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EDITORIALS

HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS

The cold weather of the past few days has brought one fact clearly to mind. With the streets and highways covered with ice and snow, every driver realizes the danger of skids and consequent smashups. Therefore, there are very few accidents. And what there are, are of minor nature. It all seems to prove that the majority of automobile accidents are the result of pure carelessness.

Our business has necessitated driving every day since the storm both on the highway and up and down the streets of Medford. We have watched how the great majority of drivers have slowed down; how carefully they take the corners, and come into intersections. And still the business of the country has gone on as usual.

Why cannot we all be just as careful and courteous and show the same regard for the rights of the other fellow when the weather is good and the streets are dry as we do when there is frost and ice? Let's just play the vision is poor and

AIDS TRUCK FARMERS



Alfred Pfeiffer, former salesman, whose invention of a machine to cover plants with paper coats on the approach of freezing weather is seen as a boon to winter truck farmers. Pfeiffer, a native of Comfort, Texas, got the idea for the machine in 1932 and worked to perfect it until last summer.

the car is on the border of a slide all the time. We will live just as long and get our affairs done just the same.

MACHINES AND JOBS

The American automobile industry offers refutation of the theory that the machine age imperils the security of labor.

William J. Cameron of the Ford Motor Company reveals that the building of an automobile today requires the labor of more men than the same job required seven years ago.

Specifically, it takes the services of 98 men to put out an automobile in 1936 whereas 74 men did the job in 1929.

The reason, according to Mr. Cameron, is:

"The new cars take more fitting, more finishing, more time and better work in every way because they are better cars."

At the same time these better cars, offered at better prices, are giving the buyers more value for their money than ever before. There is no reason to doubt that this experience will be duplicated throughout the employing industries of the nation.

Belief that machines will eventually do all the work, and that production by human hands and brains will dwindle accordingly, is the refuge of the hopeless and the helpless.

History has proved, and will prove again, that inventive genius provides work for men to do. The menace of technological unemployment has been vastly exaggerated, as the automobile industry so effectively proves.

It is a matter of industrial history that more efficient production opens up new fields of employment. It has done that in all periods of industrial history in America. And it will continue to do it.—The Washington Herald.

CHILD LABOR IN MANUFACTURING

Out of the commendable agitation for the elimination of child labor in the United States has already come one wholesome result. By hauling this question out into the open, the generally expressed belief that the bulk of child labor was employed in the manufacturing industries has been completely disproved.

The public now knows that of the children under 16 at work in 1930, the last available census, less than 10 per cent were employed in manufacturing. Or, stated another way, less than one per cent of the workers in manufacturing industries are under 16 years of age.

Nearly three-quarters of all child labor in America is found in the fields of agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining. Communication, transportation and trade account for nine per cent. Seven per cent are in the domestic service and three per cent in professional or clerical jobs.

These figures bear out what enlightened industrialists have long known—that the great bulk of American industry is unalterably opposed to child labor and that American industrialists have freely and without compulsion steadily reduced

Solons Gather for Congress Opening



Vice President John N. Garner and U. S. Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, whip of the senate, are seen conferring over plans for the opening of the new Seventy-fifth congress.

the number of minors employed in manufacturing plants.

In spite of the fact that less than 1 per cent of manufacturing workers are children, the job of doing away with child labor is not finished. Industry has taken its stand without equivocation on this point and will not rest until the figure is even further reduced.

Chamber Urges President to Attend British Crowning

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Monday telegraphed President Roosevelt urging his personal attendance at the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England. Copies of the chamber's telegram, which points out the possibilities of enhancing the American executive's peace program through such a visit, was also forwarded to Oregon's congressional delegation, chambers of commerce and other organizations interested.

In a statement Monday, A. H. Banwell, manager of the chamber said:

"Whether or not everyone approves of the various phases of the present administration, the fact remains that President Roosevelt has a great deal of personal charm and has been able to diplomatically make friends all over the world. There can be no doubt about the sincerities of his program to promote world peace, and his attendance at the coronation would greatly assist that program. He would 'steal the show' if he attended, and as a result bring the two

great English speaking races closer together."

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce telegram to President Roosevelt read as follows:

"We heartily approve your efforts to bring about world peace and a better understanding between the nations stop We believe your program would be greatly enhanced were you personally to attend the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and we respectfully urge that arrangements be made so that a visit from you to England shall be accomplished stop We believe your attendance at the coronation as the chief executive of the United States would do a tremendous amount of good in promoting world peace.

"OLEN ARNSPIGER, President Jackson County Chamber of Commerce."

Last week Publisher A. S. Brazman of the Mound Pilot noticed the following item in an exchange and passed it on for the personal benefit of several unruly readers: "Never judge a person by his outside appearance. A shabby old coat may enwrap a newspaper publisher, while a man wearing a high plug hat may be sporting a gold-headed cane may be a delinquent subscriber."

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