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No Warning

"THERE was no tail light on the truck."

Thus ends the story of a gruesome automobile accident on a highway near Wichita, Kan., recently, in which three persons were burned to death. In the dark of night a light automobile ran into a truck without warning tail light and burned up when a pipe extending from the rear of the truck pierced the car's gas tank.

The incident can remind many of us drivers of narrow escapes from similar deaths we have had as we came suddenly upon slow-moving trucks in the night, without tail lights to warn of their presence on the roads.

Most trucks that are operated by day have little occasion to check up on their tail lights. So that when they are caught out on the high road at night there is quite a likelihood that, from their excessive jarring, they have rendered these warning signals ineffective. It is these trucks that cause the danger on the highway. It is one of these that figured in the accident at Wichita.

One of the states requires all trucks and busses to carry red reflectors in back so that, if the tail light becomes inoperative, the reflected rays of an approaching car's headlights would be sufficient to warn its driver of the vehicle ahead.

This law might well be copied by every other state in the union. At least our legislators might see to it that truck operators be obligated to keep working tail lights on the backs of their vehicles at all times, and that these be lit at night. Sometimes, even though lighted, the headlights might as well not be there because of the mud and oil caked on the glass. Proper authorities should see that the lights are there and that they can be seen at an effective distance.

It would prevent many a disastrous accident.

CO-OPERATION is a word that has been somewhat overworked in recent years but its use is pardonable in connection with the annual Christmas opening staged by the merchants' association of Klamath Falls Friday evening. Unity of purpose was expressed throughout the business section and the response to their efforts should be a matter of pride to the merchants, who are nothing if not progressive. A town or city is known by its business houses. That's why Klamath Falls is rapidly acquiring a reputation as one of the fastest growing and most substantial business towns in the northwest.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

HINTS A COLLEGE

BOY MAY FORGET
Frank Sullivan in the New York World.

These are the days when youth is flocking to college. I was on a fast train coming down from Albany to New York a few days ago and had taken myself to the smoking room, forward, to get away from the smoke, which was making me cough. This was because the breeze was lifting all the smoke from the smoking room and distributing it throughout the train. To go to the smoking room seemed the happiest solution. At least it was better than the one hit upon by the old lady in front of me, who stopped the conductor as he went by and told him she wanted to complain of the smoke.

"Why, madam," said the conductor, "we have never had any complaints about him before. He's considered the politest porter on the line."

Also I half hoped to meet one of those interesting drummer fellows in the smoker. Hardly had I seated myself, however, when a youngish but huge strapping entered. Now, I like drummers to be grizzled. My experience has been that the more grizzled the drummer, the greater the fund and variety of his stories. This youth was callow. He didn't even have a gold toothpick.

"What you need is some grizzling and a gold toothpick," he was calling me by name.

"Yes," I said, "I am Sullivan. And your face is familiar."

"No," he contradicted. "It couldn't be. You have never seen me before. But you know my father, I am Fred Derby, Young Fred Derby."

"Old Fred Derby's son?" I exclaimed.

"Yes," said the youth.

"Not," I exclaimed.

"Well," he admitted, "if not, then I have been living in a fool's paradise all my life."

"How delightful to see you," I said. "How you've grown."

Fact was, I hadn't any idea how he'd grown, never having seen him before. But I was slightly embarrassed, as age always is with youth nowadays, and banalities forced themselves into my conversation. Besides, he was over six feet tall and it

seemed safe to assume that at some time or other he had definitely grown.

He was on his way to college. College? Why, it only seemed yesterday that his father and I had been on our way to college. I asked him where he was going. He mentioned a university near New York.

"Co-educational," I commented.

"Yes," he said. "Grandfather is a Harvard man and he wanted me to go to Yale. Father is a Yale man so he wanted me to go to Harvard, but mother, who has lived with both of them for the past twenty years, barred Yale and Harvard absolutely."

"And suggested Princeton," I hinted.

"No," he continued. "She had never heard of Princeton. She suggested a co-educational institution. She said I ought to get both sides."

"I think you're wise," I declared. "I think it is good for a young man to see something of the opposite sex. It is not good for young men to associate wholly with other young men. It makes them self-conscious when they meet young women. For one thing, a great deal of the untidy dressing you see among college youths today arises in colleges for men only. There is no incentive there for the youth to keep neat. The old story of the male preening before the female."

At this point two young men, obviously collegiate, entered the compartment. One was extremely neat, hair parted carefully in the middle and all that sort of thing. The other was sloppy beyond measure. No garters. No crease in his trousers. Hair crumpled. Coat collar up.

