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The Automobile Tramp.

"In gathering roses, look out for the thorns," runs the old saying. The automobile tramp seems to have become the thorn on the automobile tourist rose-bush.

County judges and city and county social service workers held a conference in Portland last week and took the initial action in the matter. Says a news report of the meeting: "It was the sense of the meeting that the free automobile camp, established primarily as a matter of civic pride for the touring motorist, has degenerated into a social canker that infects the health, morals and society of a community."

Miss Emma M. duBruille, executive secretary of the Multnomah county public welfare bureau, whose work has given her intimate touch with the free automobile camp, declared that the people who patronize it are of an undesirable class. She said:

The automobile tramp has really become a serious problem so far as relief organizations are concerned. On the ground that it is cheaper to travel in a flyer than to pay rent, thousands of families are moving all the time from community to community and from city to city, living off charity, organized or otherwise.

That is a strong indictment. One wonders if it is too sweeping. It undoubtedly is true that anything that is free attracts the irresponsible class. The municipal automobile camp, with its free space, free fuel, free water and free lights, naturally makes an appeal of this kind.

There are offsetting circumstances. Many respectable and thrifty tourist families make use of the free automobile camps. They patronize local merchants, and statistics of the camps show this patronage to be in the aggregate very considerable.

The point has been raised that there is no better reason for a city to extend free hospitality to automobile tourists than for it to provide free lodgings for those who come to it by train or other means of conveyance. The point is, of course, far-fetched.

These facts appear certain: Automobile tramps do flock to free automobile camp and they are an evil, but not all by any means of the people who make use of the free camps are automobile tramps.

Hugh Earle, returning from a trip to Florence a few days ago, declared the Lane county ocean beach to be the finest in the state. Other Eugene people who have been there endorse his verdict in the main.

In his communication published today on this page, Mr. M. J. Thompson devotes much of his effort to setting up a man of straw and then tearing it to pieces, by reading in the editorial of which he complains, statements and so-called insinuations that were not there and that could by no stretch of the imagination be fancied there, by one less fired with the ardor of crusade than Mr. Thompson.

Search without warrant, whether of home, person or automobile, is repugnant to good Americanism. Judge Bagley's decision at Tillamook, in which he holds the law invalid which authorizes search without warrant of automobiles for liquor, appears sound. It is well the issue is to be taken to the supreme court.

Ex-Governor Hart, of Washington, accused of soliciting a bribe, resorts to technicalities of defense. That, from the standpoint of those who have believed in him, is unfortunate.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

But it will still continue (Roseburg News-Review) Grangers now in annual session at Dallas have passed resolutions condemning the practice of selecting the officers of the state legislature prior to the opening of the session.



carry out the will of a certain clique of politicians after the legislature had convened. At best, a state legislature is an unwieldy body and there is always a certain amount of trading and bartering anticipated.

The Rewards of Education (Albany Democrat-Herald) As President Norman F. Coleman of Reed college started so well in his address of last evening to the members of the graduating class of the Albany high school, the rewards of education are certain.

Growth at Neighbor City (Springfield News) With one building under way, contracts for two more let and plans being made for another it looks like the delayed building boom in Springfield had gotten under way so far as the larger structures are concerned.

The Petition Hawk (La Grande Observer) There always seem to be enough signatures for anything being circulated to accomplish the aim of those whose axes need grinding.

Quarreling Over Religion (Portland Journal) If churches quarrel over what the true religion is, how are they going to lead the unconverted into the fold? Wouldn't it be better to scrap over Christianity less and practice it more?

25 Years Ago (From The Guard June 8, 1900) THE annual commencement dance will be given under the auspices of the University Athletic club.

An interesting race program has been arranged to take place at Banks park on July 3.

The Eugene Military club will meet in the armory, Friday evening to make final arrangements in regard to the new armory.

The organization of bands seems to be contagious in Lane county. F. A. Rankin, the music dealer, has received an order for a set of twelve instruments for a band recently organized at Wendling.

Mrs. J. S. Maglary of Cottage Grove returned home today.

H. F. Hollenbeck who has returned from the Bohemia mining district says a large number of prospectors are going in and that freighting is particularly lively.

R. S. Beynon of Corvallis, student in Columbia university law school, is visiting in Eugene.

Mrs. Darwin Belslow returned to her home in Cottage Grove this afternoon.

A THOUGHT I know the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted and the right of the poor.—Psalms 140:12.

Thought not never as any time nearer to God than when under tribulation.—Miguel Malmo.

LAW'S PROCESS TOO INVOLVED

Contempt Bred by Such Failures as Collapse of First Oil Prosecutions

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, June 8.—When the processes of the law become so involved that the government itself cannot follow them, it would seem to the layman that the time had come for some simplified and common-sense rules of procedure.

