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## NEW OREGON PENSION SHOULD BE REWARD

A badge of honorable citizenship, that is what the old age pension in Oregon should mean. It was clearly the intention of the author of the pension bill that it apply only to the law-abiding, hardworking, taxpaying citizens, to those who have a just claim on society and not to the lawless, dissolute and undesirable class. Again, that no doubt is the reason the pension was set at a figure not to exceed \$30 per month while the average old age pension is much lower.

Who will be entitled to the pension? The applicant must be 70 years of age, or over, a citizen of the United States and a resident of Oregon for fifteen years or more. He must not have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude during the preceding 25 years, must not have deserted his wife or children and must not have been a beggar or tramp. The pension will not be available unless he shows an actual need for the same and no children or other persons who can support him. He must not own property valued at more than \$3000. Such an estate goes first to the county paying his pension upon his death and the county shall be repaid for all pensions paid plus 3 per cent interest. He may be required to sign over all or a part of his property when he receives a pension.

The new pension law goes into effect January 1, 1934, and funds for pensions in each county must be provided for by the respective county. It is well that the law provides that the amount of the pension is discretionary with the county court, but "shall not exceed \$30 per month," as it is quite likely that the new law will add quite a load to the taxpayers' burden in a good many counties.

## SOW SPRING SAFETY SEEDS EARLY

As winter begins to relax, golfers start thinking of fairways, fishermen of cool streams trickling away in the mountains, families of rides on warm, bright Sunday afternoons and in the twilight of the rapidly lengthening evenings. It's time to get the family automobile ready for another season.

Let us pause for a moment to consider the new season. Will it be like the last? Will it cost the lives of 29,500 more Americans? Will it cause an economic loss to the nation in excess of two billion dollars? That's the record of the 1932 automobile season. It should never be repeated.

It is true that there were fewer accidents and fatalities last year than there were in 1931, but much of the reduction was accounted for by decreased use of automobiles. On the other hand, safety workers and educators in accident prevention can view the results, or if the tragic record of the past is beginning to influence the man behind the steering wheel, we may look with greater hope to 1933.

"Get out the family car by all means," says James A. Beha, manager of National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters. "Make sure it's in perfect condition. Have it inspected as to brakes, lights, steering mechanism, tires, rear vision mirrors, and wind-shield wipers—all the small equipment which means so much to safety. Then resolve to drive safely, obey traffic laws and think of the other fellow."

If you do this, you'll have a happy year, unmarred by tragedy. Too, in these days of strictly regulated family budgets, it is worth remembering that high automobile insurance rates are the inevitable results of a high accident record—and that only safe driving can bring them down.

## WORSHIPPING THE SHOW

We grown-ups as well as children are always learning, if we are not too old to learn, and now we read a delightful lesson in human kindness with our teacher Angelo Patri, the noted writer.

Too often we follow precept and example. In the case of the child he thinks like Dad. In the case of Father, he thinks like the other fellow. Patri tells a simple story for the whole family. When Mary, the new child, came to school, the teacher introduced her to Doris, a popular classmate whom she hoped would treat the newcomer with kindness. But Doris had different ideas, "Why, her father is a poor servant, it is unthinkable." Doris told others. Who was to blame for the unkind thought? Not Doris, but her home training, Patri says.

He added that the empty headed worship only the show, the outward expression of money and position, while character and spirit pass with no recognition but the scornful turn of the shoulder.

There is less of snobbishness in the smaller town but we can well think more of teaching kindness. When the growing child hears praise of good deeds they respect good deeds. If they hear nothing but praise of money and show, they learn to worship them. The child with such training is to be pitied.

Patri says a feeling of family pride and of personal pride is a good thing provided it does not go too far and leads one to live a kindly, helpful life. A proper degree of personal pride should make it impossible for one to do a mean action. Being too proud to hurt people is Patri's idea of pride. He adds that there is no chance of losing caste because one is the caste. Only the pretender fears loss of place and power in stooping to acknowledge lesser souls.

## COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

Although a lot of us are a bit confused in our notions as to what President Roosevelt is doing, we are glad he is doing it.

President Roosevelt is so busy he eats at his desk, realizing that hundreds of his fellow-Americans are so hungry they'd be glad to eat anywhere.

Bill Hohenzollern says that all he wants to do is to live quietly in Germany, but we wonder how anybody can.

If Babe Ruth plays ball it isn't for more home runs, or more sport, or more popularity. It's for more than \$50,000 a year.

He who fights and runs away may not, if he's a Chinese general, live to fight another day.

"Clay Pipes Lose Favor in Ireland." But probably not their flavor.

It is with pardonable pride we print the report that this country's bank deposits (with our own included), are now in excess of forty-five billions of dollars.

Gosh! Hope the fellow who estimated a pair of rats capable of producing 269 descendants in three years did not mean technoc rats.

It is reasonably safe, we suppose, for Mr. Ford to embark in the banking business. He no longer makes a flivver.

Al Smith told exactly what his ideas were on every important question. No wonder he can't be elected. We wouldn't call him a statesman, we would call him a curiosity.—Will Rogers.

