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EDITORIAL
Opinions of the
Observer.

The news of the entry of Mayor Geo. H. Baker into the contest for the United States Senatorship from this district will be well received at this office. Mayor Baker is an able man and will be a friend of ALL the people.

The trip of President Harding through the West has not done him any harm from a political standpoint. He has been well received at every place where he stopped and his dignity and general ability has made a favorable impression on all who heard him speak, while it is common talk that Mrs. Harding has made him many votes all over the states.

Railroad Time Expert Has
Novel Task

Keeping 12,000 railroad watches "on time" is the novel task included in the duties of S. A. Pope, newly appointed Supervisor of Time Service for the Southern Pacific's Pacific System lines.

Pope was formerly Assistant General Time Inspector of the Official Bureau of Time Service, a railroad time service bureau founded by the late Webb C. Ball.

The Southern Pacific System lines, over which Pope will have entire jurisdiction in railroad time service matters, comprises the lines from Portland and Ogden to El Paso.

There are 12,000 watches, 105 watch inspectors and 144 standard railroad clocks in service on the system, Pope stated.

Pope, who makes his headquarters in San Francisco, has one of the most interesting collections of old watches, clocks and chronometers in the country, some of them dating back two or three centuries.

The Fight to Save Life

The railroads of the country have been carrying on active campaigns against carelessness by pedestrians and automobilists in crossing railroad tracks.

A California law goes into effect August 31 requiring motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, school busses or trucks carrying explosives or inflammables to come to a full stop before crossing steam railroad or interurban or suburban electric railways.

The necessity for such a law in all states has been emphasized recently in Oregon where three different automobiles were driven on the Southern Pacific Company's tracks in front of on-coming trains. The result has been two deaths and several injuries. In each instance the track was in clear view a mile or more in each direction.

Not only should the California law be adopted in other states, but it should be made more stringent and require that all automobiles, either commercial or private, must come to a stop before crossing railroad tracks.

The California law provides a fine of \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, for non-compliance with the law by commercial vehicles. A fine or suspension of driver's license or both could be applied to private vehicles.—Industrial News.

Repairing Hard Surface
Pavements

Highway engineers in various parts of the country are finding it advisable in a greater degree to repair concrete roads with asphaltic materials.

Concrete roads are prone to develop longitudinal and transverse

cracks. Everywhere these cracks are being filled with asphalt.

California has resurfaced a mileage of its concrete roads with asphalt. From the beginning it has been the plan of the State Highway Commission ultimately to cover all its concrete roads with bituminous materials.

Asphaltic concrete pavements have been laid on the Pacific coast since 1894, and the steady increase in their construction each year over the previous year is due to the unparalleled record for durability and low maintenance demonstrated by this type.

One notable feature in reviewing last year's record is that the cities and counties which have laid asphaltic concrete in the past and which have had an opportunity closely to observe its durability, are specifying asphaltic concrete for new pavements. This seems to indicate that the tremendous increase during 1922 has not been due to a temporary rush to a new and experimental type, but rather to records demonstrated by a tried and proved pavement.—The Manufacturer.

Concerning Taxes

Those who have the say about the expenditure of the tax moneys frequently speak of the wastefulness of armies and navies. They wish, as does everyone else, that such national safeguards were unnecessary and that the funds needed for their maintenance might be diverted to serve other purposes.

But as a rule they have very little to say about our standing army of tax collectors and spenders, which is more than five times the size of our army and navy combined. In this connection the recent report of the taxation committee of the Michigan Bankers' Association is particularly interesting.

The committee asserts that in the past fifteen years, more than 1,000,000 laws have been passed in the country to control the lives and business activities of our people, and that one individual in twelve of our population is supported by the taxpaying public in one way or another. In the state of Michigan, 50 per cent of the wealth newly created every year goes to pay for government, state, local or national.

The United States government pays salaries to 700,000 civilians and the several states have more than twice that number on their payrolls. Add their families and dependents and you will understand the surprising totals and the cost of our governmental house-keeping.

Is it any wonder that tax-free securities are popular, and that so many supposedly upright citizens are to be suspected of forgetfulness in the matter of their tax return? Is it any wonder that most business men hold up their hands in horror at the thought of government ownership or operation of utilities?—Evansville, Ind., Courier.

TOWN PESTS



The Town Scold doesn't Always wear Skirts. Often She's a He who stands around Down Town grumbling about how the Young Folks carry on These Days, and how the Churches ain't What they Used to Was and how the Newspapers don't Amount to Much any More. He Should have Died Young!

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Dated this 28th day of June, 1923.
PAUL PIERCE,
Administrator of the Estate of Mae Pierce, deceased.
Carey F. Martin,
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