Contempt for the law, about which public authorities complain so bitterly, is helped, not hindered, by the spectacle of such denunciations as came in the government's prosecution of criminal indictments against Fall, Sinclair and Doheny in connection with the "great oil scandal."

The indictments were quashed by Chief Justice McCoyle of the District Supreme Court, not because of any question of fact in the evidence submitted to the grand jury, but because of the presence at the grand jury hearings of a representative of the department of justice.

The only possible conclusion is that the department of justice itself cannot tell, under the involved and intricate technicalities that have come to surround grand jury procedure, when it should and when it should not take a hand in presenting evidence for prosecution.

Anyhow, Assistant Attorney General Oliver Fagan was present as an assistant to the special counsel appointed by President Coolidge to prosecute the oil cases, and McCoyle holds he ought not have been there. The indictments are voided on this ground alone.

In the meantime—a full year having passed since the indictments returned—the statute of limitations has expired on the charges of bribery on which two of the indictments were based. If, on appeal, the action of

Judge McCoyle is sustained, the government will, by the action of one of its assistant attorney generals, have lost the right to press these bribery charges further.

The whole cause of justice, therefore, rests not on the fact of bribery or lack of it, but on a technicality which bars the way to any trial on the real facts. And in this case the government itself set up the technicality which thwarted its own prosecution.

Speaking of bribery—Democrats suggest that actually, though not morally or legally, some such influence was responsible for Dorchester county, Maryland, going republican for the first time in its history last November.

As the story goes, the presidential yacht Mayflower, on one of Coolidge's week-end trips last fall, put in at Cambridge, Md., on lower Chesapeake bay one Sunday morning. The president and his party debarked and made their way to church to attend services. When the collection plate was passed, Coolidge put into it a crisp new \$5 bill.

The church authorities, proud of the visit by the presidential party, seeking some tangible token by which the memory of the visit could be perpetuated, pounced upon that \$5. Instead of being turned into the treasury it was properly labeled, framed, and hung in the vestry room. There it was inspected by not only all of Cambridge, but by hundreds of visitors from the back country who visited the county seat prior to election.

The Coolidge contribution became a bonehead that drew Democrats and Republicans alike. Many who came skeptical and scoffing, went away in reverence.

Yes, it was true, they spread the word. Five whole dollars, right out of the presidential pocket! The result, according to the Democratic ally experts, was the carry-over of Dorchester county as a personal cost to the president of one \$5 bill!

Kalier's home and heard him singing. "Two—'What was he singing?' One—'Ain't gonna reign no mo'!"

Irresistible (Punch Bow) Slick—"How do you get so many girls?" Slicker—"Oh, I just sprinkle a little gasoline on my handkerchief."

School Law Case Held Not Closed Mr. Thompson Gives Views in His Own Way

EUGENE, Ore., June 8.—(To the Editor)—In an editorial in The Guard published June 4 an attempt is made to shelter the Oregon compulsory school attendance law and to place it in the category of defeated and forgotten issues.

No doubt the writer of the editorial, on account of his associations and contacts, believes himself to be correct in his conclusions that the "majority" of the people will consider that the case was "settled right" by the United States supreme court. Are the contacts and associations of the writer of the editorial in question such that he can speak for the majority?

He needs but to recall that the school bill was considered a lost measure even by its most optimistic supporters until just a few weeks before the election in 1922 and, that in those last few weeks, after the religious hatred and false propaganda, forced into the issue by the opponents of the bill, had been eliminated by an educational speaking campaign that the bill carried a throughout the state with a decisive majority.

There have been no new developments in the last few years that should give any one ground for the belief that the interest in the welfare of the public school has waned. There is no ground for the belief that Americans are any less American in their desires to enlarge the scope of the one great Americanizing influence, the public school.

Then by what method of reasoning does the writer of the editorial arrive at the conclusion that the majority will believe that the issue is settled right? Would it not be more reasonable to believe that the majority of the voters of Oregon are disappointed in the decision that has defeated, for a time at least, the measure that to them was so vitally important?

Should a measure with similar intent be again placed before the people of this state for consideration, would it not be reasonable to believe that those who voted "yes" would again express the same sentiment? And with them would be the affirmative votes of those who previously voted "no" on account of the misrepresentations that had been purposely made to "fog" the real points in the former bill.

The need for a constructive educational measure, such as the Oregon school bill, is just as apparent now as it was three years ago. The voters who voted for the bill are just as keen in their realization of this need as they were then, and should a similar measure be presented at some future date, they can be depended upon to rally to the patriotic cause in even greater numbers than ever before.

The writer of the editorial in The Guard would lead the reader of his article to believe that because the Ku Klux Klan supported the measure, the bill itself was not as fair as it would have been had the support been confined exclusively to the Scottish Rite Masons who originated the measure. The Klan's support of the measure undoubtedly helped the measure to pass, but it neither added nor subtracted anything from the wording or intent of the bill itself.

