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AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHT REGULATION
Effort is to be made at the coming legislative session to repeal the automobile headlight law. Those who sponsor the movement, and who are connected with the automotive trade, say the law is fundamentally right, but they seek its repeal because it is not being enforced and because confusion results from that condition. That seems a strange situation. The natural question, of course, is one as to why the law is not being enforced.

The chairman of the legislative committee for the automotive trades says that "The present law is fundamentally sound, with some modifications." Why, then, not make the modifications and retain the worthy fundamentals? The secretary of the Portland Automobile Dealers' association says "It is an excellent piece of legislation in theory." That would seem to add to the weight of reasoning in favor of its retention.

But the chairman of the legislative committee adds to his comment the statement that "with the lack of enforcement the situation is such that the lives of citizens are in jeopardy" and the secretary of the automobile dealers says that "Practically no county or municipal police are making any attempt to enforce the measure, which results in no regulation at all at present."

All new cars have been licensed and all old cars have been re-licensed since the law became in theory effective. And a pre-requisite for the obtaining of a license is that lights must conform to the law. Is one to understand that licenses are being issued in disregard of this provision? If so, by what authority?

Anyone who drives by night knows that lights adjusted to the requirements of the laws make driving comparatively safe. It may well be conceded that enforcement of the provision that lights shall be dimmed when pavements are wet is non-enforceable, without the presence of an impossible army of traffic officers abroad all night on every highway. But that fact merely serves to accentuate the other fact that the old dimming law was in even greater degree non-enforceable. Reversion to that law would only make matters worse.

As for the comment of the legislative chairman that the fixed spotlight provision is impossible and wrong there may be ready agreement with that, but it ought to be easy of modification without the scrapping of the whole law. With the vast improvement of headlights in recent years, few find a spotlight necessary anyway. It has become a refinement merely.

Other states find headlight regulation both enforceable and promotive of safety on the highways. Are we in Oregon to give up a measure in behalf of the public safety because of provincial jealousies among local enforcing officers?—Eugene Guard.

A Slow Animal



STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—So many brickbats are thrown at the government that it is a shame to withhold a bouquet when one seems to be indicated.

The Justice Department, then, did a mighty good piece of work when it sat on Gen. Enrique Estrada's scheme to lead a filibustering expedition into Lower California for this side of the Mexican border.

Filibustering has cost the U. S. lots of trouble in the past.

The filibusters' motives may be good—though generally they're purely mercenary—but, at best, they're too utterly irresponsible.

A country, at peace with this one, attacked from here, has a right to complain.

No military movement of any consequence can be organized very secretly. If Estrada had succeeded in launching one from American soil against Mexico, President Calles would have been justified in suspecting the United States had winked at it.

Mexican-American relations are plenty delicate enough now.

without any such additional strain.

Any fly-by-night little bunch of filibusters who try to butt in and complicate matters, deserves a good spanking, the Justice Department holds.

Gen. Estrada's expedition was a small affair, but army men say it might have gained control of Lower California, where Mexico's forces are weak.

Intrrenched there, in the present critical situation south of the Rio Grande, there's no knowing they say at the State Department, the extent of the disturbance it might have picked up.

The Justice Department squelched it before it got started, and its bouquet it well deserved.

Will Leave for Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dodge and son and daughter, Bobby and Edith, will leave tomorrow for Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge will return to Ashland in a few days, but Edith will visit for a week with Miss Beth Sutherland before starting to school at the University of Oregon.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



TOM SIMS SAYS

Many women use cold cream on their faces instead of soap, practical tests having shown it more expensive.

It is against the law for an auto to come up on the sidewalk after its pedestrian.

Nebraska farmer hit on the head by lightning was only knocked out. It should know better than to hit a Nebraska farmer.

Detroit is taking a bootlegger census. Wonder what she'll do if she finds there are too many.

Bobbed Hair Is Bothering Cops

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—Bobbed hair, rolled stockings and short skirts are interfering with the police department's attempt to enforce the 10 p. m. curfew for girls under 14 years of age here. After two nights of work among late promenaders the police reported to their chief that they couldn't tell the young ones from the old ones because they dressed alike.

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Three Slayes in Ohio Pay Penalty

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