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One of our exchanges finds that the United States has the highest accident toll of any country in the world—principally due to automobiles. Carelessness and ignorance are genuine menaces to the health and happiness of the nation. Only in the case of school children has any definite accident reduction been made. Safety education in schools has not only prevented current accidents, but it instills a safety message that is carried through life. During a period when accidental deaths to persons of all ages increased 28 per cent, deaths among children under 15 dropped 2.3 per cent. Every person has the power to prevent accidents—and unless he uses that power, nothing in the world can stop the toll from rising.

That it is costing a tidy sum to conduct the business affairs of the Farmers National Grain corporation is seen in the transfer of the headquarters office of the Pacific coast division from Pendleton to Portland. In addition to Henry Collins, vice-president; Edgar Smith, assistant manager, and Lyman G. Rice, treasurer, a total of thirty-nine others are employed in the office, which in future will be located in the Pittcock block, Portland. At the present price of wheat, here is a payroll that will materially assist in depleting the much mooted surplus in meeting the office overhead.

State tax money has been going into the operation of three printing plants—the state office in Salem, the others being at Oregon State college and the University of Oregon. On account of high cost of intricate machinery and the various materials used in printing, the industry, with its associated complement of art, is a costly business enterprise gauged only by extent of the venture. Therefore the proposal to investigate the question recently raised to consolidate all three plants at Salem should meet with more than passive interest.

That the traveling public is quick to appreciate and take advantage of transportation facilities that will afford comfort and save time is brought to notice in the reception accorded the inauguration of a regular air plane schedule between Pendleton and Portland. Beginning with two trips daily, Pendleton Airways Inc., was forced Saturday to make four trips to accommodate its patrons, which speaks well for requirement of additional planes.

The summer and fall seasons immensely increase the seriousness of the forest fire problem. The careless smoker and builder of campfires constitutes a tremendous hazard to our timber areas—to say nothing of the arsonist, who is always busy. Every public and private facility should be given to forest protection—and every individual should do his bit in co-operating in the good work.

It is predicted that the treasury deficit for the current fiscal year will reach the billion-dollar mark and that there will be an equally imposing deficit during the fiscal year to come. As a result, unless there is a sizeable increase in Federal income, the national debt will show a two-year increase of \$2,000,000,000. Yes; but who makes the prediction?

The English derby sweepstakes is classed by American law enforcement officials as being a lottery, and as such the government, through the postoffice department, will stamp out the illegal practice of selling tickets in this country. Now what will colored janitors, bootblacks and cotton pickers gamble on to win fickle fortune?

One of our farmer friends, and by the way a republican in politics, refers to President Hoover's gesture to assist Europe over her period of depression, as "reaching out a little too far." He believes that the economic fibre here at home should be smoothed out before we tax ourselves with any of Europe's burden.

We are living in a new transportation age, with automobiles, buses, trucks, air planes and artificial waterways. But no other agency than the railroad is so well able to handle a gigantic volume of traffic over long distances. No other agency is more essential to the proper functioning of modern industry.

Booze and gasoline do not mix, but sparks and celluloid will. This fact is again brought to mind when

we read that sparks from a cigarette blown by the wind, ignited the celluloid rattles of a six month's old child, causing burns from which it died two hours later. The accident occurred in an automobile.

Congressman Hawley has taken time out and gone into a huddle to announce that he will be a candidate for reelection to membership in the House of Representatives from Oregon. The moving political finger has written that a heck of a time awaits Mr. Hawley in securing his reelection.

Orders for about 25,000 barrels of flour have been placed in the United States by Chinese for July and August shipment. Less than 2 per cent of wheat flour arriving in Tientsin in May was milled in the United States. Flour from Australian wheat dominated the market.

Apparently a tong war has been started at Los Angeles by the pumping of eight lead pellets into the body of Yee Wo Tai, restaurant owner. "Tong" in Chinese must be all same "gangster" in Melican talkee.

Radium mining stock is now n. g. The Germans have perfected an X-ray tube capable of producing gamma rays equal to 100,000 grams of radium—more than all radium in use in the world today.

For many weeks Oregonians ate California lettuce. Now this condition is reversed, the principal shipments being made from the Labish section in Marion county.

With the mid-west sizzling hot last week, the glow of the fireplace was cheerful and commonplace in many homes on the Pacific slope—we're knocking on wood.

DANGER OF ACCIDENTS
(Walla Walla Union)

With the motoring season upon us comes the everpresent menace of accidents along the highway. In the northwest the last few days there have been some terrible tragedies which occurred almost in the twinkling of an eye. Near Oregon City a truck smashed into a lighter car and four were killed; near Hood River a car went over a cliff killing two and near Waitsburg one life was lost in an accident. The list might be continued almost indefinitely.