Surely The Guard does not wish its readers to believe that because the United States supreme court ruled against the bill simply because of the Klan's activity in helping put the bill across, or that the court would have acted differently had the Klan kept its hands off.

Our highest court of appeals should be above the insinuation that it may have been swayed in its decision by the wave of religious intolerance that may have been used in an attempt to fog the issue.

The majority of the voters of Oregon will have to be content for a time at least with the decision of the nation's highest judicial body but they will not be satisfied with the decision until that same body of men rules that all measures which interfere in the least particle with the personal liberty of any group or class is unconstitutional.

M. J. THOMPSON.

MR. HAPPY PARTY WELCOME TO CHOICE MEAT CHOICE MEAT IS SO WELCOMED BY THE MAN WHO'S LIVING BY A PURE FOOD PLAN!

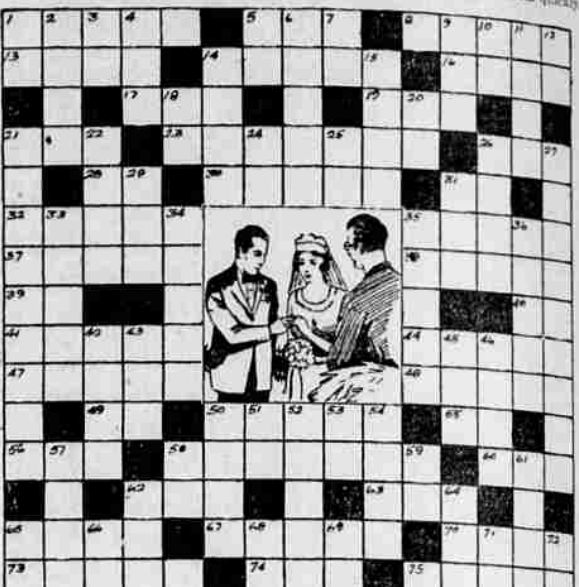
AGAIN Mr. Happy Party rises to mention that he's very fond of our poultry. He knows the birds we sell are well conditioned and when he buys a bird here it's all bird and quality wide—not a half a pound of sand in its crop.

Watch for Mr. Happy Party Damaged Enough Already (New Saviors Breeze) Lawyer (helping pedestrian) "Come with me, my man. You can get damages." Pedestrian (grogg) "Haven't, man I got all the damages I want. Get me some repair."

Good News from Doers (Texas Ranger) (One—"I just passed by the ex-

Today's Cross-Word Puzzle

A puzzle for the June bride! She'll find many words here reminiscent of the great event in her life. The sketch will help her solve them quickly.



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- HORIZONTAL 1. Newly wed girl. 2. Mineral spring. 3. The prospective husband. 4. To relieve. 5. Animal used for racing. 6. Melody. 7. Gazelle. 8. Fit. 9. Joined. 10. Blossoms. 11. Tree with tough wood. 12. Bone. 13. Rings. 14. Half an em. 15. Cognomen. 16. Partial paralysis occurring when swimming. 17. Perfect type of the imagination. 18. Lowest deck of a vessel. 19. Therefore. 20. Seventh note. 21. To pay for the entertainment of companions. 22. Fork. 23. Growing out. 24. To divide. 25. Point of a compass. 26. Earthly matter composed of clay and sand (pl.). 27. Part of the most common verb. 28. To place. 29. Marriage. 30. Call for help. 31. Aurora. 32. Electrified particles. 33. Plain gold band. 34. To nap. 35. Particle. 36. Apart. 37. Human limb. 38. Fern reproductive cell. 20. Commonly used for an added thought to a completed letter. 21. Professional knot tyers. 22. Ponderous volume. 23. Yellow Hawaiian bird. 24. God. 25. Angle between inner and outer margins of an insect's wing. 26. A good wish for the bride. 27. Ocean. 28. To sin. 29. Beauty. 30. Thin flat piece for roofing. 31. Instrument for untangling hair (pl.). 32. To travel by auto. 33. Where the sun rises. 34. Desecrated. 35. Exclamation of surprise. 36. Eccentric wheels. 37. Not so much. 38. Alleged hypnotic force. 39. Common viper. 40. Third musical note. 41. A quick cut. 42. Wrong doing. 43. Grief (variant). 44. Energy. 45. Smell. 46. Self. 47. To sleep. 48. Sun god. 49. Nay. 50. Melancholy note. 51. Printer's measure. 52. Toward. 53. Myself.

Answer to yesterday's cross-word puzzle:

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"Behold, I Have Gained Five Talents More."—Matt. 25:20.

The servant who returned interest on his master's money, in the parable of the talents, was "made ruler over many things," while he who brought back the talent alone was "cast into utter darkness."

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