"Now," I whispered to young Woodley—I mean young Derby. "I'll prove my point. We shall find that this neat young man comes from an institution where there are girls. The other one doesn't. Gentlemen, excuse me, but to settle an argument, would you mind answering a question?"

They said they would answer the question gladly.

"Thank you," I said, and then to the neat student: "May I ask what college you go to?"

"Princeton," he answered.

"Perhaps you'd better not ask

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"These stock market guys are crooked."—"Scarface Al" Capone.

"I've always felt that marriage was the most genuine thing in life."—Mrs. John Coolidge.

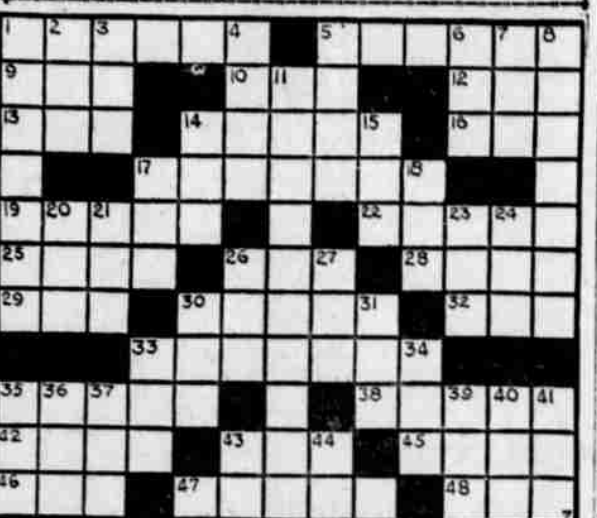
"Women are becoming a power, but a power in the home, not in industry."—Henry Ford.

"Self-confidence is either a petty pride in our own narrowness, or a realization of our duty and privilege as one of God's children."—Phillips Brooks.

"All the crimes on earth do not destroy so much property as drunkenness."—Lord Bacon.

"The leg is becoming nasty again, with its long stikken coverings of skirts."—Fannie Hurst.

Some Real Puzzlers



HORIZONTAL
1 Only active volcanic peak in U. S.
5 Famous Latin poet.
9 Era.
12 Was victor.
13 Encounter.
14 Fern seed.
16 Ship's record.
17 Antennae.
19 Wheat.
22 Tree.
23 To merit.
26 Lair.
28 Scheme.
29 Mineral spring.
30 Recipient.
32 Construction.
33 Poignant.
35 Stone cutter.
38 Station.
42 Eager.
43 Devoured.

VERTICAL
1 Porcelain center in France.
2 War flyer.
3 Matching group.
4 Back of the neck.
5 Hither.
6 Tool.
7 Cry of a dove.
8 Where is the Thames River?
11 Entrance to.
12 Measure.
13 Unit of work.
17 Fishes' swim-ming organ.
18 To dine.
19 To knock.
21 Constellation.
23 Wing.
24 Mover's truck.
26 To put on.
27 Horn.
30 Payment demand.
31 Finish.
33 Seed bag.
34 To scatter.
35 Chart.
36 Hall.
37 Iniquity.
39 Cat's foot.
40 Poem.
41 Child.
43 Dye.
44 Half an em.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
DAISY ARID
FARCE RIVAL
MOLTEN SPARES
ALL ACE TAT
DIE STONE EVE
DOS TONAL DEW
E SIK LUG
SHALL SLIER
TAMALE TIERED
DIVER AVAIL
CEDE GEMS

the other gentleman." "Interpose," young Derby tactfully.

"Thank God, the Sullivan are not quitters," I said, eyeing him sternly. "I shall see this thing through."

Well, the young man with no garters went to Columbia.

"That is not important, however," I told Derby. "The main point is you're going to school in to choose the right roommate."

"I know," said Derby. "Father told me. You want companionship and congeniality and the roommate must be a good influence in your life, and—"

"Yes, yes," I interrupted, "that may all be true, but I doubt it. I don't know where your father gets that stuff from."

"He reads a good deal," said young Derby quietly.

"The important thing about choosing your roommate, my lad, is this. I went on, 'get one bigger than you are. A good deal bigger.'"

"May I ask why, sir?" queried the lad.

"Certainly, you may," I told him. "So he won't be able to wear your shirt."

GEN. BULLARD ILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (AP)—Major General Robert Lee Bullard, retired, suffered a heart attack in his apartment today and is in a critical condition.

ERRORGRAMS



That's So Ambleman
RESTLE
What's in a name.

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Find corrected list on page 5.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Crime Commission Distinguishes Itself by Ability to Find the Truth and Willingness to Admit It, No Matter How Much It Hurts.

