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LAWS ENCOURAGE ACCIDENTS

One of our exchanges observes that though a flood of compulsory automobile insurance bills were introduced in the various legislatures, the tabulated list already exceeding sixty, very few of them got anywhere. In great majority of cases the strong arguments made against the measures were sufficient to postpone action.

The reasons against the plan are many and cogent and were well set forth in the report of the Committee of Nine reported to consider such measures. This report holds that such laws would not prevent automobile accidents, but would rather tend to increase them, and outlines the other arguments against the plan and the inevitable tendency to encourage state insurance.

Edson S. Lott, President, United States Casualty Company, says the one remedy that meets the whole situation of automobile accident insurance, compulsory or otherwise, is prevention of accidents.

"The prevention of accidents," he says, "is worth more than all the compensation in the wide world for accidents. Therefore, we should first concentrate our efforts on prevention, and avoid any partial remedy or mere palliative that might tend to divert public attention from such objective. Above all, we should avoid any palliative that might tend to increase the public dangers from motor traffic rather than to prevent or reduce them."

STEIWER FOR SENATOR

Ballots cast in the primary election have resulted in the nomination of two candidates for United States Senator of whom the state of Oregon may well feel proud. Of opposite political party affiliation, both are gifted with competancy to represent Oregon in the senate with credit and honor to the state. In Steiwer, the republicans have one of the strongest, aggressive men of statesmanship calibre in the state, and the democrats made no mistake in nominating Bert Haney. Mr. Steiwer is a Umatilla county man, young, vigorous, and on his own oar has bent his way up to the eminent position he occupies among his fellowmen. The Press, in years passed over since Mr. Steiwer first became a citizen of Umatilla county, has noted with satisfaction and interest the sturdy, straight-forward impulse that has characterized his activities in private and public life. This, linked with blemished integrity and clean political ambition has brought reward from his party—the tender of the highest office within power of the state to give. Fred Steiwer is one of us. He is nearer to knowledge of the wants and needs in national legislation accruing to the benefit of the state as a whole, than any other candidate the republicans of Oregon could have named at this time. And Mr. Haney is endowed with all attributes claimed for him by his party, and in event political fate should decree his election, he would doubtless live up to every promise made for him, but in the coming campaign The Press feels justified in exercising its prerogative as an independent newspaper, politically, and will have no hesitancy in advocating the election of Mr. Steiwer.

On invitation, Ed Aldrich of the East Oregonian will write a two-hundred word editorial for the Literary Digest, in expression of his views on the defeat of Stanfield in the primary election. That's a fine and dandy way to "bust in" all right, but readers of the digge note that the Weston Leader and the Columbia Record "break in" without being asked, with frequent recurrence. And that's not saying Ed couldn't do likewise, if he would taper his pencil point in that direction.

These be perilous high-priced times to build school houses or any kind of houses, for that matter. But Weston needs a school building, her districts have the wealth, so why not? The splendid vote at her school election verifies the fact that she will.

On Saturday, June 5th, we are all going over the hill to Woods' town and fraternize with the Umatilla County pioneers in their thirty-fourth annual reunion—and we said all of us.

Umatilla county hears from "Rutabago Bill" Fletcher now and then. He recently won the championship of Alberta in an old fiddler's contest. There are boys and girls in these parts, now grown gray, who remember as of yesterday the cow paths winding over the Dry Creek hills they used to travel to trip the light fantastic in rythm to Bill's old time fiddlin' tunes. And they were good tunes, too.

The action of the school board in having the grass and unsightly weeds on the school grounds mowed, is certainly a move in the right direction, and one that receives commendation from everyone. Heretofore the practice has been to allow the unsightly tangle of vegetable growth on the school grounds develop to maturity, dry up and blend into a fire menace.

Ike Patterson, republican and Walter Pierce, democrat had no trouble in outdistancing their respective opponents in the primaries. Now their race is scheduled to take place in November.

According to his testimony given in the Carroll case in New York, Irving Cobb doesn't drink wine out of a bath tub, and is one of the foremost writers, "in my own opinion."

Suppose it should frost? Well, it did frost, but the hoary wand fell lightly hereabouts.

Find Alaskan Summer Heat Hard to Endure

During the summer heat of the temperate zone the Arctic regions look like a haven of rest and comfort from this distance, and it is hard to visualize the conditions which explorers describe.

Summer is very short in the Far North, but it is fiercer in proportion to its limited time. Under a sun shining from twenty to twenty-four hours a day, everything that grows and breeds comes to life with a rush. The land bursts in a very riot of flowers and the earth that in a few weeks now will be ice and snow-bound is carpeted with delicate color. Seventy degrees is cool for parts of the subarctic country.

