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### IN THEM, WE CAN SEE OURSELVES!

Courtesies of the road have become traditional on Oregon highways. But motorists are trying to preserve the tradition with mothballs instead of by application.

One of the more common—and most dangerous—violations of driving levity was brought to mind in Ashland last week when a tourist, speeding through a school zone, struck another vehicle, caromed off into the curb, over a bank and wedged his car under the front porch of a house. Like many drivers intent only on putting each town behind them, he had failed to slow to a safe speed within city limits.

To a resident who gasps at an out-of-state vehicle hurtling through busy intersections at dangerous and foolhardy speeds, such abuse is entirely uncalled for and hard to understand. To the hurrying tourist, however, each community along the highway is just another obstacle to be overcome as quickly as possible.

There is no excuse for through traffic disregarding local speed limits and regulations and these death-inviting offenses—committed daily—rankle in the minds of residents who are forced to dodge, wait or leap for their lives.

But the next time you mingle an expulsion of blue-hued sarcasm with the whipping exhaust fumes of some hurtling passer-through just stop and remember that we folks here in Ashland abuse rights of our lesser communities of Talent and Phoenix when we scurry past their nimble-legged pedestrians with all the pin-headed hauteur of a Hollywood celebrity crowding his chromium-plated, roaring importation past our own cross-walks.

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### WE MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO REFORM THE SUN!

As Einstein once pointed out, relativity has to do with a lot more things than just free boarders. Another way in which the famous theory expresses itself is in this matter of war.

Death, generally, is thought of as a pretty awful thing. But just stop and think how pleasing it is to watch pesky flies get theirs when sprayed with insecticide. And after slapping at the things roosting on the back of your neck all day long it is a sport of kings to watch a fly buzz down onto tanglefoot.

Yes, ridding ourselves of pests often permits us to delight in their annihilation and have no qualms because we feel they are to be gotten rid of in the most effective way. Who ever lingered to watch the death wriggle of a rattlesnake with tears in his eyes?

When we contemplate murder of human beings, though, we shudder at its hideousness. But over in Asia and Spain, where there are important considerations to fight for, this matter of relativity steps in again to benumb nations toward slaughter of their fellow men.

While the rest of the world points aghast at the rivers of blood flowing in streets covered with stinking bits of torn flesh, those countries involved are "hitching their wagons to stars" and hence do not let their gaze fall on the filthy death at their feet. The belligerents are stirred by ambition and purpose which, to them, makes human butchery a necessity in much the same manner that we rid our premises of pests.

So, long as the law of relativity focuses and re-focuses human values there will be recurring wars. Those optimistic reformers—and they are to be admired for their altruistic courage—will have to start with the tiniest one-celled form of life and rearrange the elemental scheme of them and all other living things on up to the supposedly highest type—man. For it is bug eat bug, beast kill beast, man kill all that by death can serve him.

And man—who might do something for himself but won't because of himself—alone protests the ugly truth of life and yet accepts it as willingly and blindly as does the dumbest of God's creatures.

### LIFE'S BYWAYS!



### AMAZE A MINUTE SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD

**HIGHEST CLOUDS -**  
GREATEST HEIGHT REACHED BY CLOUDS IS ABOUT SEVEN MILES.

**DISEASE FROM BATS -**  
THE VAMPIRE BAT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE THE CARRIER OF MURRINA, THE FATAL HORSE DISEASE.

**LIGHT KINDS -**  
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### Human Fly, Climber Of Lithia Hotel, Falls

ASHLANDERS who sunburned their tonsils a couple of years ago as they watched Henry (Daredevil) Roland shimmy up to the top of the Lithia hotel suffered attacks of vertigo every time they looked off a high curb for a few days. Then the feeling passed and probably most of them forgot all about it. And probably some of them thought he was tied to the building anyhow. October 7, in Greenville, Tenn., Roland pulled the same stunt. He scaled a hotel in that city and later put on an acrobatic act on a trapeze 60 feet high. In the middle of a somersault the human fly put too much verve in his work—with the result that when he reached the ground he found waiting there the old boy with a scythe who had been chasing him up the front of hotels for 23 years.

### TALENT

- Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Olsen and Dick Kreger left Sunday for Wakefield, Kan., to visit their parents and other relatives. They plan to be gone a month.
- Mrs. George Thurston, who is teaching school near Montague, Calif., spent Saturday at her home south of Talent.
- Mrs. John Smith of Glendale, Ore., was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Works, last week.
- George Whelpley and Mr. Noel returned home Monday from a two weeks hunting trip.
- Donald Walton and Ans Barnes, who have been working here for the last six months, left for their homes in Missouri Wednesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Will Hewitt and daughter Helen of Phoenix were guests of Mrs. Mendee Fox Sunday and in the afternoon journeyed to Ashland and called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donart.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton and Mrs. Mary E. Higgins left

### Oregon's Traffic Toll

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

THE relation of speed to accidents is something that is debated hotly wherever the matter is discussed. Many good drivers maintain that speed in itself is not a major accident cause, and they have some good arguments in support of their case. But whether or not the high speeds cause the accidents, there can be no argument on one most important phase of the question—speed causes the fatalities.

The chances of a fatal accident increase rapidly as the speed mounts. In all motor vehicle accidents it is estimated that there are 35 injuries for every fatality. In accidents at speeds up to 20 miles per hour there are 61 non-fatal accidents to every fatality. But in speeds of 50 or more miles per hour one accident in 11 is fatal, according to the best information obtainable by the National Safety Council.

All people who are competent to drive a car at a reasonable rate of speed and under favorable conditions are not qualified to become race drivers. The emergency that requires quick thinking and quick action at 40 miles an hour is much more of an emergency at 60. The streets and highways are for the use of everyone who can meet a reasonable test as a driver, and they must be made safer for the average driver and the pedestrian. I am convinced that this can be accomplished by the setting of a definite top speed limit, with some variation throughout the state, depending upon the nature of the highways.

Experience has demonstrated that such a speed limit will help eliminate Oregon's traffic deaths.

Mrs. Grover Gilley returned to Hornbrook with her baby son from the Hills hospital Monday.

Max Temple was able to return home Wednesday morning following a week in the Hills hospital where he underwent an appendectomy.

### KNOT HOLE NEWS

By KEN WEIL

Howdy, Folks: The doctors have under observation a middle west man who has shrunk five inches. Wonder if it was something the little woman said?



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