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Editorial

A SERIOUS PROBLEM

More and more it becomes apparent that something will have to be done in this country, and within a very short time, to solve a transportation problem that touches every citizen, either directly or indirectly. We refer to the gasoline traffic.

There was a time in Vernonia when gasoline played little or no part in our lives. Today every resident is more or less dependent upon it, not only those who own and drives automobiles, but those who are forced to buy merchandise that in many instances is transported in motor trucks. When we consider that there are millions of autos in this country and that every one of them is dependent upon one single corporation for motive power, it can readily be seen that the proposition is a serious one.

We have recently talked this matter over with several of our citizens, and we find them firm in their belief that the time is about here when the government will have to step in and take a hand. As a rule these men are not in favor of government ownership. But this problem is different from any other we have faced, and they do not hesitate to express the belief that sooner or later Uncle Sam will have to regulate the price and the sale of gasoline.

ON THE GARDEN FENCE

At this season of the year in nearly every garden hangs a scythe. Its long, sharp blade we pass without notice or thought, yet there is no tool or instrument more eloquent or suggestive than the scythe. It speaks to us of decay, decay of manly vigor and womanly beauty, the termination of all schemes of pleasure, of business, of ambition. All are interrupted by the scythe's relentless sweep. Its motions are perpetual as the revolving hours; its presence is as universal as life itself; yet its lessons are not all sad, nor do they always announce a final decay. Over the undulating hills and through the broad valleys, the scythe takes its untiring way, and the grass and the flowers fall before its fatal strokes, but its victories are momentary. In another spring green grows the grass again on the smiling hills, and the lillies again embellish the valleys and thus is repeated the great story of life in death, the perpetual renewal of nature. The doctrine of the immortality of the soul is even written on the blade of the scythe that hangs unnoiced on the garden fence.

WHOLE NATIONS MAY HEAR

It is announced that the inauguration ceremonies, March 4, will be broadcast by a chain of stations scattered across the continent so that every nook and corner of the United States will be in tune with Washington.

Fory stations will be linked together by telephone wires, breaking all records for interconnection between broadcasters.

When President Harding was inaugurated in 1921, the public address system was employed enabling the crowd of 125,000 which lined the plaza and overflowed into the park to hear his voice.

Think of the wonderful advancement during the short period of four years! President Coolidge's voice will be carried to a national audience of 25,000,000.

AN EDITOR'S GRIEF

A lawyer charges a man \$10 for 10 minutes' conversation—the man insists on paying it. A doctor charges \$1 for a prescription, and the patient says, "Oh, pahaw! Is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100, and is just perfectly lovely to everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An editor walks a mile during a blizzard or in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or wedding or social function and he spends three hours writing it up, and tells lies and praises people till he hates himself; then if he makes an insignificant omission or error, or charges 10 cents for three extra copies, he is a stingy cuss who never gets anything right.

The Oregonian, Grand Old Paper and Pride of all Oregon, is "off" and has been "off" for some time on the law enforcement question in Portland. Mayor Baker recently took issue with an Oregonian editorial on the

shooting of "Handsome Hans," declaring and defining a "stool pigeon" and "police agent." Mayor Baker has placed his sympathies with the enforcement crowd. The Oregonian might explain its policy, and no doubt is equally sincere and equally law abiding as the Mayors friends—but the impression so widely gained from utterances in its columns cannot be overcome by explanations. Ask the Readers. They know. The Oregonian could not serve on the jury in the case of "Handsome Hans" death. It has forfeited its right and duty to serve, as it has declared its unmovable belief and opinion and proclaimed aloud that conviction could not be reached. Yes, to this great law enforcement question, there are two sides, and the public knows how big men and big papers side.