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## Around the Country

"The net result of the failure of the legislature to pass the beer bill which was twice before it," Charles Pray, chief of state police, says, "is to deprive the state of the revenues which would have come to it from the sale of beer, and the failure to pass any regulatory law by which the sale may be controlled or limited."

The \$100 scholarship offered annually to the outstanding boy in Smith-Hughes agricultural work in Malheur county by the Union Pacific railway has been awarded to Harry Cockrum of Ontario high school. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cockrum of Klamath Falls. The alternate named was Austin Cain, who was a close second in the competition. Cain is the son of A. B. Cain, hatchery man.

Lumber, which stood the acid test in the recent earthquakes in southern California when frame structures remained intact is to play an important part in rehabilitation. It is estimated \$6,000,000 worth of lumber will be used in rebuilding. Oregon mills hope to supply a large part of this.

When a plane crashed into their home at San Leandro, Cal., the entire family of Joe Arisa was burned to death and several of their friends. In all 13 people were killed, including the three in the falling plane. The Arisas and their friends were playing cards. Arisa plunged through a window and escaped his burning home. A wind-storm is blamed for the crash.

How does barley grow in Malheur county, writes a resident of central Oregon with his next question, "when will barley become beer?"

Orin L. Robinson, government hunter at Rock Springs, Wyo., saw an eagle cheat a coyote from his dinner. As the coyote chased a rabbit, the eagle followed overhead. He snatched the rabbit just ahead of the coyote and soared away.

## STATE SALES TAX INSANITY

If any western state wishes to ruin itself economically the quickest way is to have its legislature pass a sales tax.

This tax will do two things: It will start buyers' strikes against the taxed articles; it will result in mail orders for millions of dollars' worth of the taxed articles going to other states.

A state legislature may place a high tax on tobacco, as some states propose. But it will be simple for any smoker to order his tobacco by the pound, his cigars by the box, his cigarettes by the carton, direct from the factory, or from a jobber in another state.

And that merchandise can't be taxed; interstate commerce law forbids it. Exactly the same thing will happen with furs, jewelry, radios, practically everything upon which a state is insane enough to levy a sales tax.

Every store in the state—department, cigar, jewelry, fur or what not—will suffer. Thousands of storekeepers will be thrown out of business. The loss in taxation will be more than ever could be raised by any sales tax.

—Capital News.

## FORMER JORDAN RESIDENT DIES

Jordan Valley—Frank Rios, 59, for years a resident of the Jordan Valley community, died last Wednesday in Hometown of a heart attack. He suffered the attack a few moments before John Liddle drove to his home for a visit. Liddle summoned a doctor but Rios died before he arrived. The body was taken to Caldwell and Rios' brother in California was notified.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Arritola March 10.

Mrs. Clyde Park was called to Nebraska by the serious illness of her father.

Wm. Maher has been over from Boise to look after his cattle.

W. A. Stone has returned to the home of his daughter Mrs. Ernest Fenwick after spending most of the winter in Caldwell.

Mrs. May Wroten has been visiting her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Wroten.

The Good and Welfare committee of Beehive Rebekah Lodge, Edith Skinner, Leona Borders and Evelyn Noble entertained at the last meeting. Selections on the piano were given by Mrs. Skinner. Jig-saw puzzles and a lunch of doughnuts and coffee were also enjoyed.

Arthur Lee went to Boise Thursday. Mrs. Ambrose Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Maher and Olive Maher are visiting in Nampa.

The Altar Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. T. L. Skinner Thursday. Besides the members a number of invited guests attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Del Grosso and daughter and Amalia Elorriaga are visiting in Nampa.

Hugh Skinners are moving from their ranch to Danner.

Frank Grice and David Somerville arrived in Jordan Valley from Caldwell last of the week. Mr. Grice is inspecting cattle and Mr. Somerville plans to leave for his ranch near here soon.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Palmer of Hooker Creek.

Elba Larrucea, who has been ill, has recovered sufficiently to return to her home at Arook.

Mrs. Jennie Connors visited a week at the Maher home.

A surprise party was given in honor of Mrs. Thomas Zebala by her friends March 13.

## BUSY BEES WORK BEST IN EAST OREGON ALFALFA

The busy bees know no unemployment but they do work at varying degrees of cost to their owners in the different sections of Oregon, the first progress report on bees from Oregon State college discloses.

Just as in the dairy cost studies, the eastern Oregon alfalfa regions lead in low cost of production of honey, at an average of 6.2 a pound for extracted honey. The cost amounts to 7.8 cents in the mixed-blossom sections of the Willamette valley, the report shows. Eastern Oregon produces 53 per cent of the state total. The yearly volume is valued at \$200,000.

Individual costs varied from 2.7 cents a pound to 41 cents. Yield was found a vital factor, though high yield obtained by expensive means was of no avail in keeping costs down. Figures are now being gathered on the 1932 crop.

Mrs. Archie Howell's sister Mrs. Babe Holloway returned recently from a visit with relatives at Burns. She is a guest at the Howell home.

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