There are inland valleys in Alaska where the mercury rises to 100 degrees in summer and men and animals wilt under the heat. There are places in the Far North of Canada in summer where the mosquitoes are so bad that neither man nor beast can face them, but must flee for their lives.

Incident That Upset Dignity of Inspector

A quantity of milk had arrived in the North and was loaded on an ordinary trolley awaiting claim by the consignees. The trolley had on it about ten of the large cans in which milk is carried by rail.

Along came a dignified inspector, bent on taking samples of the milk for testing purposes. He mounted the trolley and proceeded to insert the special implement he carried to mix the milk before taking out the samples.

But the front bogey wheels were not well placed for such an operation. The weight of the inspector upset the whole trolley. The contents of all the cans flowed freely over the stone pavement, and the dignified inspector was in the middle of it all. He must have bathed in about 100 gallons of milk and he had to be picked up and put into a cab to go home and change his clothes.

The language of the milkmen waiting for the milk could not be printed.—London Answers.

Prolific Tomato Plant

The bureau of plant industry says that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility to produce one bushel of tomatoes from a single plant. This yield is received, however, by giving individual attention to the plant, allowing plenty of room, liberal feeding and fertilizing. A trellis must also be erected over which the plant can extend its shoots. There is little advantage in trying to get a maximum yield from a single plant, for when the attention is centralized on one plant rather than six the plant takes the space of five or six ordinary plants and the possible failure, due to insect pests or disease, is greater. As many as fifteen pounds of tomatoes can be gathered from one vine without abnormal effort on the part of the grower.

Tribute to Teacher

Frank, age six, was a mischievous lad in school and along with several others, just as bad, managed to give the first-grade teacher no little trouble.

His schoolhouse was situated on a busy street, so that the teacher always went with the children to the street. Frank was telling his father about some of the pranks they played and then began to explain how the teacher coached them never to cross the street without looking both ways for machines, for they might be killed.

Frank exclaimed in surprise: "Yes, sir, dad, as mean as some of those kids are she doesn't want them to be killed. What do you think of that?"

More Land Offices Measure Passes

Washington, D. C.—A bill creating four additional land offices in Montana and one each in Oregon, South Dakota and Idaho, was passed by the senate. It now goes to the house. The Oregon office will be at La Grande and the Idaho office at Hailey. The offices would take the place of those abolished by executive order.

Labor to Defy Secretary Hoover

Chicago, Ill.—The Chicago Federation of Labor will complete its new radio station and broadcast on a wave length of 391 meters whether the United States department of commerce gives permission or not, it was announced by Edward Nockels, secretary of the federation. Nockels said he had understood the license would be denied on the ground that there are too many stations already broadcasting in Chicago.

Indefinite Term

The word "few" has never been authoritatively interpreted to mean a definite number. The word is necessarily indefinite and implies a small number, not many. In general the number is above two. The word is relative in respect to the number to which it is compared. If a thousand were expected, an attendance of a hundred would be a few, while if a hundred were a maximum, ten or twenty would seem a few.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

A number of little friends of Pat Cunningham were pleasingly entertained at a birthday party given in her honor at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cunningham Wednesday afternoon. The little tots spent the afternoon playing games, and later ice cream and a birthday cake were served by Mrs. Cunningham.

The Churches

Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Mr. Hadley superintendent. Classes for all. If not in Sunday school somewhere come with us.. Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock; Memorial discourse; Theme "The Turn of the Century"—What the world needs is not more machinery but more interest in mankind. Junior young people at 5:30 p. m. Senior at 6:30 p. m. Our young people are wide awake; are you interested? The hope of the world's civilization. Song and Praise service at 7:30 o'clock.. Theme "Seeing the Invisible." Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Prayer service and Bible study. Next Thursday evening short devotional and monthly business meeting.

Beginning first of June all evening services one half hour later.

M. E. Church

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Memorial Day sermon: "Appreciation of Sacrifice."

CLASSIFIED

For Sale—Thoroughbred Poland China male pigs. A. A. McIntyre, Athena. Phone 25F15.

For Sale—Small phonograph and oil stove. Mrs. Andy Rothrock, Athena.

For Sale—Fine Rhode Island Red spring friers 75c each. Mrs. Dean Dudley.

Messenger Service—Bobbie Lee, messenger and errand boy. Phone 375.

Marcelling—Expert Marcelling and all lines of beauty work. Miss Chappelle, Weston, Oregon. Call 292 for appointment.

Marcelling—Miss May Lanning. Phone 582. Athena.

For Sale—A good milch cow. F. B. Wood, Athena.

Wanted—Stock to pasture, called for and delivered. $2 per head. Room for 500 head. Plenty of water. A. A. Bergevin, Gibbon, Oregon.

Lost—My sable Scotch Collie, Answeres to the name of "Pal." Reward. Henry Koepke, Athena, Oregon.