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"RUMOR HAS IT THAT—!"

According to current rumor, soon the self-styled "Judge" Earl Fehl will return to Jackson county all set to collect "back pay" and send a couple dozen political enemies up to the penitentiary for putting him there.

The Southern Oregon Miner, which figured prominently in the famous "Jackson county war" and the resulting conviction of opposing ringleaders, sincerely is hopeful that Fehl plans nothing of the kind. However, there seems to be some substance to the report that already the former Pacific Record-Herald editor has procured a press with which to give multiple issuance to his bitter ideas.

Perhaps, if the man does come back to southern Oregon to start more trouble, we residents of Jackson county will be given an opportunity to see the mettle of which our new district attorney is made.

Anybody, after an attorney general's ruling and definite action by state courts, can order out pin-ball machines, but it takes a man—and a good one—to face the kind of music that Earl Fehl has become famous for and then silence it for the public good.



SWALLOWED BY THEIR OWN OUT-HOLES!

Apparently, pin-ball machines are going to crawl into their own out-holes, and then pull the holes in after 'em. Leastwise, notice of intention to confiscate said nickel-gathering devices is being sent out by the Jackson county sheriff's office.

Well, no doubt tongues are wagging about the banishment like a busted ball payoff motor dribbling five-cent pieces all over the place, for there are those who will say the petty-gambling devices are a scourge to honest existence while others will insist just as vehemently that the machines simply have increased the velocity with which minted buffalo get about.

It is certain the machines are not as bad as they have been painted, nor as innocent as defenders claim. The devices are guilty of garnering nickels with the appetite of a cement mixer and paying out at predetermined ratios of generosity, yet they do furnish a certain amusement value and—it might be pointed out here—have no attachments to force players to insert coins.

You can take 'em (if you're lucky) or leave 'em. But their most vexatious trait is their canny trickery of human nature. They combine natural optimism, stubbornness and the allure of chance into a habit that is hard for some to break, once they've mixed the ingredients into a pin-ball complex, and now the D-A intends to stop all that.

While operators in Ashland have paid considerable sums of money into city coffers in the form of license fees, have used revenue from pin-balls in legitimate channels of trade and, in some cases, have out-holed their ledgers back into the black, they have been fairly reasonable about keeping too-juvenile players away from the contraptions and it has been the customers themselves, more than anyone else, who have popularized the games.

But perhaps there will be few actual tears shed on part of the general public when the tables make their final fade-out—save for the operators, of course, who now will have to rack their brains for another business-prodder for languid tills.

Many of us, who have been wont to spend a lot of time in front of coin chutes pleading with Lady Luck to be a lady, probably will miss our favorite sport for a while, but we can spend the extra time wondering how come we always have nickels in our jeans again.



THEY NEVER SEEM TO QUIT!

Recently these columns condemned lax penal systems that permit parole and pardon of dangerous

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criminals as against public welfare and this week, in Portland, occurred another of the many shootings which substantiate such a view.

A young thug, 27, held up and looted a service station of \$22 and later shot and seriously wounded the station operator as the latter attempted to capture his assailant. The bandit then tried to shoot a motorist whose car he commandeered, but the gun misfired, and while being pursued by a motorcycle officer attempted to shoot him as well, but his gun broke when he stumbled over a curb.

Pretty dangerous antics for the law-abiding public and peace office to face. Particularly in light of the fact that the gun-toting bandit "twice had served sentences in Oregon state penitentiary for burglary."

Men of such character should not be allowed to move about in society. They have forfeited any human rights by disregarding the property and life rights of others and should be disposed of accordingly.

There probably will be much weighty consideration and debate given during trial of this criminal who may have killed one and who tried to shoot two others. He undoubtedly will have learned defense counsel pleading a lot of bosh in his behalf, when the man has no defense.

To eliminate murder and armed banditry we must

EXAMINER COMING 20TH

According to an announcement, Ward McReynolds, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be at the city hall between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Friday, August 20. Persons wishing permits to drive automobiles should get in touch with him at that time.

● Mrs. H. L. DeArmond, her daughter Lovette and Marjorie Stratton returned recently from Portland where they have spent several days. Miss Stratton has resumed her work at the Lithia Beauty shop.

● Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sander and children visited Sunday in Medford with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Northland.

● Earl Nutter left Monday morning for a week's stay in Salem, where he will visit his family.



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first eliminate those who commit such acts. Splitting hairs in the courtroom and looking in books to see what to do with gunmen is entirely beside the point. Nobody ever went to law to get rid of a rattlesnake!

Oregon's Traffic Toll

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

DO YOU THINK it is necessary that one human life be sacrificed to modern traffic every day in the state of Oregon? That thousands must be injured and millions of dollars in property damage suffered as a part of the price we must pay for the enjoyment and convenience afforded us by the use of motor vehicles? Are you willing to pay your part of this tremendous toll?

If not, what are you doing to change present conditions? No one can be sure of being exempt from the penalties of reckless or careless driving. Its toll will eventually be felt by you, your family and your friends. No group is too small, no family circle and its contacts so few in number that it can feel secure.

Deaths on Oregon highways showed an increase of more than 18 per cent in 1936 as compared with the previous year. The number of fatalities for this year again is raised. Can this continue indefinitely or will an awakened public conscience put an end to a condition that has become intolerable?

You ask what can be done? The answer is, manifest an active interest. An aroused public sentiment will get results. Discuss the problem with your educators, your police officers and your courts. Call it to the attention of your legislators, that they may act if necessary. Remember that education, enforcement and engineering must go hand in hand in the ultimate solution of this terrible and perplexing problem.

Every community in Oregon is interested in bringing about better driving conditions on our streets and highways, and it is my hope that active work will go forward in each of them in the very near future. Do your part to help eliminate Oregon's traffic deaths.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH

Congregational
Church school, 9:45 a. m., Mrs. Glen Prescott, superintendent.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock
Sermon: "What Religion Means to Me."
Young People's meeting and union church service with the Presbyterian church, the Rev. D. E. Nourse preaching.

● Emil Piel left Saturday evening for San Francisco where he intends to stay a fortnight in an attempt to benefit his health. Mrs. Piel is in charge of the Piel Implement house during his absence.

KNOT HOLE NEWS

By KEN WEIL

HOWDY FOLKS!

It appears that in the world's race for supremacy, the armament race seems to have the predominant position, at present.



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