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## HOW MANY AUTOS LIABLE?

(Oregon Voter)  
So popular is the notion of compulsory automobile liability insurance in the minds of those who have not examined into the subject that a strong public sentiment exists in favor of it.

For what proportion of accidents may a motorist be held liable to an extent that recovery on his insurance may be compelled?

If no negligence can be proven, there is no recovery. The victim of such an accident is just as badly off as if no insurance policy had been issued to protect the public against the negligence of that auto owner.

If the victim is negligent—by crossing against signals, walking on the wrong side of the highway, failing to give right of way or in any other manner—he cannot recover against the negligent auto owner even if the auto owner's negligence can be proven.

Recovery of damages is limited to such instances in which the victim can prove he was not negligent and also prove that the owner of the auto was negligent. Of all accidents inflicting injury or damage, what proportion come under the coverage? Of all victims of auto accidents, what proportion may recover damages either for themselves or their estates?

U. S. Chamber of Commerce, through its committee on automobile insurance, has developed some facts which tend to enlighten.

In a letter from the national chamber to a member chamber, that of the City of Washington, it is set forth that a sub-committee of the national chamber "investigated every death caused by automobiles in the District of Columbia between July 1, 1923, and August 31, 1925."

"The purpose," says the letter, "was to determine the percentage of cases in which the heirs of the persons killed were entitled to recover but were unable to collect because of the financial irresponsibility of the motorists at fault."

It was found that 176 deaths had been caused by automobile accidents in the district during the period.

"With respect to liability," says the report, "in 31.8% of the cases the motorist was responsible, in 21.6% it was the pedestrian's own fault and, therefore, there was no financial responsibility on the part of the motorist, in 1.1% death was due to a third party, in 1.7% death was due to a non-collision accident, and in 43.8% the fault was undetermined. In a substantial number of these last cases there were no witnesses."

"Out of the 176 deaths in the District, only 53 claims were made. Investigation indicated the driver was liable in 23 of these cases. In analyzing each case in order to determine the financial responsibility of the motorist, it was found that 19 claims had been allowed, two were pending and two were dropped, one because the person killed was the fiancée of the driver and three because the claimant realized it was impossible to collect. Of the 19 allowed, 17 were collected in full, one was paid in part but there was some question whether the rest would be paid and, at the time of the investigation, nothing had been paid on the last case."

"Analysis of the other 30 claims shows the responsibility was undetermined in 28 and in two it was the fault of a third party. Of the 28, 12 were pending at the time of the survey, two had been dropped, one was lost in court, 12 were settled directly out of court after suit had been brought. Of the cases where a third party was responsible, direct settlement was made in one covering hospital and medical expenses and the other was settled out of court."

"Thus of the 53 claims, 34 were disposed of in favor of the claimant, although the motorist was clearly liable in only 23. Of the 34 claims, the full amount was collected in 30 instances and part of it in two. There were only two cases in which nothing was collected."

"An investigation was also made to determine the number of cases in which claims were not made because it was felt that it would be impossible to collect. There were only 10 such cases out of the 176 deaths. One claim was dropped when it developed

there was no possibility of any indemnity, in another case judgment was obtained but nothing could be collected and one claim was reduced from \$1,000 to \$400. The ratio of these 13 deaths to the total of 176 is but 7.4%."

It would be well to await data from other investigations before concluding that so small a portion of accidents would be covered by public liability insurance. If similar results are reported elsewhere, especially under the Massachusetts experiment, it would seem as though liability insurance is not what the public will demand. What the Oregon public seems to demand is compensation for all accidents rather than awards for damages only from such accidents where liability can be proven.

Editor E. E. Brodie of Oregon City Enterprise drew attention to the fact that it would cost Oregon motorists \$7,250,000 a year for premiums if the Massachusetts compulsory auto accident liability insurance law were in force here. If it would cost such a huge sum for liability insurance, how much would it cost for compensation insurance? \$15,000,000 a year, \$20,000,000 a year or \$30,000,000 a year?

If what we really want is compensation for injuries and damages caused by all auto accidents, regardless of responsibility, or common law liability, we will do well to know something more as to its probable cost.

