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AUTOS AND ROAD TAXES

The 9,000,000 automobiles of all kinds in this country constitute one of the clubs to escape whose blows the heads of the big railroad unions called off the threatened country-wide strike.

Even if they could have tied up the majority of the railroads the could not have tied up these motor cars. Never again can a strike of all the union railroad men bring the hardships upon the mass of the people which have been threatened from this cause in the past. The autos are here and always will be.

The same club that threatens the prospective strikers is felt by the railroad companies. Their business has been extensively cut into by auto touring cars and trucks, and the only logical redress for them is in increase freight and passenger rates or reductions of wages and other outgo. Such an increase, however, cut down the volume of their business and gives so much more to the autos.

Just now the situation has an other angle. The leaders of the strike movement among railroad employes had much to say about the 12 per cent cut from the 1920 peak not having been reflected in lower rates. The companies replied that very material reduction had been made in rates on many commodities and that part of the 12 per cent cut had been allowed by the commissioners on account of other burdens the roads were carrying.

But there is a good deal of unnecessary outcry against the auto on the public roads, and the unjust and misleading charge is made that trucks are using the roads and not paying anything towards their upkeep. So far is this from being true that the secretary of state's reports show that between Jan. 1 and Sept. 15 last the receipts from auto licenses were \$2,319,307. Of this, after the cost of collection was deducted, two-thirds went to the state highway commission and the remainder to the counties for road purposes. Added to this, the trucks pay, for road purposes, a special tax on every gallon of gasoline they use.

When the people were asked the last time to vote for more road bonds they were assured by the highway commission that the bonds would not add a cent to their taxes because the auto licenses and extra gasoline tax would take care of all the road bonds, principal and interest.

If, then, the special taxes levied on motor vehicles are paying for an \$80,000,000 state road program and for half as much for road work in the counties, what ground is there for the charge that their competition with railroad companies who must maintain their own roads is unfair?

Times have changed. The auto trucks will do more and more business, and they are entitled to such roads as their business demands. The railroads, doing less business than formerly, must have higher compensation, and we can no more do without them than without the motor vehicles.

WE APOLOGIZE

The Enterprise is not disposed to try the Fatty Arbuckle case in its columns, and if his money and

that of the movie promoters who are reputed to be backing him continues to secure the disappearance of witnesses and to "discover" experts ready to swear that no crime was committed his trial will not amount to much anywhere else.

But this paper regrets and apologizes for publishing one story that the prospectors for "expert" testimony gave out, to the detriment of the girl's reputation. This was to the effect that Virginia had a child nine years ago which was still living. Another version by one of their experts was that the child died years ago.

Prosecutor Brady declares that the physicians who performed the autopsy say that the girl had never been a mother, and they ought to know. Another claim of the experts is that she died from an ailment of long standing. The autopsy showed that she was in a condition of vigorous health.

You can buy plenty of expert testimony for use in any case, and the longest purse will secure the largest grist of it.

AS TO HIGH COST

We are charged all the traffic will bear, and the traffic will bear all we are willing to pay. Shoes, women's clothing, confectionery and many other articles remain at or near the peak level, because people do not refuse to pay these prices. The case of confectionery is well stated in "By-Products of the Press," in Monday's Oregonian, thus:

A California correspondent reports that while waiting for the boat at the Ferry station in San Francisco he bought a few walnut creams. This variety of candy is one of the easiest kinds to make—simply roll up a ball of "fondant" between your palms, stick a nut on each side, and there you are.

This being so, and California being a state where English walnuts grow, and sugar costing between 5 and 6 cents a pound, a correspondent wishes to know how the manufacturer figured out his price of \$1.50 a pound. An investigator making the rounds of the New York candy shops found, according to his published figures, that the prices charged the consumer represented from 1400 to 2750 per cent advance on the cost of ingredients.

APPRECIATIVE HALSEY

Last year the Meneley lyceum people sent out a bum substitute for the first number on its program in towns in this part of the state and thus queered the course and left the guarantors of their charges with a deficit to meet. In some towns the sponsors had about \$30 apiece to pay for showing a public spirit.

As a result several towns which had the course then are without it this season.

This year the first number to be given here drew a full house and made a hit, the majority of those who attended pronouncing it well worth its cost. There were some who were not pleased, of course. Otherwise there would have been a miracle.

But in some of the towns where press and people were soured by last year's disappointment the grouch has not yet disappeared and unfavorable newspaper criticisms of this same entertainment are published.

