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EDITORIALS

WHAT CAREFUL DRIVING MEANS

There are a good many motorists who think that being careful begins and ends on the highway. Of course it is important to be careful on the highway and streets, to heed all warning signs, to drive with prudent speed, to pass a car cautiously and to exercise the highest care at intersections and railroad crossings.

But carefulness really begins before the motorist takes his car out of the garage. He must be sure that his car is in good repair, that the brakes are working as they should, that the steering gear is in good order, that there is a sufficient amount of oil and gas, that the battery is strong and that the whole car is fit to be driven.

Few drivers think of the condition of their car until something happens to it on the road, then it is too late. They jump into it and roar away as if a car never got out of order. Their brakes may be useless, but they do not find it out until they try to use them, and then it is too late. Their lights may flicker and go out just at the time they need them most. The oil may give out, the gas may be used up, miles from a filling station.

All these unhappy things may be prevented by exercising care before taking out the car. But of course carefulness does not stop with all that. One of the most important rules a driver can lay down for himself is to let the other fellow have the right of way. The right of way is not really important. You lose little time by yielding to the driver who is seeking it. You may save a great deal of time by taking your life by doing so. Another thing no driver should neglect is preliminary care about the condition of your car, giving the other fellow the right of way and taking no chances are better than any amount of insurance.

Last week a Central Point youth was taken before the Jackson County court at Medford. He had been charged with reckless driving on our local streets. Lives of children were endangered. The judge gave the youth some real thoughts to ponder over. The highways and streets must be made safe for humanity. Reckless drivers and speed demons must be tamed.

SEE WHAT BELGIUM HAS DONE?

Belgium, the ravaged and devastated of the world war, now leads the world in prosperity!

Belgium had to bear the brunt of the destructive German attack at the beginning of hostilities. The vast armies of the Kaiser fairly swarmed over the land. Belgium forts were demolished, her cities laid waste, the soil scarred beyond recovery, it was thought. Industry was virtually annihilated from the land.

But Belgium and her people have proved that they have a resilience that cannot be destroyed. Promptly upon the return of peace, Belgium went to work. Her destroyed industries were replaced and modern methods and modern machinery replaced the pre-war establishments. Her transportation system, wrecked and demoralized, has been renewed and extended. And all this has been accomplished without assuming any crushing burden of foreign loans.

Belgium's bonds are at par. Sixty-six per cent of her money is backed by gold. Her bank discount is only two and one-half per cent. Her savings have grown. Her exports rival her imports. There are only 62,000 unemployed in all the land.

Once the plied of all nations, Belgium is now envied.

Thomas Alva Edison, the greatest inventor of all time, departed this life Sunday, Oct. 18. Was buried Wednesday. America loses a wonderful man. The ebbing tide of the years safely carried this great comforter easily to the last harbor. The nation mourns.

IMPLICATIONS OF LAVAL'S VISIT

That Premier Pierre Laval of France should be coming to Washington to visit President Hoover, just at this time, is peculiarly significant. France and the United States are the two most conservative and the most stable countries in the industrial world at present. Between them they hold 75 per cent of the world's gold. Together they can determine largely the economic fortunes of the entire western world.

More than this, the Hoover and Laval governments are politically stable and represent the two strongest and costliest military machines of the world. This extraordinary concentration of political and economic and military power in the two capitals suggests that the meeting of the two leaders cannot fail to have momentous results.

Some of the questions certain to be discussed are already obvious. Reduction of armaments, revision of war debts and correction of the maldistribution of gold are outstanding challenges that demand attention.

In many respects France and America are inimical. In the case of the Hoover moratorium, France was the chief stumbling block. In disarmament France and America are in opposite camps. On the questions of foreign economic policies Paris and Washington are far apart.

Yet, despite this divergence of views, the two governments are inevitable partners, if any common approach to world problems is to be made. It is imperative that the two solvent and stable industrial nations should reach an understanding, in order that they may approach their common problems harmoniously. The meeting of the heads of the two governments should be a notable step in this direction.

