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CAUSES OF CRIME

Crime, says a writer in the Manufacturer and Industrial News, furnishes a means of "livelihood" for thousands of persons in the United States. The crime wave has been variously attributed to the war, automobiles, the increased freedom of the "younger generation," improved standards of living, prohibition and ownership of fire arms. Reformers attack first one issue and then another in their effort to place the blame for crimes ranging from dodging payment of taxes to thievery and murder. The sale and ownership of revolvers and pistols has come in for more than its share of persecution. It is true that revolvers are used in the commission of crime, but so are automobiles, hammers, clubs, knives, sawed-off shotguns, machine guns, poison, bricks, gas, rope and endless other commodities, all innocent in themselves. The United States has no cleaner sport, and probably none which develops a greater degree of skill, than shooting at targets with small arms. If it were possible to keep pistols and revolvers from the man who follows crime for a living (which it is not,) he would simply resort to one of any number of other weapons which would serve his purpose as well.

"FIRE CONSCIOUSNESS"

All the fire prevention work in the world on the part of private organizations and public authorities cannot attain its object until the public learns the lessons of safety and develops a "fire consciousness," says an exchange. Fire menaces every home, every business, every life. It spreads an unending red path of destruction and waste across the nation. The gospel of fire prevention must be preached continually to the people. It is well known that old wiring, inferior building construction, carelessly handled matches and cigarettes, oil soaked rags and such obvious risks are responsible for a vast part of our yearly fire loss. Yet confagurations resulting from these causes persist and, in some localities, increase. The last two years have seen a reduction in fire waste. It is too soon to tell whether this is the result of a better public understanding of the problem or not. At any rate, we still have the unenviable record of destroying more property and lives by flame than any other civilized nation. The solution is in the hands of the people.

Adherents of the asphalt type of surface are bending their efforts and influence toward the resurfacing of present macadam roads with their product. Granting that the time for resurfacing these roads is approaching, maybe it would be well to give concrete product consideration, also. Some how or other a fellow feels better with concrete surface under the wheels of his "jit," especially when the going is a bit slippery.

With wheat harvest out of the way, peas are next, followed by the Athena-Weston bean crop. It would appear that this is a harvesting neighborhood, anyway. Time was when wheat harvest ran up into November. Now we have machinery sufficient to take care of three harvests in one and then find time to motor to the beach with the missus and the kids for a couple of weeks' outing.

A decision of how to spend \$25,000 appropriated by the 1929 legislature for state advertising purposes should be easily arrived at. Split it fifty-fifty; half to Western Oregon, half to rest of the state. Anyway don't give it all to hotels and restaurants.

About 70 per cent of the students attending the University of Oregon, pay a part or all of their own way by work. More than \$30,000 will be available in loans for students this year, made possible through gifts and endowments to the University.

Twenty-one years ago today wheat was selling in Athena for 78 cents per bushel. The price was good for that time, and the farmer realized more "velvet" at that price than he can at the price offered today.

A Portland policeman has been arrested for driving an automobile while drunk, after crashing into another car. Is it any wonder the percentage of automobile accidents is high in Portland?

It is nothing unusual for a democratic senator to hit pending tariff measures, but Simmons of North Carolina, centers his fight on sugar and is having a sweet time of it.

There is more potent destruction rolled up in one pack of tailor-made cigars opened in one of our forests at this season of the year, than lurks behind any other fire hazard we know of.

For the tenth time in his long political career, Aristide Briand is to be premier of France. He is perhaps France's greatest statesman; diplomatic, forceful, but eminently fair.

We are all disappointed in the failure of the Tacoma-Tokio flight, which never got started, but not as much so as Lieutenant Bromley, who crashed his plane at the takeoff.

With the thermometer registering 67 below and the wind cutting in at 20 miles an hour, the Byrd party is having real winter weather in their camp this side of the south pole.

Will Rogers doesn't enthuse over the endurance flight of the pilots of the Robin, and bestows his gratitude on the people who are on the ground at St. Louis in the summer time.

John Voorhis, Tammany Hall's grand sagem, has celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary. John is still going strong, in that he tells 'em what to do, and when to do it.

President Hoover and Premier McDonald have about agreed to use the "yardstick" in the measurement of navy control. Well, if it's short enough, we are willing.

While the airplane is the first mode of transportation to recognize no physical or geographical barrier, its up to the plane itself to keep out of way of the other plane.

Mount Hood isn't so much after all—one hundred and eighty persons made the climb last Sunday. That's what Craig Rats and Mazamas have done for the country.

The problem of oil conservation bothers not the motorist so much as does the source from whence comes the price wherewith to buy the present supply.

"Button, button; who's got the button?" Portland has; in the person of Archie Button, bandit, who is accused of three robberies in as many consecutive days.

Conservation of natural resources by national control cannot be solved successfully until local interests are forgotten in favor of the national welfare.

There may be a link stronger than that of coincidence in the North Carolina and British cotton worker's strikes, but we seriously doubt it.

It is said there are localities in the United States where vast acreages of land have been returned to the state or county, seized for non-payment of taxes. Industries have been driven from these communities with the result that serious labor problems are faced. The cause lies in the cost of government, and as no person can escape being affected by high taxation, conditions are reflected in the purchasing power of wages, industrial activity and even in the cost of the necessities of life.

Henry L. Doherty, the oil magnate, believes that gas will be the house heating fuel of the future. Mr. Doherty says that gas is not only the best of fuels, but the only one which can be depended upon for a steady, low-priced supply. Doherty may be right—but yes, we have no gas.