Halsey hasn't been peeved by past shortcomings of the company and Halsey isn't backward about paying for that of which it approves. If coming entertainments in the series are as satisfactory as this first one the guarantors will not have to pay dearly for bringing them within reach of the people of this little city.

Suit brought by the Chicago board of trade to have the act forbidding gambling on grain futures declared unconstitutional has been dismissed by Judge Landis and appealed. First blood for the farmers.

The Oregon Dairymen's league, threatened with disruption, has weathered the storm by granting home rule to Clatsop county, which had rebelled, with the probability that the same course will be followed in other counties.

The grange may be decalant in Linn county, but one of the official scalp it demanded now hangs from its belt.

C. H. Koontz and daughter returned Monday evening from Portland, where Miss Koontz was having some dental work done.

Of Interest to Men Who Shave

Safety Razors
Gillette \$1 to \$5
Ever-Ready \$1
Gem\$1
Ever-Ready, Aut-Strop, Gem and Gillette blades.

Genco and Torrey Razors.
Lather Brushes.
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Linn County at the Fair

D. F. Burge of Albany was awarded championship on a Percheron mare at the Portland exhibition, and first prize on 3-year-old stallions of the same breed. C. R. Weber of Brownsville got second and third on his big Percheron yearling stallions. On 3-year-old mares Burge took first and fourth, and on yearling mares first. Burge also got first on two Percherons of any age or sex and on a stable of five.

Brownsville Woolen mills, which probably means Mr. Bowman of the so-called Brownsville woolen mills store, got third on 2-year-old Dorset ram. F. C. Needham of Albany took first on Dorset ewe lamb, second on flock, first on flock bred by exhibitor, on four lambs, either sex, on four lambs bred by exhibitor, on get of sire and on produce of ewe.

In Argora goats S. F. Zysset of Scio won reserve championship and first on yearling bucks.

Harrisburg Local Elects Officers

The Harrisburg local of the Oregon Dairymen's league held its annual election of officers Nov. 3 with the following results: President, C. R. Evans; vice-president, J. M. Philpott; secretary-treasurer, Jay Scott; directors, O. E. Davidson, Roscoe Huston, Glen W. Davis, A. L. Owen and A. V. Hentges.

After the election considerable time was given to the discussion of the various subjects relative to the success of the organization and a more wholesome feeling toward the league developed than was previously believed to exist.

At a conference of the newly elected officers directly after the adjournment of the regular meeting it was decided to hold a business meeting on the last Saturday afternoon of each month.

Some Home Canning

The Linn county canning club have canned this season 1,118 1/2 quarts of fruit, 279 quarts of vegetables, and 79 quarts of other products such as jellies, jams, pickles and preserves.

Mable Robinson of the Charity

Canning club leads the list with 289 quarts of fruit, 47 1/2 quarts of vegetables and 12 quarts of other products.

Irene Quimby of Halsey is second with 178 quarts of fruit, 82 of vegetables and 18 1/2 quarts of other products.

Rachel Betts of the Lebanon club is third with 150 quarts of fruit, 20 quarts of vegetables.

This canning was all done by the one-period cold-pack method. The total value of this canning amounts to \$608.25.

"True Blue" and the "Blue Ribbon"

The expression true blue is handed down from the Scotch Covenanters of the Seventeenth century, who chose blue as their emblem in opposition to the royal red. The Covenanters were a group bound by a series of covenants to uphold the Presbyterian forms and doctrines of faith. Thus true blue was applied originally to a loyal Presbyterian. The blue ribbon, always the reward of the winner in a race or contest, originated in the use of a blue ribbon as the distinguishing badge of the Knights of the Garter, an order founded by Edward III.

Awful Moment.

Anxious to get to church on time, as an interesting sermon on gambling was scheduled, I hustled around getting ready. Opening a bureau drawer I grabbed what I thought was my prayer book and rushed over to the church. Marching down the aisle I accidentally dropped my muff, and, lo! instead of my prayer book, a deck of cards came tumbling out and scattered in all directions! To make matters worse, the back of the cards bore the ad of a prominent brewery!—Grit.

Literal Youth.

The young man always took everything literally. He was most serious in his wooing. "May I kiss you, June?" he asked. "Mother's in the drawing room," she answered. "Oh, that's all right. Your father can kiss her," he replied.

Caterpillars Watch for Enemies.

The caterpillar knows that there is safety in numbers, and whole companies may be found feeding side by side while keeping a sharp lookout for their bird enemies; but when a caterpillar is by himself he scarcely dares to move for fear of attracting attention.

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For Men and Young Men

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