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'SAFETY FIRST' SHOULD BE AUTOISTS' SLOGAN

Secretary of State and Railroads Working Together in an Effort to Reduce Number of Accidents of Automobiles.

Albany, Jan. 15.—In an effort to bring a decrease in the number of grade crossing accidents, 400,000 folders impressing the need of a more strict observance of "Stop, Look and Listen" are being mailed New York State automobilists by Secretary of State Hugo. In this the State Automobile Bureau is co-operating with one of the main trunk lines, the latter bearing the expense. A folder is now being sent with each 1917 certificate of registration.

The folder calls attention to the fact that more than 1,000 persons are killed in grade crossing accidents each year in the United States and that a tenth of the number are from this state. Twice the number are seriously injured. There has been a 100 per cent increase in grade crossing accidents in the last five years.

Secretary Hugo urges motorists to use care when approaching a grade crossing. The folder also carries the suggestion that motorists take no chances but to always stop or slow down and then to both look and listen. So far as is known the present effort is the first of its kind between railroads and state automobile bureaus.

The electric lines of New York State are also busy at work in co-operating with automobile clubs and Secretary Hugo's office in the hopes of bringing about like results. Sunday casualties at grade crossings have become altogether too numerous. A meeting along "Safety First" lines will be held in the near future. Among the recommendations to be made at that time will be the following:

That warning whistles on trolley cars be of a type not producing sounds which can be confused with those of an automobile horn.

That automobile horns be standardized as to volume of tone.

That steps be taken to secure legislation requiring vehicles, including horse drawn as well as automobiles, to carry lights by night that will be visible from front, rear and both sides.

That obstructions on highways outside of cities and villages precluding a proper length of vision at crossings be removed at public expense.

That obstructions on railroad companies' private rights of way precluding a proper length of vision at crossings be removed by the railroads at their own expense.

That obstructions on private property outside of cities and incorporated villages precluding a proper length of vision at crossings be removed by the town, county or state, legislation being enacted to that end. If such obstructions are not removed that the Public Service Commission have power upon its own initiative to order such.

That all public highway crossings of electric railroads outside of cities and incorporated villages including those protected by gates or flagmen be equipped with stationary crossing signs illuminated after dark.

That stationary district signals be installed on the highways bearing the words, "Railroad Crossing 500 feet," the state, county or town bearing the expense.

That warning whistles on electric roads begin not less than 800 feet from a crossing and continue until the crossing is reached.

ROAST BEEF SUPPER

The King's Daughters of the Presbyterian Church will give a Roast Beef Supper Wednesday evening, Jan. 24th. Price 25 cents. Advertisement.

AN INSISTANT SON

Assemblyman William Duke Jr begins his second term under auspicious circumstances. The stork stopped at the assemblyman's home in Wellsville, Allegany County, and left him a future statesman, whereupon he sent this telegram to Speaker Sweet who read it to the House: "John Clark Duke arrived at our house yesterday and insists that I remain with him and his mother for the remainder of the week."

Speaker Sweet replied: "In behalf of the Assembly and as speaker I grant you leave to remain home with John and his mother this week with congratulations which all your friends here join me."

WOULD EXPERIMENT WITH N. Y. & P.

Promoters of New Style of Locomotives Would Purchase Railroad Bed to Try Out New Engine, Canisteo to Ceres.

Canisteo, Jan. 12.—If the plans of certain New York capitalists are carried out, the New York & Pennsylvania railroad, which is now in danger of being junked, may become the foremost railroad of the country owing to the fact that experiments in a certain newly invented electrical engine will be carried on along the line.

Representatives of the promoters were in the village a few days ago and it is reported that an offer of \$50,000 for the roadbed was made. The road would have to be entirely rebuilt owing to the special kind of rail used. The engine is expected to revolutionize railroading. It manufactures its own power as it goes along. For some time the promoters have been looking for a road that could be bought at a moderate cost which could be equipped and used in trying out the engine under actual road conditions.

The two men conferred with Churchill Cobb at Greenwood, but no announcement has been forthcoming from the railroad company. The offer of \$50,000 for the roadbed alone is not regarded very favorably owing to the trouble that would be had in disposing of the rolling stock and rails.

