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AND HUMAN BEINGS GET AWAY WITH IT!

Yesterday was America's observed occasion for thanksgiving . . . it was a day of relaxation, of heavy eating, of fun and frolic, flavored with moments of remembrance of the deeply-rotted conviction that we should be appreciative of the things we have.

The Miner, among others, was very thankful.

We were thankful because people can be such fools and still get along.

We were thankful because human beings, with all their faults and shortcomings, have gotten away with it and still dominate the earth.

We were thankful that we can make so many mistakes in our business and still eat turkey on Thanksgiving day, and still pay the rent and have a few nickels left to fool away.

We were thankful that there are such good places to live as southern Oregon and Ashland, and thankful because we were privileged to claim to many fine people as friends.

And, finally, we were most thankful because we belong to that specie of life—human beings—which reaps the best, flatters itself the most, and contributes the least to the holy scheme of things.

Perhaps we did catch the Thanksgiving spirit yesterday, at that.

WHY CLING TO HORSE-AND-BUGGY HABITS?

With the annual scramble for motor vehicle license plates already upon us, it might be a good time to suggest that the state of Oregon observe methods of license plate distribution used with success by a number of other commonwealths.

In practice, a license plate is a commodity purchased just the same as are postage stamps, and should be handled the same way. The idea of continuing the old-fashioned red-tape entangling the securing of a couple pieces of tin is both wasteful and a nuisance.

An increasing number of states have adopted the custom of distributing license plates by freight to the several counties and license-issuing bureaus for distribution to motorists direct. Thousands of dollars in postage could be saved by the state, distribution of the tags would be made easier and quicker and, in addition, a simple system could be worked out whereby the residence county, as well as state, could be indicated on the plates. This can be done either by allotting certain blocks of numbers to each county, or by the addition of the county name on each set of plates.

In those states using local distribution of plates it is no more trouble to walk into the sheriff's office, or a motor vehicle department office and buy license plates than it is to make application for plates in Oregon. The procedure is the same, except that motorists are handed their tags at the time of purchase and, if deadline is near at hand, they are not required to pay an extra quarter for a temporary sticker while their application and remittance are forwarded to the state capital for completion of the issuing procedure.

Much lost motion could be eliminated, the terrific congestion resulting from centralization in the state license bureau could be cut to a minimum and the motorist would have his plates the moment he paid for them. There is no doubt but that important savings could be made by eliminating the duplication of effort on the part of application offices and the state office.

It is just as simple to hand an applicant a set of tags as it is to hand him a receipt, and by a little revision of an inefficient procedure the annual ordeal of issuing license plates to motorists in Oregon could be simplified and money could be saved.

Pair Of Inebriates Arrested and Fined

Drunkenness on Ashland's streets will not be tolerated. Not by a jugful, and last week-end two imbibers made the city jug.

They were Edward J. Larmie, 64, granite polisher who was arrested Thursday night for being drunk and disorderly, and H. William Bartlett, 59, drunk on a public street, arrested Friday afternoon. Larmie was fined \$15 and costs and sentenced to five days in jail, and was to "work" out his fine at \$2 a day. Judge C. O.

Presnell also levied \$10 and costs against Bartlett, who is sitting it out, also, in the city bastille. Both men plead guilty to the charges.

JOHN FRANKLIN ARNOLD
John Franklin Arnold died Wednesday, November 18, at the Cove ranch. He was born at Portsmouth, O., May 18, 1855, and is survived by his wife, Sarah Arnold. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday from the Dodge funeral home with the Rev. Adolph Johnson of Medford officiating. Interment was in Stearns cemetery, Talent.

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Tragedy of Living



BOIVIN'S CLAIM TO HOUSE CHAIR IS QUESTIONED

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for plates at the end of the year. Fewer than 12,500 of the nearly 300,000 motorists in the state had filed when the drawing for low numbers was held in the automobile registration department last Friday. Snell reminds that the new 1937 plates may be used after December 15.

A new all-time record for traffic accidents in Oregon was established during October when 42 persons were killed on the highways of the state compared to 19 for the same month last year. The October deaths brought the year's total of 257, an increase of more than 25 per cent over last year's 204 for the same period.