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Some-where in the organization of the National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement there lurks a set of brains—and probably more than one set.

In the brief period of its existence this commission has already distinguished itself over all other commissions for its discoveries of facts of which all intelligent persons already were aware and for its willingness to admit those facts. For it is one thing when everyone knows certain conditions to exist and certain matters to be true, but it is quite another thing for an official group to acknowledge them publicly.

Now George W. Wickersham, on behalf of the commission, has actually put forth the suggestion that such conditions as unemployment and housing conditions are a cause of crime. He says that "a study of crime and law enforcement goes to the root of social conditions and the everyday life of the people."

This is certainly something new for crime commissions to be finding out. Everyone else, it would seem, has known as much. But in the many previous state and municipal crime investigations it does not appear that anyone officially has gone into the causes of crime as deeply as the Hoover commission.

Acting on its recognition of the economic factors among crime causes, the commission has selected Miss Mary Van Kleeck, director of the Russell Sage Foundation industrial studies and an authority on the regularity of employment, to study the results of full, regular employment in the reduction of crime.

It was this same commission, one will recall, which two or three months ago made the astounding discovery that public officials and law enforcement officers sometimes violated the law. Everyone knew that, too, but the fact that the commission was willing to acknowledge it and actually to include the condition as one of its main topics of study afforded what seemed to be evidence that this commission deserved to be called "different."

The commission named an able subcommittee to study and determine not only the extent of law violations by law enforcers, but also the effect which such violations had upon the extent of crime in general.

One other important and commonly realized fact was privately, though not officially, recognized by Chairman Wickersham when he wrote to Governor Roosevelt of New York that the federal government must have the co-operation of the states if prohibition were ever to be enforced.

From the nation-wide furor which the publication of Wickersham's letter stirred up at the time one might have thought that every official connected with prohibition enforcement, from the president down, wasn't perfectly aware that sooner or later the real burden of enforcement must fall on the individual states.

As a matter of fact several of them had previously or have since cautiously developed this idea in speeches or statements. But because of his frankness, there were demands from several quarters that Wickersham be fired by President Hoover.

All in all, your correspondent repeats, the commission has distinguished itself amazingly for its willingness to admit and face facts which everyone else had recognized, but which no one in official position had been willing to assert unequivocally.

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

(Continued from Page One)

we might add, "come back and see us occasionally, Jim."

SHEEPMEN, like all lines of big business just now, are whistling to keep up their courage and are painting a bright picture for the future. A sheepman of national prominence has just given out an encouraging interview. In it he joyfully calls attention to the fact that the "big show is over" for women are lengthening their skirts several inches. Then he waxed eloquent by telling the sheep growers what three inches on a woman's skirt means to the wool industry. Multiplication tables come in handy when you figure on an increased consumption of the commodity you are raising. Klamath and Lakeview sheepmen will also rejoice over the women who have decided their skirts have been too short, for it means more wool with probably better prices.

IF we are to ever put down a test well for oil in this section we have the best opportunity possible. The Loreman well is down over 1500 feet. It has a straight hole and can be con-

tinued to 3,000 feet if the people want it done. To do that job will require a small outlay of money from, say a thousand people. We believe it is worth trying. There is no promotion in Loreman's oil well. It is being drilled to find oil and not to sell stock. However, it must be remembered that drilling a well is expensive and that no one man can afford to undertake it. Finally, it is a community matter. Should the well produce oil it will revolutionize Klamath Falls, increase realty values, send a stream of activity through this section that will be mighty pleasant. If we have oil we should know that, too, so this constant trying would cease. The way to find out is for the Chamber of Commerce to take over the management and financing of this well until it is completed to a depth that geology decrees thus learning for once and all whether Klamath Basin is a possible oil zone.

SENTENCE OF YOUNG LAUDED

Believe Penalty of Thief May Be Warning To Other "Vags."

"The county is not going to have its jail crowded by a large number of transients who commit minor crimes only to get into jail where they will be fed and roomed by the county," T. H. Gilenwaters, assistant district attorney, stated yesterday, in explaining why O. E. Young was charged with robbery of person, not being armed with a dangerous weapon. Young, who took 50 cents from the coat of the Vox theater pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the minimum of three years in the state penitentiary by Circuit Judge W. M. Duncan.

To Prevent Robbery

Chief of Police Keith K. Ambrose heartily concurred in the opinion expressed by Gilenwaters. "The window in the box office was so small he couldn't get his hand in to get more. The girl stopped him by scaring him away. If there had been \$5,000 there and he could have grabbed it he would have," Chief Ambrose said.

