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PHOOEY, FIRE DOESN'T HURT US!

Fire is a horrid thing on the end of a two-for-a-nickel cigar, but it's worse in the back end of a print shop.

If you ask us.

Even so, there are worse things than having fire burn and water wet when damage—or most of it—is covered by insurance. Much worse things. And with sinned paper swept out, ruined machinery replaced and debris swamped, and with a new building around The Miner, this weekly organ of fact and opinion resumes publication risen, Phoenix-like, from the ashes.

Granted that this first issue is a bit undersize and charred on the margin, but then did you ever try to work with plasterers, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, night watchmen and a chugging cement mixer for companions? We're lucky to get out of the remodeling orgy with our lives, much less a newspaper.

In a few days The Miner will have hit its old stride and we herewith caution the warring world and grousing republicans that this weekly intends to Write Something About Things.

We'll show 'em!

And thanks, folks, for bearing with us during the short delay while we stepped aside to watch a new and modern building rise where flames licked and smoke belched. No harm was done—insurance sales leaped following the blaze which totally wiped out the Palace cafe and nibbled at The Miner, losses suffered are being replaced, Ashland is getting two new modernistic buildings and even the volunteer firemen (bless their efficiency) got a dollar an hour.

New front, new machinery and new determination. Who said it's an ill wind that blows nobody good? (And now, General Green, looking across the street you get to see a better building front than we do.)

BUT DOCTORS, WE CAN IF WE WANT!

The guilty flee when no man pursues and likewise it is the publicity-hungry who frequently ask that their names not be used for publication.

Probably members of the Jackson County Medical society had neither motive when they made a request that newspapers not print names of attending physicians or doctors in accident cases, but they do have a way of excusing a lot of unusual ideas with the word "ethics."

"We are glad to cooperate from the news standpoint, but feel that it is medically unethical for the attending physician's name to be used," read the request.

To the MD's there may be ample reason to wish that names of attending physicians be kept from print. Perhaps caring for the public health—or, in less pretty phrasing, making human sickness a remunerative career—gives sawbones some divine aloofness from the rest of us which justifies their attempt to suppress or censor news, but we have yet to hear of the editor who tried to tell the doctors how to run their business.

We all like you, black bags, pills and all, and you doctors are a mighty useful bunch of fellows but sometimes you do the silliest things. Besides, this paper never did make a practice of giving free plugs because you're so dead set against putting out a dime now and then for paid advertising.

(Yaaaah, and we'll keep our blasted appendix as long as possible—or at least until this blows over.)

CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK

Charles L. McNary, Oregon's senator in congress, has indicated that republicans will make the senate's vote against restricting political activity by relief employees a major issue in the congressional elections this fall.

It seems that the outs, particularly, are worried by claims that WPA workers and others are being influenced at election time. And, doubtless, some of the claims are true.

Although republican objections to political tam-

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS SAYING THE CUTEST THINGS...
NOW- DIDN'T LITTLE JEROME JUST ASK AUNT PAULINA
IF HER LEGS GOT WETTED THAT WAY FROM
THE SALT WATER!



pering might be justified, GOP's are in the position of the sooted kettle calling the pot dark names. Last general election this newspaper remembers reading letters written by employers to their employees advising them to vote for Alf Landon "in the best interests of their jobs."

Which is the same thing by the other side. Whether Uncle Sam pays the bills or whether it is private industry which signs pay checks, neither has a moral or political right to influence or advise voters.

So, when McNary and the boys start wailing that dirty politics are wrecking the country, they are not without some guilt in their own ranks. To remember the intense campaign launched among employees by big business during the last national election lessens the alarm one feels when told that WPA is nothing but a gigantic political machine.

More than for any other reason, McNary's threats are made for political effect and his party will use

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

HOW MANY PASSENGERS
MAY BE CARRIED IN AN AU-
TOMOBILE?

There is no legal limit on the number of passengers, except as applied to the driver's seat. Two other adults may sit beside the driver, but no more. Passengers must not be allowed to sit so as to crowd the driver.

Persons sitting in the rear seat must not cut off the driver's view to the rear. It might also be well to mention that overcrowding of an automobile is no more dangerous than is rough-housing, shouting, posturing or otherwise interfering with the driver's handling of the car. The driver's job is a difficult one at best, and inconsiderateness on the part of the passengers is often the last straw leading to a serious accident.

MUST ONE SOUND HIS
HORN AT BLIND CORNERS ON
NARROW, TWISTING ROADS?

Yes. When one is traversing ravines or mountain roads the state law requires that one's horn be sounded when approaching any corner where the view is obstructed within 200 feet. The law also requires that one drive as close to the right-hand edge of such roads as practicable.

We have become so accustomed to thinking of traffic safety in terms of high-speed highways and city intersections that we are apt to forget about safe practices on little-used lanes and mountain roads. These spots are often most dangerous for this very reason. We should remember to observe proper precautions and obey the law just as diligently on a rutted trail as on a four-lane highway.

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such accusations for selfish advantage. If republicans really wanted to weed unfair influences from election many of them could well start with their own organization.

• Miss Agnes White, who has been ill for the past month, is improving.
• Mrs. P. H. Stansbury and daughter Sherry, Mrs. Thelma Snyder and Jeanette Talent returned Friday from Los Angeles and San Francisco where they were visiting friends and relatives.
• Mrs. J. P. Halfhill of Los Angeles, former Ashland resident, is visiting the J. W. Halfhill family of Ashland.

• Dr. and Mrs. B. G. Barkwell, Marshfield, Ore., visited the McNair family over the weekend.
• Mr. and Mrs. Reese Gentry, Nampa, Ida., former residents, visited with friends and relatives Monday.

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