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What Motor Traffic Should Pay.

TRAFFIC experts estimate that 90 per cent of wear and tear and damage to highways is caused by trucks and busses, which at present are paying but three per cent of the revenues of the highway fund. Plainly, this is wholly inadequate.

There are contending lobbies at Salem, one of which wants to have all kinds of commercial motor vehicles taxed so heavily that their present advantage in competition with railroads will be largely offset. The other desires that the present schedule of license fees be maintained.

Fairness in adjustment of the question lies between the desires of these contending lobbies. It would not be fair to base a tax schedule on considerations of the greater expense of railroad operation in competition with motor vehicles. It would be still less fair to allow motor vehicles to go on paying so very much less than their just share of the cost of highway maintenance as they are paying now.

The legislature seems disposed to take the middle ground. Therein the legislature is on sound ground.

Medicine Show Days.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made in the Salem Statesman that Stayton is to have a free medicine show nightly for a week. It takes one back in memory to days of 35 years ago in the Oregon small town.

Who that lived in such a town in that generation but has a vivid recollection of Wizard Oil with all that the name signified! There was the varnished and washed vehicle—itself a small-town novelty—in which the professor and his company traveled, with its team of spanking horses which were actually carried every day. There was the dazzling belt-nicked harness with its extra and seemingly superfluous straps of various sorts which were a constant source of wonder to the local livery-stable experts. And there were the brilliant oil torches which lighted the outfit and dripped oil over people who came too closely within the area of their brilliance.

The professor was a sartorial and tonsorial treat. His suit was of light colored and large checked material. The sackcoat ended at the bottom only a short distance below the waistband of his trousers. These were cut in the very ultra of "spring-bottom" style. He wore a high silk hat and when he removed it, as he often did during oratorical flights, his raven black—one is almost safe in saying blacked—hair was revealed, closely curled and liberally oiled. His wife was the star of the show and its chief come-hither influence. She was young and little and dainty. She sang and played the organ—about as big as a large apple box—which was used to accompany the other company stars in their songs and choruses. These latter were two men. One played a banjo.

Standbys among the songs were mainly old negro melodies such as "Hide Away," "I Wish Dat Gal Was Mine," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and many others of the sort, with an occasional romantic solo interspersed. At the end of every song the professor would intone, "And all it costs is a dollar a bottle." A dozen bottles were a big night's sales, and yet the company often stayed two weeks in one town. One wonders how the profits could support the four people and two horses in the style to which they had been accustomed, but apparently they did it.

The whole town turned out night after night and listened with equally tense interest to repetitions of the repertoire of songs and jokes and to the professor's demonstration and sales talks. It didn't take much to entertain small town folks on those days. Tastes were simple. And a Wizard Oil songbook was a treasured possession in every home. Its songs were sung publicly and privately for years after the professor and his company had left for fields anew.

The Oregonian as a daily newspaper was 64 years old last Wednesday. In an editorial article which it published on that day The Oregonian itself attributed to the genius and personality of one man, the late Henry L. Pittock, all that it has achieved and all that it is. It entails no lessening of the great need of credit indisputably due Mr. Pittock to recognize also, as all who know The Oregonian's history do recognize, the very great part played in its up-building by the late Harvey W. Scott as its editor. It was Mr. Scott's able and fearless editorial conduct of The Oregonian over a period of forty years that gave it its national standing among great newspapers, a prestige which has been well preserved since his passing.

As was to have been expected, George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, is exonerated of charges of petty graft brought by a discharged subordinate. The whole presumption of the case, based upon the manner and animus of its origin and the adjutant-general's official record, could not fail to be otherwise than as the outcome indicates.

The emotional, bombastic, brilliant, contentious Tom Lawson is dead. In the heyday of his vigor he made and lost fortunes for himself and others, besides keeping the public diverted and entertained with his writings of the "Frenzied Finance" series.

