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KILLING THE GOOSE

The easiest thing in the world to do is to criticize. That is the reason that radicals can be so wordy when they start trying to show the defects in the American system. It is the reason politicians have a field day when they start badgering business.

But America and the American industrial system have brought us a long way, with all of its faults. We have come far through a constant process of evolution and progress. The sixty and seventy hour work week has dropped to forty and forty-five. The dollar a day wage has gone to that much in a few years. Millions of our workers in automobiles. Almost every family has its radio set. We have every day comforts in even our poorer homes that would be luxuries for the rich in other lands.

Figures of the U. S. Department of Commerce show that the employee gets more than 80 per cent of the manufacturing dollars. Yet we have far to go. The farmer's income must be raised. We have many who are still underprivileged. Our danger is that, in trying to keep up with the demagogue who promises the moon with the ease of the irresponsible, we will kill the goose that has laid so many golden eggs on our march of progress.

Fragments

"There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self."—Hindoo Sayings.

Again have the working men proved themselves to be more intelligent and patriotic than their leaders. Last week in France a general strike call of the president of the confederation of labor was disregarded by the workers. A general strike is mutiny which must be quelled by military power. But to have set the French pollu against his brother in the public service agencies would have bordered on civil war.

As has been the case with so much of the new deal legislation, the administration makes use of unfair tactics in its fight on monopoly. Many of the announced aims of our present government heads are worthy ones and would be supported by all if their attainment were not sought by devious and illegal means. The latest "brain trust" of the president is too smart and its members are overreaching themselves in an attempt to make the country over according to their own ideas.

For a year now Thurman Arnold has been an assistant attorney general and he has cooked up a scheme to control monopolies which is infamous in character and which will be a departure from our established law if it is allowed to become common. To us it seems nothing more than blackmail. The department of justice secures criminal indictments against corpor-

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from the files of the Sentinel of December 13, 1918.)

Announcement was made by the state road commission that the highway between Coquille and Marshfield would be paved at a total cost of \$250,000 and bids for this work will be advertised immediately.

Seven lives were in the toll of the latest influenza epidemic sweeping the Bay region. All schools and public meetings have been called off and shows are also suspended.

The Coos-Curry Dairy products association met here this week and it was estimated by the speakers that the dairy output was valued at nearly \$1,000,000.

Miller Brothers Market on Front street has been sold to O. T. Nelson, of Minnesota.

Leo J. Cary leased the bakery side of the Laird building to Chas. Nysela and Waino Lehto, who plan to open a bakery here in the very near future. They expect to produce bakery products before Christmas.

Announcement was made of the withdrawal of S. M. Nosler from the Busy Corner Grocery corporation by virtue of the sale of his stock to J. E. Norton and C. T. Skeels. Mr. Nosler has not announced his present plans but for the time being will make a pleasure trip to San Francisco

ations and individuals but instead of allowing the law to follow the usual course, these indictments are used as threats to compel the accused parties to consent to further regulation by the department of justice. By a voluntary plea the defendant buys off prosecution but thereby he must agree not to do perfectly lawful things and these prohibitions are dictated by departments officials. If that is not law by fiat instead of law by the will of the people through representative government, we are very much mistaken.

In Chicago an indictment of milk dealers has been secured and those accused have chosen to stand trial rather than consent to voluntary rule by a government bureau which makes its own law.

Of course, at present, the department of justice insists that its requirements are all "in the public interest." So said Hitler in his first days of seizing unlimited power. While government agents now protest their intentions to be good and pure, let this illegal practice fall into the hands of unscrupulous bureaucrats and we will find we have sold our heritage of freedom for a mess of pottage.

That collision of the school bus and freight train in Utah was a terrible thing and when we read of three children who were not passengers that

for a short visit.

Rev. W. L. Staub spent last week in Portland on business.

Miss Eva Schroeder went up to Portland the first of the week to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Levi Snyder.

Raymond Bulson and Miss Belle Balkema, of Powers, were united in marriage this week.

Dr. Hamilton reports twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Moore, of Fairview, last Saturday. A girl was also born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNair of this city.

A. T. Morrison sold the Coquille Ice Company and fish business to T. B. Currie, who will continue the business at the same stand. Mr. Morrison will now devote all of his time to selling life insurance.

Corporal Walter Daly, who is with the U. S. Spruce production division being located with the Sitka Spruce company, of Coquille, came down last week to check up the airplane cedar sawed by the Fish & Buffinton mill at Euchre creek.

