isn't in his own department alone that Hoover's interested. He's interested in the whole machinery of government.

He's the father of the Coolidge policy of reorganization, simplification and reduction of governmental personnel—the consolidation of bureaus, the pruning out of all superfluous divisions, the accomplishment of more work with smaller staffs.

Economy and tax reduction are near to his heart.

A "business administration" that was his notion from the first, even in President Harding's day.

**Nudity on Stage Is Now Obsolete**

BERLIN, (UP) — Germany's musical comedies and girl shows are to be characterized by less nudity and more intelligence, according to the slogan proclaimed by the leading German show-matter, Erik Charell, following his recent return from New York, London and Paris.

"The public everywhere has had enough nakedness," announced Charell.

The German showman was most pleased by Sacha Guitry's revue in Paris.

"This revue," he said, "consists almost entirely of esprit. As I see it, this suggests the only future for revues. We must abandon nudity; but we must also discard the excessive pomp and blarney of our shows. There is virtually nothing more in this treasure-trove of extravagance and nudity which we can offer our audiences. They've had an eye-ful. What they want now is intelligence.

"Nudity is obsolete. At first, it blinded us with its brilliancy and tickled our senses. Nowadays it leaves us cold."

Charell has announced another daring intention: During the coming season, he will forego the engagement of foreign (notably American and English) dancing girls and present a German chorus.

"Moreover," he asserted, "I have hopes that I can put a German chorus across—even if the girls wear clothes."

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**SOUTH SEA ISLAND HAS BIG GOLD RUSH**

Sydney, (AP) — Adventurers have found a new El Dorado in the South Seas.

According to authentic reports from Morobe (New Guinea), a rich gold strike has been made in wild mountainous country beyond Salima. Four centuries ago Alvarez de Sotomayor and his hardy Spanish explorers, sailing from the western coast of Mexico, coasted along the northern shores of New Guinea, and gave to the country the name Isla del Oro (Island of Gold). It is claimed now that for the first time the name is to justify itself.

Already shipments of gold from the new field have arrived at Sydney, and outgoing vessels are carrying increased passenger lists. But men experienced in the country say that the story of the Salima field will be the same as many others where nature has hidden her gold from men—a story of whitening bones and ill-rewarded effort.

The field is situated in a district which has more than 200 inches of rainfall a year, malaria, dysentery and worst of all, the dreaded blackwater fever, play havoc with travelers who venture into its area. The natives are the fiercest in the whole of New Guinea, and have to yet come under the spell of the white man's civilization.

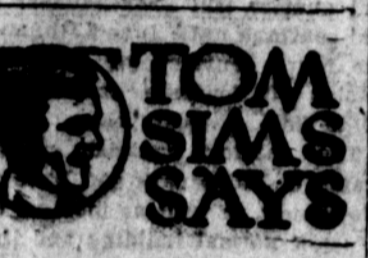
Tools, stores, and even food, every ounce of it, have to be carried over a steep range of high mountains from the seashore. The field lies but 15 miles from the nearest port, as the bird flies, but those 15 miles are converted into many more by the rough untamed nature of the country. It takes a fully-laden native carrier—the only method of transport—seven or eight days to travel those few miles.

Such is the citadel in which the yellow god has fortified himself in this new El Dorado. Despite official warnings of the difficulties ahead, many Australian adventurers have already set out to woo fortune in this new world.

**Saves 8 Lives**



Eight people have been saved from drowning in swimming pools near Dayton, O., during the last three years by John Charles Ramby, 26. One of the eight he saved twice, and on every occasion he put his own life in danger. But he won't talk about his exploits for fear his thumbs will think he's trying to be "smart."



If you don't enjoy these hot days, be good and go to church.

Wish they had brought the north pole back with them.

The average man wears a 7 1-2 size hat before making a good golf score.

Time you get caught up with your work you need another vacation.

Coolidge says, cut expenses. But we all can't live on fish we catch.



The road to ruin has no bad detours to slow you down. Weeds that grow in the row are the ones that make the most trouble.

Human nature works through the heart rather than through the head.

We don't recognize how idiotic a style is until after it goes out.

A good reputation needs more watching than anything else I can think of today.

Some folks get as much satisfaction out of parading their misfortunes as others do by bragging of their ancestors.

Hex Heck says: "The doctor's main job is helpin' folks get rid o' what they can't swallow."

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