Jack Dempsey showed no disposition at all to fight during the world war, and only on rare occasions since then has he been engaged in battle. But from now on watch Jack. He's a married man now.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Free Textbook Bill

(Albany Herald) Patriotism makes its appearance at Salem in an old, familiar guise with the introduction of a measure which would require the taxpayers to buy the school books of the pupils of the public schools. Some day, perhaps, we

shall have arrived at that happy condition in which the state will care for all of our physical needs, the only requirement for it being of course the discovery of a method by which the people can provide the taxes necessary for the gigantic undertaking without working for them. For we are

learning on all sides today from government bureaucrats, private theorists and reformers and all the forces which are engaged in uplift movements that work is airdid. Why should we toll when all we need do is to live off of the government? We have no endorsement for the free textbook bill. Let the children's parents provide them. Every father and mother, who is of any account at all, can and will provide them. And the parents who can't buy them would waste on other things the money they would be saved by the state. The taxpayers have enough bills to meet as it is.

The Carlton Recall

(Sheridan Sun) After one of the most acrimonious recall campaigns ever staged in Oregon, in which the purpose was to recall two councilmen in Carlton, the result of the election on Saturday was a victory for the recallers by a heavy vote and a fairly good majority. From the contest waged, in which the position of each side was given to the public through the local paper, it resolved itself in law enforcement on the one side and a laxity and indifference of enforcement on the other side, and the latter won. Whether this was the result of the recallers' and unrestricted dances will control the affairs of the city, or a passive curb placed upon them is to be determined later. It is to be hoped however, that the sore spots left after the election will be healed and a reasonable and moral administration of civic affairs result to the benefit of all the citizens. Carlton is too good a town to be torn by continued strife, and a unification of community spirit must prevail that progress may proceed.

Medford Must Go After the Tourist Crop.

(Medford Mail-Tribune) No one questions the value of the tourist crop to Medford and southern Oregon. The automobile has made it not only one of our greatest, but one of our most rapidly developing and most profitable assets. Medford has profited from its tourist crop in recent years, but the time has come when Medford will cease to profit as she should, unless an aggressive and organized effort is made by the community as a whole, to divert motor travel this way. Medford has been particularly backward in the matter of bill-board advertising along the highways on this part of the coast. Grants Pass, Coos Bay and other districts have all been active in this direction, while this community has done little or nothing. A movement has recently been started to put Medford, as the gateway to Crater Lake, on the highway map. This movement should have the support of all public spirited citizens as well as the financial support of the city and chamber of commerce.

Our Governor's Ways.

(Tillamook Headlight) Political promises are like pie crusts—made to be broken. Governor Pierce intimated that he was going to reduce taxation 50 per cent. We all hoped that he would be successful, yet at the same time every well informed person knew that it was nothing more than a lot of empty political promises to catch suckers. Taxes are just as high as ever and the governor has interested himself since he came into office to collect more taxes in different ways. The governor has endeavored to build up a political machine for himself, and it seems that all his appointees have been working in that direction when they should have been attending to the business of the state. The deplorable manner in which the state prohibition office has been run is a disgrace to the governor and the state as well.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of Feb. 10, 1907) C. K. Binkley of Palo Alto, Cal., is in Eugene today making arrangements for Joaquin Miller, the noted poet and pioneer, to deliver a lecture in Eugene about February 22. Miller's parents formerly resided in this county.

Rev. Morton L. Rose, pastor of the First Christian church of Eugene, left for Ashland this afternoon where he goes to dedicate a new house of worship just completed by members of the Christian church of that place.

The butcher shop at Eleventh and Ferry streets has closed its doors.

Hampton brother are adding some new furniture to their store.

The census enumerators will be appointed some time in April for this county.

H. B. Miller left today for Moscow, Idaho, where he will give a series of lectures before the Idaho state agricultural college, and teach a short course in horticulture.

H. A. Booth returned today to Sagarin after a business trip of several days in Eugene.

Attorney J. E. Young is in the city from Cottage Grove.