Change in railroad mail schedules make it possible to secure daily mail every day at noon time instead of late in the evening as has been the case heretofore.

morning as they usually were, we were glad their lives were spared. However, if the bus had stopped for three more students, that minute or two of delay would probably have saved the whole bus full of children. A second or two later the driver of the bus would probably have seen the lights of the approaching train even in the snow and sleet and would not have tried to cross the track. "If" is a very small word but the contingencies which it suggests are infinite. In contemplating such tragedies as this recent one we are tempted to agree with Seneca, the Stoic, "Fate maketh his circuit."

We are awaiting with great interest the naming of a new justice to the United States Supreme Court by President Roosevelt. If Schwellenbach of the state of Washington is appointed, it will seem as if the president has failed to read the message of the voters in the election of last month.

Know Oregon: Our state holds ninth place in size among the sisterhood of states. Oregon's 96,699 square miles can easily be called a scant one-hundred thousand as an aid in remembering its size.

At the risk of appearing tiresome, we rise to ask just what experience or fitness has James Roosevelt displayed to justify his recent business

appointment in the movie industry? Overshadowing any consideration of merit for such a rich plum for Jimmie is the coming monopoly investigation of the motion picture combines by the federal administration.

'Freeways for Oregon'

The new type of highway, known as "freeway," already adopted in more advanced states and in Europe, should be made possible in Oregon by legislation as the most important means of meeting the constantly mounting death toll from motor accidents, it is declared in a report, "Freeways for Oregon," just issued by the Oregon state planning board. The report, which goes into detail on the present condition of highway traffic in Oregon, was prepared by the advisory committee on roadside protection, of which John B. Yeon, Portland, is chairman.

New highways have been built and old ones rebuilt in Oregon at great expense to provide safe transportation arteries to meet the constantly changing and increasing demands of traffic, yet the hazards of travel remain, the report declares.

The "freeway," suggested for Oregon is literally a free right of way. Along a freeway there are no intersections with other roads except those provided by the public road-building agency. Under the present system the owners of abutting property have right of access to or egress from the thoroughfare. Along a freeway access is considered only at the provided junctions. The designation of freeways in Oregon should be limited to those routes intended for heavy arterial use, the report makes clear.

Until freeways are made possible for Oregon by legislation, highway

authorities believe, the state will be forced to continue to spend vast sums on the construction of highways which are known to be obsolete while they are still being planned. The continued construction of roads, proved hazardous by past experiences, would increase the already appalling death list on the present highways.

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JEAN LAIRD NAMED

Jean Laird, of Coquille, was named treasurer of the Girls' League district of Coos county high school girls last Saturday at Marshfield when the annual election was held. Phyllis Belloni, of Myrtle Point, was named vice president of the organization and Maxine Drew, of Bandon, will lead the group as the new president.

Dr. C. G. Stem, chiropractic physician, foot correctionist, electric therapist, 292 Moulton St., phone 86J. t/

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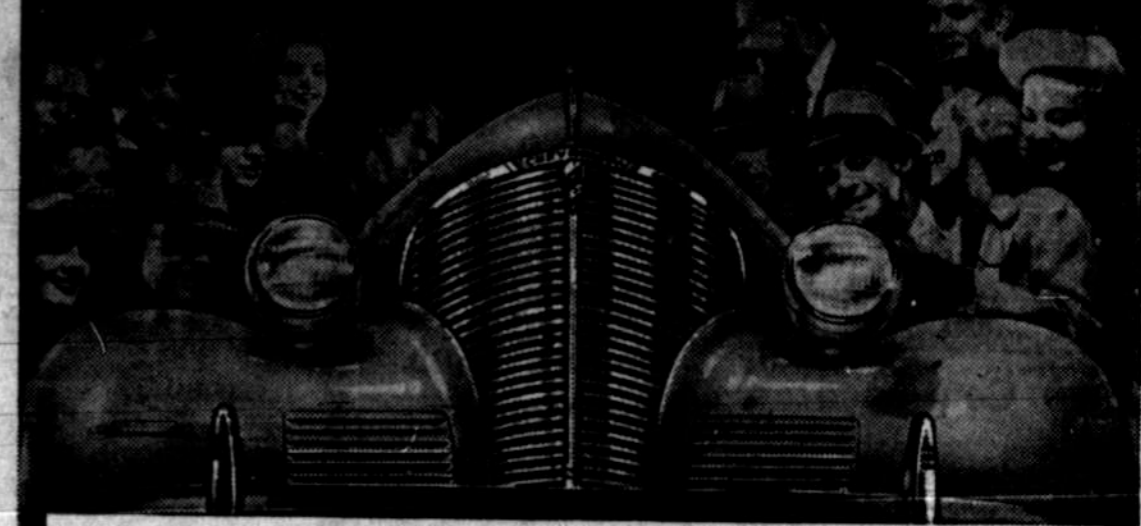
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