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WORK FOR SAFETY

The tragic phase of automobile fatalities is that most accidents are unnecessary.

Yet every year thousands of people pay with their lives for carelessness, recklessness and incompetence of drivers. Compulsory insurance can never offset this irreparable loss. At its best it can only indemnify. It begins at the wrong end of the problem. What is needed is a safety consciousness on the part of the public and rigid enforcement of adequate laws. In certain communities safety lessons have been given in schools, with the result that accidents to children appreciably decreased. Tests have shown that the accident rate will drop to a minimum when traffic laws are enforced and offenders punished. In many localities the traffic codes are out-worn and inadequate, having gone unrevise since the time when an automobile was something of a curiosity. Education and law enforcement have helped the railroads lower accidents and helped in fighting fire and disease. Applied to the automobile accident problem they would give quick and gratifying results.—The Manufacturer and Industrial News.

THE MINER

The Wallace, Idaho, Miner in championing the mining industry, pertinently making the following statement of facts:

"When one considers the universal use of metals in every field of effort and that they are absolutely essential for the maintenance of civilization itself, it is impossible to understand why the miner and the mining industry are made the subject of drastic legislation which discourages and handicaps the discovery and development of new mines. The miner actually creates new wealth and his product is one of prime necessity for which there is a constant and ever increasing demand. As a rule his operations are on land which has no value other than the mineral it contains, conflicts with no other industry and turns worthless mountains and desert into a source of profit to the county and state. He builds prosperous communities where none existed before, adds to the taxable wealth of the state and provides a market for the products of the farm, factories and of almost every field of production."

The State Market Agent's bulletin contains information in effect that a very important decision from a high court was quoted at the grain meeting in Spokane last week, affecting warehouses and their bonds in a vital manner. The court held, it was alleged, that if a warehouse is bonded for \$5,000 or any other sum, and if there are ten or more persons having grain stored therein, who suffer loss each in a sum equal to the face of the bond, they can each obtain judgment for that sum. Under this interpretation, should it be sustained and become general, the responsibility of bondsmen and bonding houses is entirely changed and the furnishing of bonds will become difficult and burdensome. Personal sureties will be hard to get and bonding companies will charge high fees. More light, however, is needed on this subject.

The Pacific Northwest, primarily a wheat exporting district, during the past few years has been educated to wait for relief from some sort of a farm board that was to be organized to assist in lifting agriculture out of the slough of depression. Now that the board is being assembled its personnel has been weighed in the scales of public opinion and judgment, the verdict being that orange juice will be looked after and protected by the appointment of a Californian on the board; a St. Paul dairyman will guard the interests of the ice cream industry; a southern tobaccoist has been appointed by the president to keep the "drag" in cigarettes; rice and cotton is made safe by appointments of men familiar with those products, but nary a mention is made of a dirt farmer being appointed on the board to bat an inning or two for wheat.

As a result of the continuance of an epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis in China and the Philippine Islands, the state department has made public an executive order which restricts the entrance of all persons into the United States from those countries, except under certain conditions prescribed by the Secretary of the treasury. The infection seems to exist among steerage passengers on vessels coming from Chinese ports and the Philippines, and the continuous arrival of patients has overtaxed the available quarantine facilities of federal and local health author-

ities in a number of American ports. Action was taken only after danger of introduction of the disease outside quarantine limits, became apparent.

The Union Pacific system's crop and weather report for eastern Oregon as of last Friday is decidedly encouraging. At Hood River, soil in excellent condition; all fruits in fine shape; no damage of any kind. Wasco county received some but not enough rain; soil too dry; same in Sherman and Jefferson counties. Gilliam county got some rain, which was welcome and beneficial; Morrow county, a few showers but needs more; soil dry. Pendleton section had over half an inch of rain and crop conditions are now favorable. La Grande had over an inch of welcome rain; good conditions. Wallowa county, good rain, plenty of moisture. Baker county had good rain; soil in good shape; crops very good; business improving.

