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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

Trucks, Busses and Highways

IT SEEMS altogether likely that the Corvallis Gazette-Times is correct in a prediction it makes concerning a proposed referendum on the truck and bus tax law. It predicts that the law will be upheld if it is voted on under referendum, and that the next legislature will go further than the last one did along similar lines. If a bill to tax busses and trucks ever comes up under initiative it also is likely to be a more severe bill than the one now in issue.

The truck people would do themselves more of a service by conforming to the present mild law than by either invoking the referendum or attacking its constitutionality in court. People generally regard with disfavor the present unbridled use of the improved highways by trucks and busses. The sentiment that demands a law to require them to pay a tax for the privilege they enjoy which shall be sufficient to make good at least a part of the damage they are causing, is a general sentiment. It is backed by real public demand, not class demand. And it is hard to see how there can be resistance to it on any claim of fairness or right.

Main traveled highways are being seriously damaged by heavy bus and truck traffic. Within a few years much of the improvement will have to be renewed because of this. The trucks and busses ought to pay a tax sufficient to take care of the greater part of the expense. Unless signs of the times are misleading they will be called upon to do just that.

An Old English Newspaper.

MR. A. G. FIELD, of Eugene, has a copy of the London Courier of March 21, 1822. One of its items exemplifies again the fact that not much is new. Commenting upon some news which it has received in papers from New York, the Courier editor waxes ironical, thus: "It appears that even the simplicity of a republican form of government is no security against improvident expenditures, as the economists of the present day call everything above the level of a mere remuneration; for in the American house of representatives a committee has been appointed to 'devise ways and means to diminish, if possible, the public expenditures.' We imagined nothing could be wrong in this way, except under that obsolete and odious form of government called a monarchy."

Apparently the "if possible" was found to be the wrecking clause by the committee of the American house of representatives, because the public expenditures have gone right on increasing during the 103 years since the English editor wrote his views.

The Courier's editor and publisher was J. P. Wanless and the name of the paper's printer, T. Hall, also was carried at the masthead. The Courier's price was 7 pence or 14 cents plus a tax of two cents for every page. This four page paper sold for 22 cents.

The front page is made up entirely of advertising in the form of readers. The inside pages are filled with verbatim debates being carried on in Parliament, and the back page is devoted to comment by the editor and foreign news.

Cross-Word Puzzles and Health.

THE Chicago health department has examined the cross-word puzzle and finds it good. The cross-word, we now learn, is a health promoter. Says the health department of the windy city, in a recent bulletin:

"A rational cycle of work, study, relaxation and amusement is essential to the health of mind. To solve a cross-word puzzle requires mental alertness, concentration and strict application to order and rules. Moreover, it's great fun. Activity is increased under the influence of pleasant feelings, giving a stronger heart beat, stirring the glands to better performance and invigorating the organs of the body."

There you are. That seems to make it unanimous. The cross-word fans themselves and then the dictionary folks and college professors and now the doctors, each and all agree that the cross-word puzzle is right.

Potatoes are being shipped into Oregon from points as far east as Minnesota, according to the state market agent, and prices are unlikely to become higher than they are at present. Pacific coast growers who have been holding for higher prices because of a shortage here apparently face disappointment, because there is a surplus for the country generally.

The American legion post purposes to celebrate the Fourth of July again. That insures pep in the observance.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Building Activity in Albany. (Albany Herald and Democrat) There is a marked impetus in building activities in Albany this season, is the consensus of opinion of men who have had an opportunity to look beneath the surface of local conditions.

Contractors report that there are more residences under construction or are under contract than at any other time in the city's history. A real estate man told the writer just the other day that more vacant residence lots are being sold with a view to building houses than at any other time for years.

Material dealers of all sorts report great activity. These are good signs. They mean that the city is fundamentally sound financially. Although business has been momentarily dull, there is no letup in our constant forward march. Conditions are good, the year will be a prosperous one. For building activity is always a good gauge of business.