FARM GROUP LAUDS
(Associated Press)

Action of the federal farm board which brought together opposing factions of farm groups after a two-day meeting in Chicago and resulted in launching preliminary plans for the formation of a \$20,000,000 Farmers' National Grain corporation, drew laudatory statements from farm leaders attending the conference.

William H. Settle, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau federation, who was named chairman of a committee to further the grain sales agency, said at the close of the meeting:

"This is the greatest day for agriculture I can remember."

Mr. Settle has been active in agitation for farm relief and led many demonstrations at the republican national convention at Kansas City in behalf of the principle.

"That of which we have been dreaming for years, ultimate control of marketing farm products, has been realized," Mr. Settle said. "The prospects look good for the formation of a corporation which will control orderly and systematic marketing. It will go a long way toward stabilizing the price of grain.

"President Hoover, the farmers believe is sincerely trying to carry out the pledge he made. He called a special session, the agriculture bill was passed, the federal farm board appointed and a start in the stabilization plan has been made."

Another leader active in the "farm revolt," Sam H. Thompson, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, said:

"It is a wonderful achievement from the standpoint of organization. Co-operative and farmer-owned organizations, which have never before been able to get together, have come out on a united plan to solve the marketing problem."

The first meeting of the organization committee will be held in Chicago August 26.

21 Years Ago

Friday, August 7, 1908

For the first time in several years, the wheat market in Athena has touched the 80 cent mark. With this stunning good price, comparatively few sales have been made however, the disposition of wheat owners being to watch the market, which is considered to have an upward tendency.

Jim Stamper, roust-about for F. J. Beale's big outfit reports that the three headers employed with the machine, in one day cut 107 acres on the Allen place on the reservation Wednesday.

Joseph Forest and son, Edgar, sold 25,000 bushels of wheat Saturday at 78 1/2. They have a large acreage this year and estimate the crop at 35 to 40 bushels per acre.

An ash pile from a threshing machine engine which had lain for two weeks in the William Talbert wheat field three miles southwest of Milton was stirred by a heavy wind Saturday morning and uncovered coals of fire which started a fire burning 1200 sacks of wheat in two settings and threatening for a time to sweep several hundred acres of standing wheat owned by W. H. Frazier and Claude W. Steen.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dickenson, July 31, 1908, a son.

Wm. McCorkell, the venerable mayor of Briggs, was in the city, Monday.

W. D. Chamberlain is visiting his brother, O. G. Chamberlain, at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. N. Scott entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ora Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Otho Reeder at dinner, Sunday.

Members of Miss Elliott's Athena and Weston Harmony clubs spent Sunday on Pine creek. A basket lunch was served and the party had a pleasant time.

Harder Bros. traction engine set fire to the stubble in the Swaggart field north of town, Wednesday evening, but with prompt work, the flames were extinguished before any damage resulted.

An O. R. & N. track-laying gang comprising 25 Greeks are laying steel on the new sidetrack which will connect David Taylor's warehouse with that road.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hayes of East Portland visited relatives and friends in Athena this week. Mr. Hayes, who is an O. R. & N. fireman, is taking his summer vacation.

Mountain ranchers have their hay crop baled and ready for the market. The crop this year is not up to the average in quantity but the quality is of the usual superlative standard. The market price promises to be firm.



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The mountains are a silent folk,
They stand afar—alone;
And the clouds that kiss their brows
at night
Hear neither sigh nor groan.
Each bears him in his ordered place
As soldiers do, and bold and high
They fold their forests round their feet
And bolster up the sky.
—Robert Frost.

GOOD THINGS

Who doesn't like waffles? Here is a recipe which is unusual and altogether delicious:

Caribbean Waffles.—Mix and sift two and one-half cups of flour with a teaspoonful of salt, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder and two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Add two egg yolks, one and one-half to one and one-third cups of milk and two cups of banana pulp. Mix well, fold in the egg whites beaten stiff, and six tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Bake on a waffle iron a trifle longer than usual. Serve with honey, or lemon butter prepared as follows: Cream four tablespoonfuls of butter with four tablespoonfuls of sugar, add lemon juice and grated lemon rind. Serve in balls.

Imperial Salad.—Take one package of lemon gelatin, dissolve in one cupful of boiling water, add one cupful of pineapple juice, one tablespoonful of lemon juice, three slices of pineapple cut into bits, one-half a can of pineapples shredded, one medium cucumber cut fine. Turn into molds, chill until firm. Serve with a cream salad dressing.

New York Salad.—Take four slices of pineapple, one-half cupful of celery, one-half cupful of nuts, two oranges. Arrange the slices of pineapple on nests of lettuce. Cut the celery into one and one-half inch pieces and mix with the nuts. Pile in the center of the pineapple and garnish with four sections of orange free from membrane, laid symmetrically on the pineapple. Serve with dressing.

Brown Rice Pop-Overs.—Scald a pint of sweet milk and stir it into one cupful of boiled unpolished rice, add one-half cupful of flour, three beaten egg yolks, one tablespoonful of butter and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Fold in the egg whites and bake in a hot oven twenty minutes.

Nellie Maxwell

Who Wants an Imitation?

WOULD you call on your local merchant and ask him for "imitation" sugar, or raisins, or coffee? Would you ask him to sell you a pair of shoes made of something "just as good" as leather? Or a suit of clothes "made for" a man, whether or not it fits you?

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Commercial Rates
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Next 300.....6c per KWH
Next 400.....5c per KWH
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