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AND THAT'S WHERE THE RUB-BISH COMES!

A lot of people who do a pretty good job of playing in their own back yards step out of character when they haul a sack or two of rubbish into the country to deposit on somebody's property.

Somewhat or other, city people get badly mistaken ideas about what is excusable in the country simply because houses and people aren't as frequent there. The meticulous neighbor who wouldn't think of throwing a candy wrapper onto sidewalks of his own town often is the same fellow who will cram junk, cans and trash into gunny sacks, motor down a rural lane to where there is no house within view and where a field "apparently" is good for nothing in particular, and will halt the family bus, haul out his sacks of unwanted junk and promptly heave them over the fence.

There seems to be so much room in the country, and what different will his little donation of trash make, anyway?

A resident from near Ashland complained to this department the other day of just such abuses, and was anything but appreciative of an Ashland habit of hauling refuse onto his—and others'—farms.

"How would a city motorist feel, if I should drive past his house some Sunday afternoon, take a fancy to his green lawn and promptly take over the place for a picnic because he wasn't there to chase me away? Naturally, we'd leave paper, cans and junk strewn about and perhaps build a fire. But when that owner discovered what had taken place right in his front yard he'd scream for police and prosecution!"

Which, of course, is exactly what many city dwellers do to their country cousins. Only difference is that rural yards are large enough that you can set up for picnic or camp out of sight of the house. But the mess usually left behind is just as bad, and a source of as much justified irritation as would be the similar abuse of city lots.

In the case of dumping refuse, there is no excuse for such thoughtlessness as is being practiced by Ashland families who are well able to use a city garbage collection service that is provided for them. According to the complainant, more people than you'd think abuse property rights of others rather than pay a small amount for having refuse properly disposed of in a way that is offensive to no one.

And as for picnic parties and campers out, much abuse is heaped on shoulders of rural who are unfortunate enough to live near a traveled highway or country road. Their pet beauty spots and meadows are likely to become regarded as public domain by all who choose to help themselves.

The whole thing sums up to a matter of consideration for other people, particularly when the other people aren't on deck to protect themselves and their property. Most folks who own farms in southern Oregon have a most generous attitude toward sharing their glens and shady spots with city folk and deserve a more universal consideration.

Next time you want to get rid of trash and junk, use the regular collection system available at small cost and don't throw your discard onto somebody's property or along the highway where it becomes an unsightly nuisance. And the next time you plan a picnic into the country or along one of southern Oregon's many streams, be more considerate of the owner of the spot you select and see that the place is left presentable for the next party and for the man who is paying taxes on it.

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THEY'RE TITHES, NOT EXAMINATIONS!

Laws are like bad checks. Get one that's no good, and somebody is willing to give you another that's just like it.

Perhaps one of the most ineffectual measures ever written into law in Oregon has been the regulation which decrees that all prospective husbands undergo

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

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medical examination for social diseases. The law, in theory and principle, is right, but in practice is more or less a technicality that boosts by \$2.50 the cost of marriage licenses without serving any real purpose.

Oregonians will have the privilege of accepting or rejecting another bill in the 1938 election which would require prospective brides, also, to go through the same procedure. Which, of course, is a step in the right direction, but not much of a step.

Not until real force is written into specifications for medical examinations for both the prospective bride and groom will such measures be anything but farces. As it is today, the "medical examination" in most cases consists of a blushing young man approaching his doctor, stating his business and answering a few questions—if any—before he receives his bill of clearance and pungles up the set fee. As far as a medical examination is concerned, the formality seldom involves even the most casual glance, and would make a California bug patrol inspection, by comparison, seem like exhaustive research.

The law requiring males to obtain certificates for marriage stating they are free from social diseases as observed in Oregon now does not safeguard public health. It is a source of income to the medical profession and only occasionally could benefit society.

Any new measure which would require "examination" of brides too, unless it specifically stipulates complete scientific tests, is just a lot of wasted motion.

If the supposed "venereal menace" is to be stamped out, or even partially controlled, something more than fine gestures will have to be worked out and presented to voters for adoption. Oregon law makes a prospective husband pay for a medical examination, but it doesn't see to it that he gets one.

Cavemen Have Tilt With Bear At Crater Lake

OREGON CAVES—An encounter with a hungry bear was one of the first experiences of members of the OCC spike camp established at park headquarters at Crater Lake.

The men, enrollees from Oregon Caves camp, were quartered in the second story of one of the permanent buildings, surrounded by snowbanks which came up to the windows. The bear, which was apparently just out of hibernation, was attracted by the smell of food and crawled in one of the windows which had been left open at night for ventilation.

L. N. Foy, foreman in charge, was aroused about 4 a. m. when

the bear began to help himself to the food on the shelves. A flashlight revealed Bruin with a can of fruit and a can of baking powder in his arms in addition to a bowl of jam which he was disposing of rapidly. Frightened by the foreman's light and voice, the bear retreated with his booty and turned toward the window. The bowl of jam rolled out and down the snowbank and the bear hopped out to retrieve it.

When he was gone, Foy closed and locked the window thinking that they were rid of the intruder. Some time later, however, he was again awakened, this time by a scratching sound on the roof. Upon investigating, he found the bear was trying to tear the shingles off the roof to get at the rest of the food. He succeeded in frightening the bear away but was compelled to mount guard until daylight to prevent further depredations to park property.

Oregon's Traffic Toll

A Series of Weekly Articles on the Problem of Highway Safety by EARN SNELL, Secretary of State

A TOTAL of 34,880 motor vehicle accidents involving property damage—7,725 persons injured—355 killed.

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Following the disastrous record of March, when Oregon traffic fatalities increased 80 per cent over March, 1936, the month of April presents a record that carries some encouragement. For this year the fatalities for that month decreased from 23 in 1936 to 17 in 1937. And this reduction was made despite the fact that a million and a half gallons more gasoline was sold during the month than in the same month last year. Are our efforts bearing fruit?

This record furnishes hope for a continuation of improved safety conditions upon our streets and highways. This can only be brought about by the cooperation and interest of every motor vehicle operator, with increased care upon the part of every pedestrian. Let's place Oregon in the rank of the states that are making continued progress in the reduction of traffic deaths.

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By KEN WEIL

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