The Tacna-Arica Award. (New York World) President Coolidge's award as arbitrator in the Tacna-Arica case re-

quires compliance with the treaty concluded 40 years ago at the end of the war between Chile and Peru. Ownership and possession of the disputed territory is to be settled by means of a general vote of the inhabitants.

It was clearly provided in the treaty that, in addition to the creation of the Province of Tarapaca by Peru to Chile, the two provinces of Tacna and Arica should remain for ten years under the authority of Chile. At the end of that period a plebiscite was to be held to determine whether the provinces were to be permanently part of Chile or of Peru. In the event of the decision being in favor of Peru, that country was to pay Chile \$10,000,000.

A plebiscite, as good faith dictated, has never been held. Always, on one point and another, it has been a question in controversy between the two nations. There were differences as to boundary lines, as to the qualifications of voters, as to the manner of the election, to be settled in advance that on one pretext and another could never be adjusted. So far want of the prescribed test of popular sentiment in the two provinces, Chile has out-

stayed by 20 years its leave in Tacna and Arica.

Obviously, a plebiscite at this time cannot be held under the conditions existing two years after the conclusion of peace. But what else in fairness is there to be done except literal compliance with the plain terms of the treaty? If occupation by Chile all these years works to that country's advantage, there is no way of changing it. But for arbitration no settlement of the dispute would have been possible.

Methods That Help.

(Penitentiary East Oregonian) Some wheat farmers in this county have small bands of sheep ranging from 50 to 100 head which they run as a side issue. Such work is profitable for the reason that the expense involved is light and the sheep are money makers.

There is also an opportunity in poultry raising. The feed is available, there is ample range and but little water is required. We have a natural poultry country. That this is true is shown by the fact good results are obtained even where the work is not very carefully planned. To attain the maximum benefits it is necessary to give poultry raising very careful attention. It is true of any business, for that matter.

The value in work of this sort consists in the fact that "every little bit helps." If through more intensified farming a grower can meet his living expenses wholly or in part he is doing much. He is then not so dependent upon the wheat crop or the price of wheat.

There are, of course, limits to what can be done. Intensified farming can be carried out more easily in books than in real life. However, there are possibilities and it is good business to make the most of them. It is in fact necessary for the farmer to do this if he is to thrive under the conditions that exist. He supports himself and also the burden of industrial inflation. So long as he fills that role he must not only work hard but use good head work.

Can You Beat It?

(Christian Science Monitor)

What would be thought of a hardware firm sending out a letter calling attention to its facilities for sharpening knives, and to its supply of drills for "cracking" safes, its muslin powder, flashlight, and other paraphernalia of the trade of burglary? This question is most fittingly asked by a correspondent of Advertising and Selling Fortnightly, in commenting upon a circular letter which, he says, he recently received. This letter read in part: "This is not from the Anti-Saloon league nor from a prohibition crank. It is from analysts who know their subject." Then it went on to offer laboratory service in analyzing bootleg liquor. It conveyed the information that for the modest sum of \$15 a year you may insure yourself against bad "bootleg" and protect your friends as well. The letter concluded with these words: "The cheap form of life insurance you can obtain. After all is said and done, can you beat it?"

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of March 25, 1900)

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Speer are visitors here from Junction City today.

E. E. Pollock of Oregon City is in Eugene looking after the purchase of the Eugene Street Railway, with the intention, if successful, to place in an electric line extending through Fairmount to Springfield.

The sheriff today collected about \$1500 in taxes.

The election of officers in and for the City of Eugene will be held on Monday, April 27, at which time one of the candidates for each ward, all for the term of two years; one recorder and one treasurer, both for the term of one year, will be elected.

Several cases of measles have broken out in Eugene.

The Excelsior works is today loading a carload of their wares.

Sheriff Withers and J. W. Kayes are back from a trip to Salem.

C. H. Vandenberg of Cottage Grove is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Auten entertained at their home last evening at a whist party.

