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The railroad used to be the bird that the hard-pressed legislator plucked when he had to pluck something, to raise revenue for the state or make votes for himself. Now it seems to be the automobile. But in a state where about every third male voter owns an automobile—and that is almost any state in the west—even that exercise is likely to soon become dangerous.

It is announced that early in January the railroads of the country will voluntarily put into effect a ten per cent reduction in the freight tariffs on a large class of important commodities. This is to be tried for at least six months, by way of experiment. We do not need to await the result of the experiment to pronounce it popular. But when is the tariff on human freight to be reduced to a pre-war level?

A Springfield sign reads, "Batteries Charged and Repaired." The common way of doing such business is to do the repairing first, and then go back to the desk and do the "charging" afterwards.

Last week, "the cold began to strengthen", and "the days began to lengthen".

Eugene V. Debs, after his release from prison, announced his purpose to devote the remainder of his life to work in behalf of prisoners, and particularly to securing the release

of political prisoners. If Mr. Debs will devote all the time he can spare from his other projects whenever and wherever he has the opportunity to counseling those over whom he has any influence as to how they may keep out of federal prisons, he can accomplish a great deal more good than he can by directing his efforts to getting them out after they have gotten themselves in.

The Oregon senate, shortly before the adjournment of the special session, adopted a resolution, introduced by Senator Bell, of Lane county, requesting the Oregon members of the United States senate to support the peace agreement of the Washington conference, and thanking President Harding for his efforts in behalf of peace for the world.

THE GUILTY COUGAR

Two trappers near Montezano, Washington, were found by a game warden with deer meat in their possession, and tried before a justice. They claimed that a cougar had killed the deer, and they had taken the best of the meat, to keep it from being wasted. The justice dismissed them, and declared that he would have done the same thing in their place.

It is evident that the deer was killed out of season, and somebody ought to be punished, to preserve the majesty of the law. The "finger prints" of the sus-

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pected cougar ought to have been taken, and an effort made to find him, to clear the trappers of suspicion. The sheriff could hardly have offered a reward for him, "dead or alive", on this kind of a charge. If he had been brought before the justice and could not prove an alibi, it would have been no use to fine him. Perhaps the worst the justice could do to him would be to make him "lay out" the full limit of the fine and imprisonment sentence. But the law might have had "yet another hold" on him. If he had resisted an officer, the officer would have been justified in using firearms on him.

RELEASE OF DEBS

President Harding, last week, granted a pardon or commutation of sentence to about 30 prisoners held in federal prisons for violations of the espionage act during the war. All were to be dismissed on Christmas day. Among those whose sentences were commuted was Eugene V. Debs, who was confined in the Atlanta penitentiary under a ten year sentence.

It seems that a fine distinction is to be observed in considering the effects of a pardon or a commutation. Two men might have been sentenced at the same time and for the same term. They might enter the prison the same day, and walk out side by side. Both might have dismissals from the president, and this would be the end of the sentence in each case. But if one's dismissal were called a pardon he would be restored to citizenship, but if the other's were called a commutation he would not be restored.

Debs' dismissal is called a commutation, though it was unconditional. So he is not a citizen of the United States. In commenting on this matter, after he got to Washington, he spoke of himself as "a citizen of the world."

HITCHES NOT ALARMING

The supposed ambition of Japan for aggrandizement was the stumbling block most feared at the opening of the disarmament conference. Then came the plea of France for a great army, or, as an alternative, for a guarantee against aggression; and later, her plea for a greater navy. The protection of China and the adjudication of Germany's case in bankruptcy have come in to make little hitches.

These things do not argue that the conference is fruitless. They only show that it was necessary. These difficulties, one after another, are "yielding to treatment", as the doctors say. Even if the reforms proposed are not all fully accomplished during its session, it will probably leave the world much farther advanced along the way to permanent peace than any similar gathering ever convened.

HIGHWAY PROTECTION

The highway protective measure

In Society

Married, at the Evangelical church in Florence, Oregon, by Rev. F. H. Neft, on December 25, 1921, Miss Helen Bower to Mr. Festus C. Walter, both of Florence.

The bride is well known in Springfield, where she grew up, and during the past few weeks has been nursing Grandma McDivett. She is the daughter of John H. Bower, for several years city attorney of Springfield.

passed by the legislature in special session gives the state highway commission exclusive jurisdiction over the state highways, the county retaining full jurisdiction over county roads. To provide for the enforcement of the highway rules and regulations, the highway commission is clothed with police power, and has concurrent jurisdiction with the local authorities.

Motor vehicles engaged in commercial traffic are placed under the jurisdiction and control of the public service commission, excepting those operating within the limits of incorporated cities and towns. They must give identification bonds for injury to passengers and loss of property. The public service commission has authority to regulate fares, routes and schedules, and to fix the amounts of such bonds. Persons who inflict damage on the roads or bridges are held liable: to the state on a state highway, to the county on a county highway.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, December 6, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that Earl Ray Friedly, of Vida, Oregon, who, on May 14, 1920, made Homestead entry, Serial No. 012661, for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 16S, Range 2E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice to make Final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before E. O. Immel, U. S. commissioner, at his office, at Eugene, Oregon, on the 16th day of January, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Homer Craft, of Leaburg, Oregon; S. P. Ness, of Leaburg, Oregon; Ben Chilson, of Leaburg, Oregon; W. H. Pendell, of Vida, Oregon.

W. H. CANNON, Register.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

By virtue of an order of the probate court of Lane county, Oregon, made and entered in the estate of Milton A. Nicolle, deceased on the 27th day of August, 1921, whereby the undersigned administrator was authorized to sell the following described property belonging to Milton A. Nicolle, at the time of his decease, to-wit:

Beginning at the southwest corner of the Felix Scott, Jr., Donation Land Claim Number 51, notification Number 3254, in Township Seventeen south, Range three west of the Willamette Meridian, in Lane county, Oregon, running thence north 89 degrees 55 minutes east 2611.6 feet, thence north 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes east 4228.46 feet to the center of the county road; thence west along the center of said road 652.9 feet; thence south 667.18 feet; thence west 642.9 feet; thence south 667.18 feet; thence west 20 feet; thence south 494.39 feet; thence west 930.54 feet; thence south 731.76 feet; thence west 355.26 feet; thence south 1647.95 feet to the place of beginning, containing 183.24 acres more or less; all in Lane county, Oregon.

The undersigned administrator will on Saturday, the 31st day of December, 1921, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., sell the above described real property at the southwest door of the county court house in Eugene, Lane county, Oregon, to the highest bidder for cash; and if no satisfactory bid be had, the administrator will reject said bids and proceed to sell the said

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J. Nicolle, Administrator, Estate of Milton A. Nicolle, deceased.

Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

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