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Periodic Vehicle Inspection

Many automobile owners appear to lack sufficient pride and sense of obligation to keep their vehicles at mechanical par. This all too human failing is at the bottom of the growing necessity for periodic motor vehicle inspection.

Obviously, a car with inefficient brakes, defective or badly adjusted lights, poor tires, wheels out of alignment, broken windshield wipers, or defective steering mechanism, is dangerous. Inspection is necessary to determine where such danger lies and to bring about its elimination.

It is not necessary to wait for the state legislature to pass an inspection law. Any city or town can require such inspection. Memphis, Tennessee has done this, using modern testing equipment and meeting all expenses through a fifty-cent fee. So have Evanston, Illinois, and Des Moines, Iowa. And the citizens liked it, asked for more. In the two and one-half months after its testing station opened, automobile fatalities in Memphis fell off 25% from the figure for the corresponding period of the previous year, despite increased registration and gasoline consumption.

Periodic inspection of motor vehicles certainly recommends itself to the serious consideration of public spirited newspaper editors, public officials and all others who are seeking a solution of the automobile accidents problem.

Agriculture's Big Problem

During the last two years, a tremendous change has occurred in the agricultural situation in the United States. From a food exporting nation, we have become a food importing nation. Where we used to have heavy surpluses of such basic crops as grain, dairy products, meat, lard, nuts, and others, which could be shipped abroad, we now suffer shortages and must bring in foreign farm products to fill our needs.

Various reasons are behind this. Without arguing the merits of the AAA, its crop restriction policy paved the way for scarcity of crops. And the great drought, coming on top of crop restriction and destruction, completed the job. Thus a substantial part of the American consuming market was at least lost to the American farmer, to the benefit of the foreign farmer.

This situation has put a big job up to the American farmer. More than ever before, he must seek to make supply of agricultural products meet the domestic demand. More than ever before, he must try to scientifically develop and stabilize his markets. In this work, the farm-owned and controlled agricultural cooperatives will play a preeminent part—they alone give the farmer a permanent, non-political marketing machine with which to do the job.

LIFE TOO SHORT

A successful man is one who has tried, not cried; who has worked, not dodged; who has shouldered responsibility, not evaded it; who has gotten under the burden, not merely stood off looking on, giving advice and philosophizing on the situation.

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Here is an issue that transcends all petty politics. North, South, East and West—all can agree and all can join in this movement. It is not temporary. It must be carried on year after year, until the end is attained. Whether the New Deal continues for another four years or more, or passes into oblivion as deep as the grave in which old man Prohibition lies buried, does not matter. The necessity for an aroused public opinion, demanding that "The cost of government must be reduced," continues. The very existence and the future of this representative republic—founded by Washington and Jefferson hangs today upon the balance of that issue.

When the people support the government and the government is subservient to the people, then the American system is safe. But when the government supports the people, then the people will, of necessity, be subservient to the government, and representative government will perish.

State House Gossip BY ERNEST L. GRAY

Public hearings on People's Utility districts have started in various counties in Oregon during the month of January will be held in various parts of the state. This procedure will perhaps continue until virtually every county will have voted upon some scheme of this type for the development of power.

But the sailing for these supporters of "cheap power" is not going so smoothly. They are meeting with considerable opposition, opposition which is backed by facts, not conjectures, backed by experience, not in the whims of politicians. It is doubtful that many of these utility districts would be formed.

The hearing held at Lebanon and at Mt. Angel the past few days demonstrated that neither the hydroelectric commission nor the supporters of such utility districts to "use Bonneville power," knows what such formation will mean. The power interests present cold facts, which are hard to overcome, with guesses.

And speaking of the hydroelectric commission, a change in that body was predicted shortly. Judge Derby of Hood River, was expected to resign because of poor health. He has not been attending the hearings of late, leaving the matter to George W. Joseph, Jr., and Charles E. Stricklin, the other two members.

The new appointee, it was reliably predicted, would be Vern Williams, editor of the Oregon Democrat, who has been active in democratic circles in the state for some time. Williams, during legislative sessions, operated a series of activities at the session, among whom various power companies were listed as his customers.

Campaign issues have started. People already are talking about who will run for what. This time the discussion has centered mostly around candidates for congress from the first district. Naturally James W. Mott will be a candidate to succeed himself. As far as definite republican opposition is concerned, there is little to go on.

Some state that Sam Brown, unsuccessful candidate for republican gubernatorial honors will take the

field against Mott. It is doubtful whether Peter Zimmerman would consider the contest. It has also been stated that W. C. Hawley has been patiently waiting for a chance to go into the fray, but whether it be now or later could not be learned.

On the democratic side, the field is more active. It was declared a probability that Walter Fisher, state senator from Roseburg, would announce himself. Also W. A. Delzell, often a candidate for that position, was striving to gain support for another campaign. Others are getting the fever.

In the senatorial race, it was believed Charles L. McNary would have little trouble in being reelected, but Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls, is getting all set to make this campaign. Walter Pierce will run again for congress from his district while the flock of candidates in the third district are lining up the Portland possibilities.

New license plates, a very attractive set, are fast appearing in Oregon highways. Sales of plates were started last Saturday, although they are not due until the first of the year. The smaller size liquor permits for those who wish to imbibe are also selling. They are a finer type card but require more information about the purchaser.

The newspapermen have become tired of executive sessions, or closed meetings. So the capital boys agreed to check them. So the policy henceforth is that if such meetings held here are closed to the press, the news hounds will close their ears to any later propaganda or news about the meetings. In fact they will be ignored.

The first one to come under that category was the meeting of the state flax board. The members were too busy to permit the reporters into their session, even to the extent they were too busy to talk to them. Fine . . . when they were ready to hand out a statement, the boys were too busy to get it or to use it. And there were no violations of the ultimatum.

State property in Oregon has an insurable value of \$20,214,807. It was learned this week. This is slightly less than the total for a year ago, due of course to the fire last April 25 when the old structure was destroyed by fire. The state, however,

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These projects will receive aid from the federal government. Work was being organized also on the state power plant and the telephone exchange for use of institutions and departments. These two projects, also with federal aid, will cost about three-quarters million dollars. The state's share will be taken out of anticipated service costs.

Gunpowder Substances

In gunpowder there are two combustible substances, sulphur and charcoal, mixed with a powerful oxidizing agent, potassium nitrate. The reason for the exclusive use of these particular constituents for such a long time lay in the fact that until about fifty years ago potassium nitrate was the only solid oxidizing agent available in sufficient amount.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Allen Pierce have returned to Cedar Crest Farm, their former home and will assume personal charge of their West Side Auto Camp. Dr. Pierce will open an office there for the practice of medicine. Office hours, evenings. Telephone ATwater 6741. 6259 S. W. Capitol Highway, and Bertha Station.

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