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### SITTING UP NIGHTS

Are you prepared to spend your summer vacation, or sit up nights, delving into the pro and cons of amendments and measures to be on the ballot this fall? You will have to filch much time from some source for there will be fifteen or more of them for your consideration in November.

The constitutional amendment providing for a cabinet form of government is one of the most important of the long list. It provides for three elective state officers—governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer. It is patterned after our national system and provides for government by departments. The heads of the nine departments are to be named by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. These would be the departments of agriculture, labor and industry, financial administration, commerce, education, public works and domain, health and public welfare, state police and military affairs, and legal.

Another amendment would extend the bonus loan privilege to veterans of the Philippine insurrection, Chinese Boxer rebellion and qualified non-residents after ten year residence in Oregon.

Two other amendments relate to the motor vehicle license tax, establish property classification and permit the legislature to fix license fees for automobiles according to their depreciated value.

Still another amendment boosts the salaries of members of the legislature to five-hundred dollars for the two year term together with mileage.

Then there is a referendum measure providing for two additional circuit judges in Multnomah county. This bill was vetoed by Governor Patterson but passed over his head by the legislature and is now in court because of a suit filed to have the referendum declared ineffectual and void.

Another measure referred to the voters provides for a tax on net incomes of persons and fiduciaries. This measure also has been attacked in the courts. This was a companion measure of the intangibles and the excise tax laws which are now in operation in the state. It is an income tax measure and has been referred to the people for their consideration.

Voters will also be asked to pass upon an amendment providing vacancies in the legislature, and also on a measure providing for old age pensions.

In addition to the foregoing nine amendments and measures, petitions are now in circulation to place four other measures on the ballot.

One of these provides for the abolition of the public service commission. Another would prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in Oregon. There is also the proposed single tax constitutional amendment and so called life insurance and fraternal insurance bill.

And to clutter up the ballot further it will no doubt contain a measure for the creation of a lieutenant-governorship, and another which would put the public in competition with corporate utilities by the creation of more public utility districts. The people of Oregon killed by a vote of four to one a similar proposal, known as the Housewives Council Amendment, in 1926.

Fifteen—count them—and there will likely be more. They will occasion one of the largest and most cumbersome ballots in the history of the state, and the utility of their intelligent consideration by the average voter is apparent.—Morning Enterprise—Oregon City, Oregon.

### DANGEROUS DAYS

The season of shifting temperatures is with us again, and for the next several weeks to come you'll probably encounter more "sniffing and sneezing" than you'll notice at any other time of year. Doctors call it the most dangerous season of the year, and they never cease to warn us to be careful of sudden atmospheric changes, that bring colds and lung ailments. And these often develop into an illness that results fatally. Get plenty of fresh air—but avoid drafts. Drink plenty of fresh water and sleep with a window open, avoid over-heated rooms. Keep your feet dry and, if you should get wet, don't wear the garments while they are drying out but change clothing immediately. Simple hints, even one of them, yet sufficient to save a life. Fresh air never yet killed anyone, and neither did anyone ever get too much of it at this season of the year. Keep that in mind. See that the children get their share, too, and we'll have both a happier and healthier community, with little to fear from this season of sudden changes.

### THERE'S A MORAL HERE

Did you ever stop to think that hard times mean nothing to a hen? She just keeps on digging worms and laying eggs regardless of what is said about conditions. If the ground is hard, she scratches harder. If it's dry, she digs deeper. If she strikes a rock, she works around it. But always she digs up worms and turns them into hard-shelled profits as well as tender broilers. Did you ever see a pessimistic hen? Did you ever know of one starving to death waiting for worms to dig themselves to the surface? Did you ever hear one cackle because times were hard? Not on your life. She saves her breath for digging and her cackles for eggs.

We're not mentioning any names—but we wonder how many of our readers can find the moral in this.

It isn't the styles that are so ridiculous. It's the stuffing that's in them.

Maybe the reason that Georgia bootlegger set up his still in a cemetery was so his customers could see their finish.