Eugene lodge, No. 557 B. P. O. E. gave a big entertainment last evening.

Tom Sims Says—

TERRIBLE Russian news today. They are making autos there. But the darn things will be contrary.

You can't believe everything you hear. No telling how many fair ladies' faint hearts have won.

High noses may indicate the people are stuck up. Or they may indicate some neighbor is cooking cabbage.

Now and then you see an auto wreck with nobody hurt. But just the same, it is a very bad habit.

The great trouble with spring is a man's wife wants him to be too blasé enthusiastic about the flowers.

Someone has said that a fern doesn't begin to grow much until a husband has carried it a thousand miles.

Onions have no etiquette and cows know no traffic laws.

Long skirts had to go. They were considered effeminate.

Absence makes the heart go wander.

Increased Stage Rate Postponed

SALEM, Ore., March 25.—Pending an investigation the public service commission has suspended the increased rate schedule of the Columbia stage and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad company's stage and Seattle Railroad company's stage and the Columbia highway. The increased schedule was to be effective April 1. It set the rates back to the level they occupied prior to a recent reduction resulting from a rate war between the two companies.



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Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

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PRAYER—Holy Spirit of God, we pray that thou wilt quicken our lives into more vigorous spiritual growth. Let our communion with thee be more and more intimate. May our spiritual aspiration become as a great hunger that shall draw us into the very presence of God. Amen.

Robert Strahorn Is Given Estate

SPOKANE, Wash., March 25.—The entire estate, estimated at \$97,500 left by Mrs. Carrie A. Strahorn, pioneer of the Pacific Northwest, will go to her husband, Robert E. Strahorn, according to the will filed at the county clerk's office here Monday. Her husband was named administrator of the estate.

Mrs. Strahorn was a principal factor in founding the College of Idaho at Caldwell, Idaho, and her will contained a provision stating that in case her husband died before she did some property in Caldwell would go to the college.

Mutual Life, G. M. Sprague, 20 E. 8th.

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Here's a little three-act play written especially for the housewife — "As You Like It." In the first act you bundle up your weekly wash in gaud call us on the telephone. In the second act our Thrif-T-Service enters, washes everything carefully — Irons everything daintily. In the third act your washing is returned ready for use — exactly "as you like it" — in every way. You'll be surprised at the moderate prices.

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Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL

BEING a president is still a hazardous occupation. Kaiser Wilhelm der Letzte managed to survive 30 years on the throne, and not until seven years of exile, in excellent health, but Frederick Ebert, first president of the republic in Germany, is dead, after less than six years in office.

Ebert was the product of the first republican upheaval in Germany, because either the communist or the monarchist reaction, and he has been through this trying time, the steady and perhaps the wisest force in Germany.

A man of the people, trained as workman, inn-keeper, newspaper writer and labor union leader, he was as far as could be from the old aristocratic type of German official.

But, by a miracle of good luck, he turned out to be a man of surprising ability, as well as of remarkable soundness of character and temperament.

"The greatest man in Germany," a keen American of exceptional opportunity for observation recently called him. At any rate, the German republic is his monument.

He took it, a revolutionary wreck and a paper document. He leaves it a going concern.

That, after all, was the greatest achievement of even George Washington.

Osborn Hotel Beauty Parlor, Phone 891.

Is Yours A Young Business?

If you must answer "Yes, ours is one of the youngsters of Willamette street," you can well stop to consider that old question: "What will my bank be when we are double in size?"

The "old timers" on the street know that doing business today is a different problem than when 8th and Willamette was a mud puddle. And they will tell you that in those days, as well as now, the U. S. National Bank was admirably fitted to help Eugene business men with their financial problems.

That is but a sample of the operation of our liberal, far-sighted banking policy. It enables our organization to grow and change with evolving business conditions. As your business grows and changes you will find that the U. S. National Bank has grown and developed with it. That is why new businesses can well afford to bank here.

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