Tony Mikulski a New York policeman, while visiting relatives in Warsaw, Poland, payed a countryman \$75 for a ten cent glass diamond. Later he found his pocket had been cut and \$1000 gone. Disgusted Tony decided to return to America and while reporting his misfortune to officers, thieves stole his luggage. The only thing the matter with Tony is that he is not a member of the Chicago police force.

Among other things the some 4000 medicos in convention at Portland defended, was their code of ethics, which places an iron-clad ban on advertisers within their professional ranks. Just why this particular part of the ethical code should be emphasized in convention, the layman is at a loss to understand, for the reason that medical practitioners have little or nothing to advertise, anyway.

A scientist informs us that crows destroy insects and for that reason should be protected. Maybe this scientist knows wherof he speaks, but there are farmers and sportsmen who would rather take a shot at a crow than at a scientist—the latter being considered the less harmful of the two.

An important event that is just in the offing is the picking of the 1929 huckleberry crop. The number of pickers will not necessarily depend on the size of the berry crop.

With the passing of the Fourth, Pendleton promises herself to see that the lid is clamped down on the firecracker box, to stay clamped.

It looks as though the Prince of Wales would give up the chase and select the Swedish princess, Ingrid, for his bride.

21 Years Ago

Friday, July 17, 1908

Miss Lula Tharp is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Scott this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kilgore will spend the summer at the McDougal camp, in the Blue mountains.

The Harmony club of Athena is invited to a reception given by the Weston club this evening. A number will attend.

Dr. Cole, Pendleton city physician, advises citizens of that town to boil their drinking water and thus avoid typhoid fever.

Mrs. Agnes Ferguson arrived in Athena from Walla Walla Wednesday and will spend her vacation with Mrs. Wm. McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Otha Reeder drove to Cold Springs, on the mountain east of Weston Sunday.

Bert Cartano has opened up a billiard hall and temperance drink resort in the building he occupied while engaged in the saloon business.

The Kidders this week finished painting and papering the Berlin home northwest of town. Mr. and Mrs. Berlin now have a nice country residence.

Joseph Harper of the Preston-Par-

ton Milling Co., is down from Waitsburg, superintending the removal of the Pacific Coast Elevator building to the mill site.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas have broken up housekeeping and will stay on the Geo. Gross farm west of town until after harvest, when they will leave for Alberta.

Geo. Gross and family have moved to the farm, vacating their town cottage on 4th street. Mr. Gross in company with his son-in-law, Luke Read, will run the farm for the next few years.

Chas Gay and family came down from Waitsburg last week and went out to Mission, on the Umatilla river, where Mr. Gay will again have charge of the wheat warehouse during the receiving season.

Mrs. Bert Zerba and children left Saturday for Portland, where they will remain for some time with a view of benefiting Mrs. Zerba's health. They were accompanied by Bert, who returned and will look after his harvest here.

Four hundred cavalymen, with camp equipage, passed through Athena Wednesday morning from Fort Walla Walla, on their annual trip to American Lake, where the annual rifle practice and maneuvers will take place.

Heavy showers of rain fell in Athena and vicinity Wednesday morning and as a result several machines which were ready to begin threshing yesterday did not start up.

Bank Statement

Charter No. 4516 Reserve District No. 12
 Report of Condition of the First National Bank of Athena in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on June 29th, 1929

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$ 600,353.03
2. Overdrafts	31.50
3. United States Government securities owned	57,500.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	26,226.12
5. Banking house, \$6,062.00, Furniture and fixtures, \$338.00	6,400.00
6. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	27,103.67
9. Cash and due from banks	33,160.01
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	625.00
Total	\$ 751,399.33
LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	60,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	22,584.88
20. Circulating notes outstanding	12,500.00
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	1,082.59
22. Demand deposits	242,375.55
23. Time deposits	321,956.31
26. Bills payable and rediscounts	40,900.00
Total	\$ 751,399.33

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss.
 I, F. S. LeGrow, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1929.
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 Excess over 30 KWH used, per month.....3c per KWH
 The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

Commercial Rates
 First 100 KWH used per month.....10c per KWH
 Next 200.....7c per KWH
 Next 300.....6c per KWH
 Next 400.....5c per KWH
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