"Any port in a storm," seems to be the motto of those opponents of Hoover who raise the question of his eligibility for president. The first fourteen years of his life, lived in the United States, fulfills the requirements of the constitution, and to quibble over the later years when he was Commissioner of Relief in Belgium and later for all Europe indicates how far afield the politicians have to travel to find a stone to throw. It is just the ability manifest and experience Hoover gain in his humanitarian work abroad that recommends him to the average voter. Even if Hoover should not be elected his right for fame is greater than that of many presidents. He has the utmost confidence of the American people and his inability to capitalize or "politicize" his colossal achievements is one more argument in his favor.

There are said to be from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 aliens in this country without legal entry. The benefits of the Johnson Act limiting immigration have been general the country over. Now that its opponents among large employers of industrial labor are admitting that it has proved satisfactory, it is time that the bars be put a little higher and that bootlegging of aliens be more vigorously fought.

Even as we of Oregon had to oppose the building of a tramway up Mt. Hood so the people of New York are fighting the proposal of a motor highway up Whiteface of the Adirondacks. It is well to leave a little of our country as the Creator made it.

Sherwood Anderson says that all newspaper men (as he has observed them in Chicago and New York) dream of getting away from the hectic rush of city newspaper work and owning a small-town weekly. Apparently if one is good, two are better, for he has bought two in a Virginia village. Well, for us, one at a time is plenty.

Friday, the thirteenth, ends the twenty-third year for The Sentinel. This issue also rounds out the fourteenth year since the present management of the paper became affiliated with it. Next week starts us on our fifteenth year, while The Sentinel "is going on" twenty-four.

The reported length of Juror Kidwell's car, of Sinclair oil fame, has dwindled in length from that of a block to a trolley car. As much as we'd like a new car we can be glad we are not in his shoes nor his car.

A party of forty Americans went to England recently and took their own motors with them. London's "Opinion" remarked: "The trouble is they'll probably use our pedestrians."

## R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter

It is probable there is no little thing which gives as much satisfactory pleasure as the sending and the receiving of Christmas and New Year cards.

Perhaps it is because messages from friends seem more real and true as the years come and go. It may be for the reason that we have missed the writing of a familiar hand which sent us greetings a year ago. True, we realize it is not the visible token of friendship as expressed by the card but that intangible presence of life which gives us companionship with those who have lain down the garment of the mortal and taken up the robes of immortality, which makes friendship a true and lasting thing. It is as we make new friends we enlarge the boundaries and hori-

sons of life.

One card which came has meant more to me than the usual Christmas sentiment. In '74 and '75 I attended the Sandy Hill, N. Y., Union School and Academy, and boarded with Mrs. Reffenburg, a widow. Her sister, Miss Pettit, who was a teacher in the school, lived with her. For me it was more than boarding place, it was a home. Throughout the years since, we have sent and received the occasional letter. The sister married and nine or ten years ago she answered the call to the better country from her home in Niagara Falls. Mrs. Reffenburg married Frederick Carr, a widower with several children, of Rensselaer, N. Y., and those children were to her as though they had been her own.

When wife and I had our trip we saw Mrs. Carr, her son, (stepson), George W. Carr, his wife and their daughter at their summer place on Lake George. Mother Carr was past 80 then. The envelope, postmarked Dec. 15, which brought the card from Rensselaer this year was addressed by a younger hand. The card within carried this message:

"Once more the joys of Christmas, Once more the chance to say, All happiness and pleasure To you on Christmas day." Signed in her own handwriting, "With love, Fannie Carr."

The forepart of last week I received a postal from Rensselaer, bearing date of Dec. 28, saying, "Mother Carr passed away at noon today. Had been failing since summer but was confined to her bed only a few days."

The signing of her name to the Christmas cards, which she sent out was among the last things she did. That was just like Fannie Carr to have her last acts like her life carry the message of remembrance, of love and good cheer. At 88 the possessor of the joys of life which does not forget that the happiness of life here is a foretaste of the eternal. That card caused me to see her again in her Sandy Hill home, at Lake George, and then as she wrote with trembling hand her last vial greetings on Christmas cards.

A card from an old teacher, Frances A. Tefft, of Sandy Hill, who gave 50 years of service to her pupils, whose eyes are so dim that she can no longer address an envelope, is more proof of the value of lasting friendships to link together the years of abiding faith.

I am thankful for the gifts of Christmas and New Year's cards, not only from those who have lived into the time of lengthening shadows but for those which came from friendships made in recent years and months.

R. A. Easton.  
When forks were first used, a celebrated divine preached a sermon against them as an insult to the Almighty, who gave us fingers for the purpose.

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