"He is a grabber," Chief Ambrose said. "He is just one of those who land in here at 4 o'clock. There are too many of them and they might as well go right on through for the lid will be clamped down on them to prevent robbery and stealing in the city."

May Be Warning

The chief pointed out that the transients are "broke" and that the only way for them to live is by theft. He states that minor sentences only encourage the vagrants to stop in the city.

He was pleased that the sentencing of Young to three years for the theft had been published in Portland and San Francisco papers and believes that the publicity given the Young case may encourage only encourage the vagrants to stop in the city.

Wright was sentenced under section 1921 Oregon laws which places the penalty for the crime of robbery of person at from three to 15 years in the penitentiary. Where weapons are used the penalty is much greater.

A SLICK TRICK.

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 7. (AP)—Clarence Vaughn of Wichita, Kas., was indicted here by a federal grand jury on a charge of polishing a penny and passing it for a dime. The formal charge is counterfeiting and a penitentiary sentence is possible under the indictment. It is alleged that Vaughn gave the penny in exchange for a glass of lemonade at a carnival in Wichita.

SEINER SINKS.

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 7. (A. P.)—The purse-seiner Idaho, overloaded with 50 tons of sardines, sprung a leak and sank outside Monterey bay. The crew of eleven fishermen swam ashore.

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EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

From The Evening Herald

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Pig too well fed to be very wary, Arthur Messner has practically no trouble in foreclosing mortgage on oleaginous young boar at the greased pig chase last evening at Houston's Opera House.

Superintendent Arant of the Crater Lake National Park, asks Secretary of the Interior for better equipment for the park, new bridges, fences, buildings, a dam at Anna Springs, and an electric plant to furnish light for the buildings and grounds at headquarters. A large force of rangers to prevent poaching, and to protect the forest from fires is asked for. Visitors to the park during the last open season, numbered 4,100.

The low point for the thermometer last night was 24 degrees, the high temperature was 43 degrees at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

There was considerable frost last night and the roofs, trees, and earth were this morning mantled with the alabaster composition of frigid tendency. The fall so far had been a very orderly and decent one, giving no cause for complaint worth telling. When the snow fell several weeks since it seemed as though King Winter was foreclosing his mortgage early, but it proved fortunately, to be a false alarm.

On information sworn out by W. I. Clarke, Ambrose Ambrogetti was arrested last night on a charge of having made a threat to kill the former. Ambrogetti was released by the sheriff's office on \$500 bond.

County Commission On Junket, Will See as to Convict Labor—County Judge, William S. Worden, and County Commissioners C. Guy Merrill and Sam Summers, will leave tomorrow on a northwestern trip in the effort to get versed in matters which may lead to the betterment of the county's business.

They will first visit Portland where they will attend the good roads convention, from Portland to Astoria, to inspect the new court house there and to get pointers on the new \$200,000 court house to be erected on block 10, Hot Springs addition, which was given to the county on the condition that it complete a structure to cost at least that much money within five years.

The county court will visit at Corvallis, making arrangements for agricultural courses to be given in the high school, and for an experimental farm at the Klamath County poor farm. They will then take a little run

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to Salem, to see the Governor about securing some convict labor for county road work.

Coroner Earl Whitlock, who has been very ill with typhoid fever several weeks, is much improved, and is able to sit up a little each day.

Social Events Of The Week
The Bridge Club was delightfully entertained this afternoon by Mrs. C. H. Underwood. The invited guests are: Mrs. Chas. Eberlein, Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, Mrs. E. J. Murray, Mrs. E. Heames, Mrs. W. O. Smith, Mrs. E. B. Henry, Mrs. Zim Baldwin, Mrs. F. H. Mills, Mrs. W. W. Baldwin, Mrs. R. H. Hovey, Miss Cochran, and Miss Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eberlein will leave Monday for New York, to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Moore left last evening for San Francisco to spend the holidays. After visiting other California points, they will go on to Florida, and may not return till spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith entertained with three tables of bridge Friday evening at their home on Conger Avenue.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. F. Johnson was hostess at her handsome home in the Hot Springs addition, complimenting Mrs. S. S. Johnson, Mrs. S. O. Johnson, and Miss Clark. Tea was served later in the afternoon at the White Pelican hotel.

Mrs. Will Baldwin returned last night from Baker City, where she has been visiting relatives for several weeks.

Preacher Suggests New Swear Words

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 7. (A. P.)—If you must swear, be original and use unusual words instead, the Rev. Edwin P. Brown advised a meeting of clergymen at Tracy.

"This will not only cure you of profanity," he explained, "but it will increase your vocabulary along useful lines."

The minister suggested "sap-pidise," meaning "rats" as one of the many words which might be used as profanity substitutes.

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