In Lighter Vein

Tardy. (De Taou Daily) Professor (to freshman entering class late)—"When were you born?" Freshman—"On the second of April." Professor—"Late again!"

Such a Comedown. (American Legion Weekly) St. Peter—"That new arrival seems disappointed in heaven." Gabriel—"He is. He'd just finishing reading a real estate agent's prospectus of a new residence tract when his driver ran over an embankment."

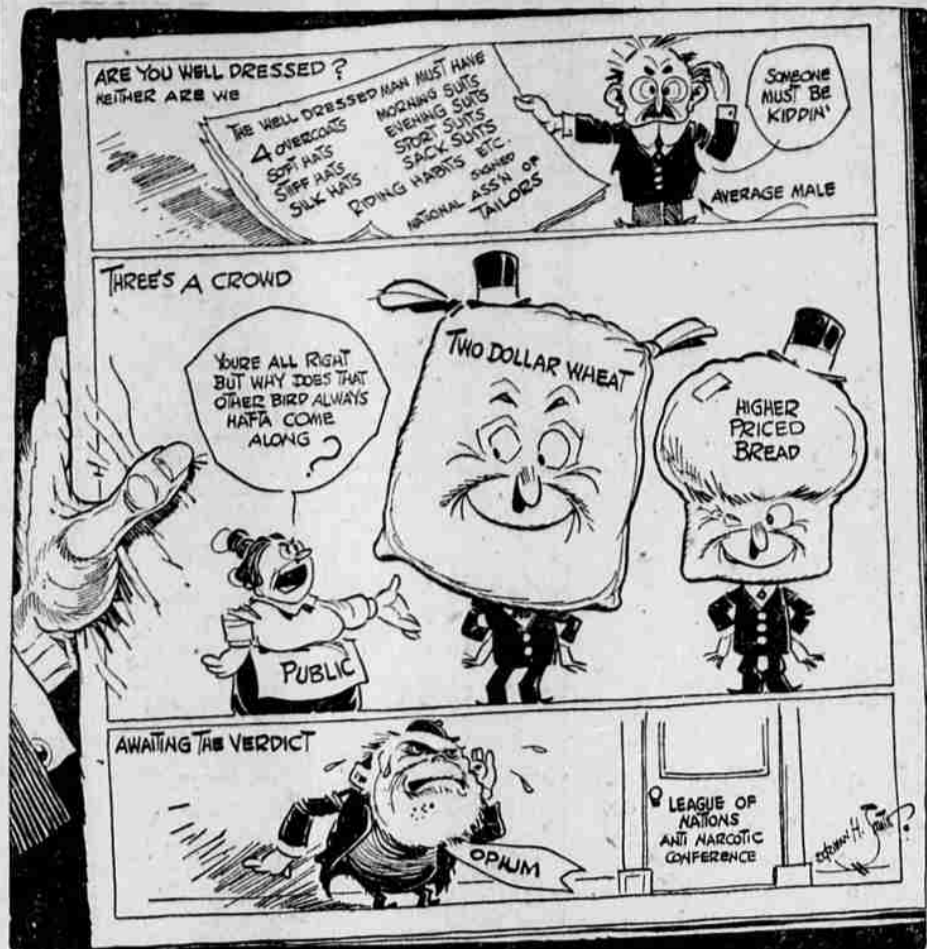
Neither. (Pittsburgh Sun) Capt. A. B. Randall of the renovated Republic told a story the other day.

"A steward," he said, "stood at the gangway of a ship of mine, and as he stood there he kept shouting for the benefit of the arriving passengers: 'First-class to the right! Second-class to the left!'"

"A young woman stepped daintily aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated before the steward he bent over her and said in his chivalrous way:

"First or second?" "Oh!" said the girl, her face as

The Busy Man's Newspaper



STORK TO MAKE IMPORTANT CALLS

Capital Ladies Getting Cross-Eyed Trying to Look Both Toward Longworth Domicile and That of Mrs. Cecil

By HARRY B. HUNT WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Matrons and dowagers of the capital social set are getting cross-eyed trying to look both north and south at the same time for the arrival of the stork with burdens for two of Washington's social favorites. While Alice Longworth is awaiting the visitor at Chicago, Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil is awaiting a like call at the baronial Vanderbilt estate near Asheville, N. C.