Blame may be fixed after such accidents but they do not bring back lives. Motorists on the highway, in towns, and anywhere else must keep continually on their guard. Accidents happen so quickly that they often cannot be prevented, but in many cases they can be. Better be on the safe side, and go a little more slowly and a little more cautiously.

A queer accident occurred in Yakima where a refrigerator car, loaded with dried apples, exploded because when the men who sealed the car while it was being fumigated forgot to leave air vents. A good many years ago when dried apples were about the only winter fruit available, on youthful ears often fell the wheeze that if lads ate a lot of dried apples and drank water they were apt to disintegrate with a loud explosion, and the youngsters were always afraid to try it, just as they always have hesitated to toss an egg into a whirling electric fan, despite the urge to do so. Now learning what happened to the "reefer" they are glad. Their only hope is that someone will happen to think of sending a carload of this dried fruit to some of the gangsters in Chicago.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of George W. Horn, deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern:
That The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton at Pendleton, Oregon, has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of George W. Horn, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present them with proper vouchers to the said executor at The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton or to Peterson and Lewis, its attorneys, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 26th day of June, 1931.

THE INLAND EMPIRE BANK OF PENDLETON
Executor.
Peterson & Lewis, attorneys for Executor.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of A. M. Gillis, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. M. Gillis, deceased, by the above entitled Court.
All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestbye, at their law office in Athena, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.
Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 5th day of June, 1931.
F. S. LeGROW, Administrator.
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for estate.
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22 Years Ago

July 2, 1909

Hamp Booher was in town yesterday from Weston.

Ocie Barton is down from LaCrosse Wash., on a visit to Athena friends. Mrs. Cass Cannon and daughter are visiting relatives and friends in Seattle.

Scott Brown, of Echo, was a guest at the A. L. Jones home in this city the first of the week.

John Thompson, the Umatilla river cattle man was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Lillian McDonald, of Spokane is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Byron Hawks.

Mrs. Wm. Winship returned Saturday from a visit to relatives and friends in Walla Walla.

Maurice Hill is an adept at ad writing. His signs and placards at the Palace drug store attract attention.

From appearances the combine is on the decline in this section. One Athena firm has sold eleven headers so far this season, and four complete stationary threshing outfits have been purchased.

Fay LeGrow's string of race horses were taken to Walla Walla this week where they will enter the races on the 4th and 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reeder, after visiting friends in this vicinity for several days, left Wednesday for their home in Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Tharp and family will spend the 4th at Wenaha Springs. Miss Jessie McEwen will be a guest of the party.

Last night a number of the young friends of Miss Grace Myers gathered at the home of Miss Eva Wright and gave a most pleasant party in her honor.

Mrs. L. J. Foss has returned from a protracted visit to her children in

Moro, Sherman county. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. James Mitchell.

Friends here have received cards from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mansfield, who are enjoying a visit at Grangeville and Lewiston, Idaho. They will arrive home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gross, Jr., arrived Wednesday afternoon from their home in Nanton Alberta having been called by the sudden death of Mrs. Gross' mother, Mrs. J. W. Keen.

John B. Gagnon of Athena, is a nephew of Gilbert Gagnon, the French Canadian who went to California in early days and who died several years ago leaving an estate valued at many thousands of dollars. The Umatilla county man will therefore make an effort to secure his portion of the estate as the old man died intestate and left no children. Will M. Peterson of the firm of Peterson & Wilson is attorney for the claimant.

Jasper O'Harra and Hilda Peterson, Weston young people, were united in marriage at Pendleton, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kirk left Tuesday for La Grande, where they will spend a couple of weeks, visiting relatives and friends. They went by team and are prepared to enjoy an outing on the Grande Ronde river.

The meeting of the Ideal Christian association will be held this evening at the home of Floyd Pinkerton near town. A moonlight walk to the farm will be one of the chief features of the evening's pleasure. A good program has been prepared.

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Editorial

Through advertising we know all about "Athlete's Foot," but perhaps you will be interested to know that "Bridge Shin" is a new disease which affects husbands who forget what is trump.

A. M. Johnson, Editor

"There!" exclaimed wifey in disgust. "I knew that overnight friend of yours wasn't to be trusted. 'I've just counted the towels and one of them is missing.'"

"Was it a good one?" inquired semi-interested hubby mildly.

"It was the best we had. It was the one with 'Grand Palace Hotel' on it."

He Was It

An Englishman was visiting this country for the first time, and as he was driving along the highway, saw a sign, "Drive Slow. This Means You!"

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