Edison says we will soon be making tires out of weeds. Well, that will beat making cigars out of them.

It won't be long now until the tin-can tourist will again be changing tires oftener than he changes shirts.

They're making a motor car that runs by itself, without a driver. But they've never yet made one that will pay the repair bills.

The main cause of all these prison riots over the country seems to be that the convicts think they can get away with it.

### PROTECTING CHILDREN

When figures covering details by auto accidents in the U. S. were recently given out by the National Safety Council it revealed that more than 300 children had been killed in rural school buses in 1929. And the states in which the accidents occurred got busy doing what should have been done long ago. They began taking steps to safeguard the lives of rural children.

In Ohio alone 20 children have been killed this year as the result of school buses being struck by trains. In every instance the accidents could have been avoided. Now the state is going to compel all school bus drivers to pass a rigid test as to ability to drive. And other states are preparing to enact laws that will safeguard childish lives.

It certainly is high time. Children in our larger cities are protected by traffic officers, junior patrols, signal lights and other devices—why are not the children of our rural communities entitled to equal consideration? We believe everyone will agree with us when we say that in the past state legislatures have devoted too much time to enacting laws to regulate traffic in the more congested centers and not enough time to the passage of laws that will afford protection to rural communities and the smaller towns, where life is just as precious. The smothering death toll of innocent children recorded in 1929 is all the argument needed to prove the truthfulness of this.

### WORKING IN TOWN

We've often wondered how many people who still consider the auto a luxury have taken into consideration the fact that it has produced an entirely new class of workers in the United States. This is the combination farmer-industrial worker, men and youths who are essentially farmers but who can now work in nearby towns and cities and still look after the farm.

Back in horse-and-buggy days this was impossible; the farm boy, or man, could not get his chores done and get to the canning factory, cotton gin, packing plant, sugar mill or other industry in time to start with the regular force. And it would have taken too long to get home after the day's work was done. But it's different now, for by using an auto, and with good roads constantly getting better, they can live on a farm and still work in a town or city five, ten or even 25 miles away.

There is no doubt but this development is doing much to keep the present rural population on the farms. In time it ought to increase it. It also is bringing the factories from the big cities to the smaller towns, since the labor question—the thing that has kept so many factories away from the smaller towns—can now be solved satisfactorily. The process is not complete, but each year sees more and more rural residents using the auto to hold down industrial jobs in town. And more roads and better roads will add to the number, as well as to the general prosperity of the country.

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### FASHION POINTERS

Accessories this year are as important a part of the costume as the dress itself.

Colors for spring are varied, none outstanding. Black is supreme, usually leading the list in the smart woman's wardrobe. Dead white is very good alone or combined with black. Fustels are all good, with rose leading. Greens are increasing in all shades as are reds and blues. Beiges, with rosy, rusty or yellow tones, are smart.

Gloves are much longer than formerly and the classic slip-on is outstanding for all occasions. For evening, 24 button length gloves may be worn if one wishes.

Dresses, as everyone knows, are longer, how much longer depending on the type of dress. Sport dresses are 14 inches from the floor or 4 inches below the knees; street dresses reach the middle of the calf, and late afternoon and Sunday tea time dresses are below the calf. For evening they are ankle length all around and trail the floor in back.

Curves have come into their own, and are extremely fashionable. Waist lines are decidedly raised, to the normal waistline, or at the top of the hip bone. Sports and street clothes have a decidedly "nipped in" effect and afternoon and evening dresses are more closely fitted at waist and hip.

The shortest name in the Oakland California, telephone directory is "X" and it is a bonafide name at that, for Mr. Stuart X actually does exist and lives in the city at 564 Santa Clara St. X is his legal name, having been adopted for convenience.

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A dairy farmer trying to save money by selling certain and then buying butter substitutes is actually losing money, according to figures compiled by N. C. Jamison, extension dairy specialist for Oregon. Jamison figured that a 10 cent drop in butterfat prices means an average loss of \$250 a year to a dairyman owning 10 cows, while the outside amount he could save during the year by using substitutes would be only \$37.50.

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