Miss Vanderbilt's marriage to Hon. John P. A. Cecil, former first secretary of the British embassy, was the capital's gala nuptial event of a year ago.

With the polo season closed and interest in bridge and mah jong waning, many of the sportively inclined are placing wagers on which will arrive first, the Longworth heir or the Cecil heir.

With the burning by President Coolidge of an official inaugural ball, the days of glory for the old Pension office building probably have gone forever.

If it was in the great inner court of this building that these festivities were staged, no other public building in Washington offered so spacious or imposing a setting.

The roof over this vast inner court is supported by a double rank of towering pillars, each 85 feet high and 20 feet in circumference. They appear

Oregon Briefs

The examination for a postmaster at Crane to fill the vacancy that occurred when Lester Cavell resigned has been called for Saturday, February 14.

Two strata of lignite coal, each several inches in thickness, were discovered recently by Walter Schmidt as he was digging a well on his farm a half mile south of the Palestine church in Benton county.

Lorenzo Darr Harp, 12-year-old son of Jack Harp of Nolin, was instantly killed Saturday evening when struck by a car driven by Fred Pigg, in charge of the internal revenue office at Pendleton.

According to H. K. Smith of the reclamation bureau, Klamath lake has risen half a foot since January 16, impounding more than 24,000 acre feet since that period. Precipitation since October 1 was 26 per cent above the average.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 rabbits were killed in the Irigon district during the summer and many more thousands during the December snowfall, with a saving to the district of some \$14,000.

On orders received from the collector of customs at Portland, the 65-foot gas boat Analea, was seized at Warrenton Tuesday and tied up at the Astoria boat terminals. No reason was given for the seizure.

Although the situation has not become serious, the city health officer at Silverton has ordered that all school children be vaccinated or re-vaccinated from school during the present smallpox epidemic.

PROPOSED BOND ISSUES EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 10.—(To the Editor)—In your dealing with the millions to be given to attention of city council on this date, presumably to be sold in bonds or by resolution are several resolutions completed by city attorney Mr. Calkins, amounting to \$645,000. Among the items to be completed there are three, fire apparatus, sewer re-construction and

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therein, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.—Proverbs 17:1.

Bible Question. (Look Up the Answer) Whom should we honor?—Ex. 20:12.

Times do change. There hasn't been an old-fashioned minstrel show

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Your Income Tax

This is the sixth of a series of articles explaining the income tax to the layman. It has been prepared in view of recent changes in the income tax law.

Business Activities

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BANK OF COMMERCE EUGENE, OREGON

Motion Picture Censors Sought

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—House bill 409 by Representative Tucker, Linn county, providing for creation of a state board of censorship for moving picture films, was referred to the house committee on public health and morals when it came up for second reading.

House bill 413, a substitute for house bill 19 and 59, was recommended favorably by the house roads and highways committee yesterday. It sets forth license rates and additional fees on buses and trucks, based on a rate of three-eighths of a mill per seat or per ton capita multiplied by the number of miles traveled.

Oregon Banking Code May Pass

The new Oregon banking code that is now pending before the legislature has a bright prospect of passing and becoming law, according to C. D. Rorer, president of the Bank of Commerce and president of the Oregon State Bankers' association. The state bankers are backing the bill in the legislature.

WHAT WILL BECOME OF YOUR ESTATE?

After the insurance company puts a check into the hands of your wife, she will look around for some investment to bring her a return. But, through her inexperience in such matters, the money might be invested in a proposition entirely worthless. The best and safest way to provide for her maintenance and comfort is to appoint the Trust Department of the First National as executor and trustee of your estate.

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