There were 6463 officials and employes on the state payroll last June according to a compilation just completed by the budget department, which shows a total monthly payroll of \$780,252.85. Activities supported by appropriations account for 2901 employes with an aggregate monthly payroll of \$382,818.92 with 3562 persons on the payrolls of self-sustaining activities drawing a total of \$397,433.93 for the month. Of the 2901 persons on the payrolls of appropriation supported activities 988, or slightly more than one-third, are in the state system of higher education but this group drew \$202,652.71 in its monthly pay envelope, or more than one-half the entire amount charged to the appropriation-supported group, whereas the other two-thirds, or 1812 persons drew only \$180,166.21. The average pay of all state employes is computed at \$120.71 a month. Employees of the state system of higher education, however, draw an average of \$204.90 a month while the average monthly pay check of the other employes and officials in the appropriation-supported group is only \$89.42 and that of employes in the self-sustaining group is \$111.48.

Twenty-two new text books for use in the public schools of Oregon were approved by the state textbook commission at its biennial meeting here this week. Most of these books will be used as basal texts although a few are for supplementary use. The new texts include language, writing, history and civics in the elementary grades, and orientation, world history, American history, general mathematics, elementary science, biology, physics and home economics for the high school courses. Adoption of the new texts does not necessarily mean that books now in use will be discarded immediately. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, explained. The practice now followed in most Oregon schools, according to Howard, is to place the new books in use only when the old books need replacing.

Uncle Sam will pour \$768,000 of new money into Oregon during the next two years for the aid of dependent children, according to Budget Director Wharton. The federal fund will have to be matched by both the state and county governments for an aggregate of \$2,304,000 all of which will be spent in caring for dependent children, either in the homes of their own parents dependent on relief for support, or in foster homes. The fund is expected to take care of 8000 children on the basis of \$12 a month. Many of these now are being cared for in state-aided institutions while others are receiving direct relief. The fund will be administered by the state relief commission through the state child welfare commission which will pass on the eligibility of children to this aid and select the

homes in which they are to be cared for.

Secretary of State Snell has announced that he will recommend the repeal of the \$10 license fee on pick-up cars when the legislature meets. Much injustice has resulted through enforcement of this act in the opinion of Snell who points out that thousands of the cars subjected to this higher fee are nothing but old cars with a box on the back while pleasure cars of much heavier construction escape with the payment of a \$5 fee.

Library workers of Oregon have contributed more than \$200 in cash toward the purchase of reference books for the Bandon public library which was completely destroyed in the recent fire, according to Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. In addition to these cash donations several large book publishing companies also have made donations of encyclopedias and other reference books.

Oregon's open fall season has had a healthy effect on the state's gasoline tax revenue. Oregon motorists, including the tourists in our midst, consumed a total of 19,693,428 gallons of gasoline during October on which they paid state taxes totaling \$984,671—\$120,000 more than was collected from the same source in October, 1935.

My Neighbor Says:

Chinese ginger jars covered with woven straw make lovely bowls for a few flowers. They come in gray-green tones.

When lettuce is being prepared for the table it is always advisable to break off the midrib, as that is likely to be bitter.

In storing away old scraps of material, place them in a bag made of an old net curtain, then the desired piece will be easily seen when wanted.

Apricots blend well with pineapple, oranges, peaches and bananas and are good used in appetizers, salads or fruit desserts. Do not forget to sprinkle lemon juice over the fruits just before serving.

Use kerosene to clean white enamel or porcelain bath tubs and bowls. It will take off grease and dirt without scrubbing and without injuring the surface. Do not use with water but wipe tub or bowl dry, apply kerosene with tissue paper or cloth you can throw away and wipe with dry cloth. Used this way, the odor evaporates quickly.

JOAN VI VAKOC

Joan Vi Vakoc, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Vakoc, died at her parents' home Sunday, November 22.

She was born August 27, 1936, and was aged two months, 25 days. Besides her parents she is survived by her grandparents, who live in Nebraska. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. from the Stock and Litwiler chapel with the Rev. Melville T. Wire officiating. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

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By KEN WEIL

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Let Thanksgiving be one of many days of good cheer . . . for we in Ashland have much to be thankful for.

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