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## Perpetual Motion

It takes thirty-six states to ratify an amendment to the United States constitution but the Child Labor amendment, rejected ten years ago by twenty-five States is still popping up before various legislatures. In other words, once a State ratifies it is eternally bound but if it rejects the proposal the question can continue to come up until ratification wins. Without discussing the merits of the Child Labor proposal but only referring to the process involved there ought to be a time limit on State action.

## Honoring Mothers

Men and women who wish to pay tribute to their mothers can do so by joining in all efforts to make motherhood safe for mothers. The annual loss of life through improper pre-natal and post-natal care is a reflection upon our people which should not be permitted to continue. It is fine to remember ones mother on Mother's day but how much more fitting would it be if through our efforts some little child was given the life of his or her own mother. If adequate care is assured, thousands of American mothers will be alive at the end of 1936 and taking care of their children. Without needed attention they will be dead.

## Our Farms Increase

Preliminary returns from the farm census indicate a marked increase in the number of farms, attributable, according to officials, to the number of persons who went back to the country when city jobs vanished. In 1930 we had 6,300,000 farms, and the new count will show about 500,000 more. The farms, it is true, are smaller and the population larger. Whether the acreage in cultivation has increased cannot be determined until the census is completed. The chances are that many of the new farms are subsistence projects, undertaken by persons who have been forced to go back to the primary source of life when other pursuits failed them.

## Taxes Rob the Bread Basket

It will do no harm to have a reminder that when the Congress passes laws requiring the expenditure of money the people will have to pay it. When a deficit exists, it must be met. Temporary borrowings by the Treasury may take care of it for the present, but finally the taxpayers will come to a day of reckoning. "Raising taxes does not seem popular. Imposing a new levy on small income is anathema to those who vote large appropriations. But people with small incomes will pay directly in all they buy or use, even if they pay no direct tax. They are the ones who suffer most from government extravagance. The present high rate of taxes, especially state and local assessments, is one of the main reasons small concerns are closing up and their business is going to chain stores and other large corporations. The overhead of taxes is so large that a small business is at a serious disadvantage."

## Legion to Fight Accidents

The highway safety problem took a long step toward a solution lately with the announcement that the American Legion is to carry on an aggressive, organized program in the interest of automobile accident prevention. The program is detailed in a booklet jointly published by the Legion. Under the suggested plan, the safety program will be handled by the Legion's Americanism Commission. Working under it will be State Traffic Committees, composed of representatives from each district. These committees in each state will maintain contact with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, the State Highway Patrol and the Legislature. Next there will be district safety committees, composed of a representative from each county in the district. These will hold meetings with county safety committees, to be composed of a representative of each local post in the county. The representative of each local post will work with local police, schools, city councils, and engineering departments. All of the committees will cooperate with automobile clubs, insurance companies, newspapers, safety associations and similar organizations. Workers in the cause of safety believe that the Legion can be of tremendous aid in reducing the incalculable accident toll—a toll which has reached 35,000 people killed on streets and highways last year. The Legion is to be complimented on accepting this arduous duty—and the results will be happier and safer living for the people of the country.

## Strange Figures

For the first time in recent years February showed a decline in the number of families on relief. While the reduction was not great, being only 13 per cent, previous Februaries

have shown substantial increases over the Januaries ahead of them. The total families on relief in February, of this year, was 4,485,076 and compares with 2,599,976 in February of last year. The figures contrast with recorded gains for the year in both factory employment and payrolls. It also happened in the same period that saw an increase of \$163,000,000 in deposits in mutual savings banks, an increase of 424,000 in the number of new accounts in these institutions and an increase of \$793,000,000 in the volume of new insurance written by life insurance companies.

To prove his contention that no one pays any attention to a petition a middle west editor started out with one, the purpose of which, was to abolish the Chinese laundries in town. A number of signers was secured. The hooker in it was that there were no Chinese laundries in the town.

In as much as it is usually easy to line people up back of a proposition that the other fellow is going to have to pay for, the securing of memberships to the "Share Our Wealth" club, should prove comparatively easy.

The things we admire about Malcolm Campbell who is trying to establish a speed record in excess of 270 miles an hour is that he went down on the Florida beach where he would be out of everyone's way. We drop this as a suggestion to some of the speed demons in this country.

Only an intrenched bureaucracy is keeping the Blue Eagle alive.—The Spectator.

It has been proven from many surveys that 17.8 per cent of the people of a community see the store windows every day. If this is true, as the surveys indicate, it is important that every merchant give special attention to his windows. The first impression of a shopper is gained by his reaction to a firm's show windows. Unconsciously he judges the entire store, its service and its merchandise by his reaction to the firm's windows. This important feature of merchandising is too often overlooked.

Personality:—Henry Ward Beecher on a very cold day, stopped to buy a newspaper from a ragged youngster who stood shivering on a corner. "Poor little fellow," he said, "aren't you cold standing here?" The boy looked up with a smile and said, "I was, sir—before you passed."

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## State House Gossip

BY ERNEST L. GRAY  
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the session could be held in the armory, the house of representatives at least, while the senate could meet in the Elks Temple or in the dining room of the Marion hotel.

Governor Martin was not at the capitol city when the state house burned. He was giving an address at the Medford Chamber of Commerce during the heat of the fire, and was not apprized of the disaster until he had completed his talk. He cancelled the rest of the trip, came back the next day and started to work at once.

The state treasurer's office, which did not lose anything outside office equipment, is scattered in three different places: Holman has his offices opposite the governor's in the supreme court building, his cash and accounting staff are at the Ladd & Bush bank whose securities are also kept in that vault, and the inheritance tax division is in the home of Senator Charles Spaulding across the street from the burned building.

Thousands of people visited the capitol during the fire and since Last Sunday the grounds were crowded with spectators and souvenir hunters. Guards have been stationed around the building, since there are still many valuables in the structure. Razing will be started at once.

Those who witnessed the flames will never forget the spectacular picture, particularly shortly before the old copper dome nodded its head in farewell and disappeared into the grasping arms of the flames. Colorful indeed was the sight—with yellow, green and blue flames mingling in perfect harmony.

The basement of the building was filled with eight feet of water, and since the fire originated there, naturally the destruction was great. Nevertheless some paper supplies were found untouched and even dry. The working of the fire was mysterious.

A crumbling cornice took with it the life of a student fireman. He was working with his mates and was crushed beneath the pile of brick. Other than slight injuries to several others this was the only casualty. It could have been more serious as work men were on, in and over the entire place when the flames were at their peak.

Business of the state, however, did not halt. Even routine transactions were carried on the next day by departments which were completely wiped out. Some, of course, had nothing to move, but equipment has been ordered and the operations will be under way shortly as smoothly as possible.

The building was more dear to people than a close friend. There were some who knew every nook in the structure, who watched the destruction going on and with each crash a tug was felt at the heart. It was a sad sight, yet the friend departed in a beautiful array of color, as it silently bid farewell to the hundreds of thousands who tread around the lobbies during its 60 years of service.

Income tax payers may be called upon to fill out duplicate returns as a result of the fire. Oil paintings of former governors and early pioneer leaders, hung in the senate and house chambers, were destroyed. Desks where laws were made for half a century, are but ashes. The masthead of the Battleship Oregon was among the relics destroyed. Cause of fire had not been learned.

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