We have the pole sitters, tree sitters, endurance dancers and the like, but none of the nuts ever does anything useful like starting a bread-eating contest to aid the farmer.

Senator Sheppard wants to jail those who buy, as well as those who sell, booze. Then the prison-building business would relieve the depression over night.

Contemporary wonders what Borah would do if offered the regular republican nomination. Now that's what we call idle speculation.

It is said that Shakespeare died of 13 diseases. If he had 'em long, no wonder he wrote tragedies.

Two California school girls came to school drunk. Guess Mabel isn't exporting all those grape bricks after all.

A real optimist is the senator who wants Britain and Japan to declare a naval holiday until the United States builds up to the treaty ratio.

Remus had to file a proof of sanity before entering court. Might be a tip in that for improving the jury system.



They Tell Me

By Al Piche

Good readers of this paper will now get all sport events on fishing and hunting through my column each issue.

Also wish that anyone knowing of any conditions that exist which causes the destruction of our wild game life will report to me, and I will gladly take same up in this column.

I am in direct communication with the heads of the State Game Commission and they are at all times open to discuss conditions which exist in this part of the state, that they do not know of, for reasons that they are at a disadvantage on account of the distance from the Southern part of State of Oregon.

Stop and give it a moment of thought, that when we have no more fruit, and no more fishing in the Rogue River Valley, we all may as well depart for other parts, as these two items are the only and greatest assets we have.

Guy Plummer of Green & Shores Service Station brought in a Mule Tail that dressed out at 235 lbs. It was a four-pointer and was shot at Gearhart Mountain out of IRV, Oregon.

"No man can support a new-fashioned wife on an old-fashioned salary."

Pangborn and Herndon got \$25,000 of Japanese money for the Pacific flight, so it looks like those fines over there were just income taxes.

When the farmer plows for wheat this fall he'll probably consider it just exercise.

SCHOOL NOTES

"This Could Have Happened to You"

As a preacher once said, "This could have happened to you."

"Let's go a-hunting, friend Pitts," muttered Sir Snyder one bright sunny September morn. "Agreed," muttered Friend Pitts.

The next morning found our two little heroes stalking silently through the deep dark woods. When Bang! Bang! two shots rang out. Sir Snyder pulled the barrel of his blunderbuss from the earth and rubbed his shoulder. The object of his shots, a papa deer, waltzed lightly away down the steep slope.

"Before the light dies tonight," Sir Snyder muttered, "I will have thy hams, base one."

Coming suddenly from a group of trees into a clearing, our hero saw two burros feeding placidly on the dead leaves.

An idea flashed across his brain, or maybe it fell on him. At any rate he sidled cautiously up to one of the unsuspecting burros and leaped lightly onto his, or maybe her, back, and just as lightly he shot skyward to fall back and kiss mother earth a resounding smack.

Then Sir Pitts appeared. Arising from his soft bed, Sir Snyder said naughty things about burros.

But being a plucky man, he told Sir Pitts his idea and started to ride the animated catapult again.

Needing names for their beoved mounts, they christened them Sebastian and Aristotle. Now Sebastian and Aristotle had business far, far away, and proceeded to transact it, leaving our heroes gazing stupidly after their flying hoofs.

Needless to say, all the little deers and all the big deers were very sorry to see the gentlemen leaving the wild, wild woods. However, they were back at school on Thursday, relating their thrilling experiences and trying to study. "Really!"

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$100,561.88
Bonds, securities, etc.	74,771.18
Banking house	\$2,900.00
Furniture and fixtures	\$2,184.30
Real estate owned other than banking house	2,103.25
Cash, due from banks and cash items	35,844.52
Total	\$219,365.13
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	4,000.00
Undivided profits—net	1,427.26
Reserves	1,000.00
Demand deposits	104,225.72
Time Certificates	24,562.96
Savings deposits	59,145.49
Total	\$219,365.43

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, ss:
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 L. ALVIN TOLLEFSON, Cashier.
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