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WHY NOT SUPPORT OF ENTIRE COUNTY?

Editorial comments of the Hillsboro Argus last week included the following lines:—

"Hillsboro business men rightfully pledge full support to the annual county fair. They have always been behind the big show with their help in every way possible. The fair is a great asset to the county and merits the backing of every individual."

Truly spoken, but why not the support of the entire county. After all it is a county fair. Better wake up merchants and organizations of eastern Washington county, at least show your support by attending this annual event September 3, 4, and 5.

DEATH WALKS THE HIGHWAY

The gods of recklessness are devouring thousands of lives each month on American highways—and there is no limit to their appetite.

The great tragedy is that accidents are not inevitable. Nine out of ten are preventable, and easily preventable. Carelessness, recklessness, ignorance and stupidity are the principal causes of accidental injury and death, and surely they can be cured—through laws, through force of public opinion and, perhaps most important of all, through education of the individual.

Death walks the highway. He strides through our home. He is an unseen visitor at every place of amusement. He is apt to put in his appearance in the happiest hours. No graver problem faces the American people than accident problem and its solution is entirely up to the people.

PARENTS TAKE HEED

The following carried a few weeks ago in these columns is well worth bringing again to the attention of parents:

"Leaving loaded guns around the house, where small children can get them, is one way of cutting the grocery bill."

Such was the unfortunate, yet avoidable experience in Beaverton last week, when two youngsters found their father's gun in a tool box and proceeded to experiment with it. The result, untimely death of a ten year old Portland lad visiting in Beaverton, unnecessary sadness overhanging two otherwise happy homes and a youth turned over to the authorities, frightened as to the consequences of his unmeaning harm.

Avoidable sorrow, all because a gun was left within reach of young inexperienced hands.

Parents take heed, it could have been your boy.

Tricky-minded college professors have been trying for three years to sell the American people the idea that the Supreme Court of the United States never had any legal right to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional. United States News.

What the New Dealers assume is that government is or should be the master of the people—not its agent.—U. S. News.

A few scornful words can destroy a lifelong friendship.

It is more honorable to be an honest farmer, than a dishonest millionaire. Radicalism is selfishness and narrowness. It sees but one side of each question.

Bullyragging a Legislature

Pennsylvania's relief-receivers, having become accustomed to the free-handed spending of the federal government, are finding it difficult to understand the state's more careful scrutiny of expenditures. That seems to be the long and short of the disgraceful disorders in the Pennsylvania state-house.

In the period when the handouts came from Washington, D. C., there wasn't any fussing about where the

money was to come from. Congress passed what Mr. Roosevelt asked for, and it was plenty; then Mr. Roosevelt went out and borrowed. Simple, eh? So why doesn't the state of Pennsylvania do the same? Why all this hesitancy and this debate about where the money is to come from? The banks have plenty. Go out and borrow it.

As hundreds of rioters stamped on the floor of the Pennsylvania senate gallery and screamed down at the lawmakers, this was the obvious undercurrent of their thought. Incidentally, it is an undercurrent which is nationwide and which merely happens to have come to the surface in Pennsylvania, and in New Jersey somewhat earlier. As a result of Mr. Roosevelt's centralized and liberal relief system, based upon borrowing, the people on relief have come to assume that the state, county and municipal governments can and should borrow as readily and scatter as heedlessly.

It is a psychological legacy which the nation will be lucky to work out of. Even if better times absorb most of the present unemployed, there will be other depressions, and possibly they will come before the present tremendous burden of debt can be reduced. In that case, there will be a general assumption that another and equal debt, must be piled upon the old one. And somewhere along this way lurks national disaster.—Morning Oregonian.



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A 15% gain in assets and a similar gain in surplus over 1935 is reported in the June 30 statement of the Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance Company of McMinnville. Assets a year ago were 1,013,444.18. On June 30 they had climbed to \$1,174,002.81. Surplus was up to \$458,978.46 from \$396,310.35. Analysis of the following balance sheet shows nearly one million dollars in cash, government and first class municipal bonds. If the firm were to quit business today it would have slightly more than \$1.76 to pay off

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OREGON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY June 30, 1936	
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 104,054.27
Bonds	875,069.96
School Warrants	7,612.63
Savings Account	194.36
Real Estate	52,000.00
Agents' Balances prior to April 1, 1936	2,375.54
Agents' Balances subsequent to April 1, 1936	102,927.52
Real Estate mortgages	5,200.00
Accrued Interest	8,109.33
Premium notes from agents and assureds	8,564.48
Stamps, stationery and supplies	500.00
Office furniture, fixtures and equipment	4,500.00
Reinsurance due from other companies on losses paid	429.94
Cash in till	2,465.08
TOTAL	\$1,174,002.81

LIABILITIES	
Losses in process of adjustment	\$ 16,500.00
Premium reserve	666,310.32
Office Furniture, fixtures, stamps, stationery and equipment	5,000.00
Commissions and other claims	19,119.49
Reserve for taxes	5,730.00
Reserve for premiums written prior to April 1, 1936	2,375.54
Total	\$ 715,035.35
SURPLUS	458,967.46
TOTAL	\$1,174,002.81

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