To bridge or not to bridge. They will bridge between Longview and Rainier in spite of any Portland opposition. Now, here is the wise plan for Portland Boosters, if trully interested in "Oregon First." Support and secure the immediate hard surfacing of the Inland Highway from Astoria to Portland, through Vernonia—by State or Government aid. Why? When the heavy traffic of the Roosevelt Highway from the south is dumped on the already congested Columbia River Highway at Astoria, they will have to turn off at Rainier and go north to avoid danger. All tourists crossing the new bridge will miss Portland. See the point? Route them from Astoria to Portland by the Inland Route and be sure of them. They will have a new and different scenic drive. Then, the Government needs this route as a war measure.

There has been much discussion in recent years of how to eliminate fatalities and accidents at railroad grade crossings. The popular cry has been to build overhead or underground approaches. It has been estimated that the cost of such a procedure would almost equal the value of the railroads. To offset the carelessness of the public, the American Steam and Electric Railways have done much educational work to show the danger of crossing track without stopping to investigate. Figures show that there were 738 fatalities from June 1 to October 1, 1924, and that this was 131 less than during the corresponding period in 1923.

Crossing accidents can be practically eliminated if people can be awakened to the fact that it is their own lives which are endangered by their own carelessness at grade crossings.

Talk poor business and hard times—you'll have it. Talk prosperity and good times—you'll have it. Fact!

We are more interested in our house cat than in the fact that a \$150,000 black pearly neckless was recently stolen from one "Princess Vlora," a former Gould.

CONSERVATIVE UNIONS SHOW GROWTH

Four-fifths of all wage earners of the United States, (based on statistics obtained from the unions and from U. S. Census figures), are non-union or open-shop workers.

A point worthy of note is that those unions which are the most businesslike and conservative have shown larger increase in membership than the radical affiliations.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

By E. R. Waite, Sec. Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce

THAT the best judges of the merits of merchandise are the people who use them.

THAT it is no pleasure for a shopper to visit a store where the stock looks like a lot of scrambled merchandise, and to be waited upon by a grouchy clerk.

THAT it has a bad effect upon them, and they leave with their minds made up to shop elsewhere.

THAT with a few such experiences, it don't take long for them to learn that the store of advertised goods carries clean stocks of seasonable merchandise and that their clerks are courteous.

THAT the stores that advertise always carry snappy, quality merchandise at popular prices.

THAT many of these stores advertise sales each season, in order to reduce their stocks or to get rid of olds and ends of good merchandise.

THAT at these sales they give superior goods with perfect service, at money-saving prices.

THAT people who really appreciate good goods cheap, should jump at the chance to buy at these sales.

THAT there is something fascinating about advertised sales, because at them you have such a great opportunity to secure real bargains.

AT THESE SALES YOU OFTEN FIND GOODS THAT YOU THOT YOU COULD NOT AFFORD, AT PRICES WITHIN YOUR REACH

Mac Says

We see by the papers that three people were killed in a FEUD.

We've always claimed that those cheap cars were dangerous. Don't take chances like this in buying your Drugs or with your Prescriptions just get them at the

M & M PHARMACY and play SAFE.

Corner Across from Gilby Motor Co.



A Comparison of Conditions

It is entirely up to you. Do you want to spend the best years of your life in a wild goose chase for a quick-rich plan that will leave you in poverty in your declining years, or do you want to start on a plan of systematic saving that will bring you financial independence? We will be glad to help you plan a savings scheme.

BANK OF VERNONIA

Vernonia, Oregon

VERNONIA STEAM LAUNDRY

QUALITY WORK GUARANTEED

A Vernonia Institution, Modern in Every Respect

WE CALL FOR AND DELIVER

Quick Service—Watch for Our Car

STATE LAUNDRY CO.

ALL KINDS OF LAUNDRY WORK

Washable rugs Blankets Lace curtains Feather pillows Wagon Comes to Vernonia Daily Sox Darned Free

"QUALITY AND SERVICE"

Vernonia Agents Are: VERNONIA CLEANERS COLUMBIA BARBER SHOP



A Test of Purity

Our Drugs are all subject to a most rigid test of purity before we use them in the compounding of medicines. This insures the action the doctor expects from the medicine he gives.

Silver Fox Pharmacy

VERNONIA, OREGON

On corner across from Bank of Vernonia