The owners are anxious to get the road off their hands and any reasonable offer will be accepted. The people living in the territory served by the road are also anxious that some disposition be made so that it will be operated.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW AT WELLSVILLE

Definite plans have been made for holding an Automobile Show at Wellsville, Feb. 1, 2, 3, 1917, under the auspices of the Wellsville Automobile Club.

The large building at 33 E. Pearl St., which is being remodeled for a large automobile display room will be newly decorated and brilliantly lighted for the show.

The display will include nearly all of the leading 1917 new models and up-to-date accessories.

Another feature will be Blacks new patent reversible gasoline engine which will be shown publicly in operation for the first time.

There will be plenty of good music, singing and other special attractions.

The proceeds of this show will be used for erecting road signs and promoting good roads which will be a direct benefit to every car owner in this vicinity.

The committee of arrangements is A. W. Corwin and Chas. H. Smith.

W. C. T. U.

The Womens Christian Temperance Union will meet with Miss Alice Clarke, Friday afternoon, Jan. 19th. Directors: Miss Clarke and Mrs. Stratton.

SUFFRAGE SPEECH FOR ALL IN STATE

State Organization will Distribute Pamphlets of Mrs. Burrows' Talk, Telling of Plans Now Being Tried in Alle. Co.

(From Friday's Buffalo Express)

That the state organization will print a pamphlet embodying the speech of Mrs. Roxana B. Burrows of Andover, at yesterday morning's session of the suffrage school, was announced by Mrs. Raymond Brown at the close of yesterday's session.

Mrs. Burrows, who is the Allegany County leader in the eighth district organization, was one of the speakers in yesterday morning's discussion by experts in organization. She advanced a totally new plan for organizing a county assembly district. The scheme which is being tried in Allegany County, calls for the appointment of a central committee of five members in each village. The committee does not do so much of the actual work as it does planning of work for others. Working with the committee is one captain for each school district. These women are expected to help in a county poster-day, when placards will be put up in every village, and also when a button-day, when suffrage buttons will be distributed.

Mrs. Burrows was for two years corresponding secretary of the state association, has been county president for ten years, had charge for one winter of the state association's legislative work and for three years was state chairman for county fairs. She is president of the Guild of the Seven Stars, the highest of the three orders established by the National Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, is leader for her county for the National Baptist Home Mission Society, and is an officer in the County W. C. T. U.

TAX ON POOL TABLES AND BOWLING ALLEYS

The attention of the owners of all pool tables and bowling alleys, excepting those in private homes, is invited to the necessity of paying the Government Tax on the same during the month of January. Under the Emergency Revenue Law of October 22, 1914, the tax accrued only as to such tables or alleys as were open to the public, while under the present law, the tax must be paid by the owners of all such tables or alleys, except such as are in private homes. Social and other clubs and organizations, which were exempt under the old law, are subject to tax under the new law. Failure to pay the tax during the month of January subjects the owner of the table or alley to a double penalty, one of fifty per centum upon the amount of tax otherwise payable, and the other, criminal prosecution. The tax for the current period of from January 1 to June 30th, 1917 is \$2.50 for each table or alley. Each taxpayer is required to sign a form prepared by the Government, disclosing the tax liability, and to file the same, with the amount of the tax, with the Collector of Internal Revenue. Taxes may be paid by CERTIFIED check, post-office order or currency, and may be paid at the Collector's Offices in Buffalo, Rochester or Elmira, where an additional information required will be furnished.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Evangelist Rev. J. Stewart Wahl from Pittsburg, Pa., will be the preacher at the Baptist Church, next Sunday morning. Rev. J. Stewart Wahl is a Bucknell University man and also a graduate of Crozer Theological Seminary, and has a fine record as evangelist, preacher, pastor and man among men. As Rev. Wahl cannot be with us only one Sunday, we urge that every member of the church and congregation be present Sunday morning.

Signed, Pulpit Committee

HYMNICAL

Miss Roxa Viola Hahn Marries Irving Dillay Tillman

A wedding in which more than ordinary interest centered was solemnized at 8:30 o'clock, Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, 1917, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hahn at 54 Birdsall Street, when their only daughter, Roxa Viola, was given in marriage to Irving Dillay Tillman. The double ring service was used by the Reverend Hugh R. MacMillan and was witnessed by about 40 relatives and intimate friends.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. J. J. Dolan sang "O Promise Me" and at its conclusion Miss Florence Rindge sang, "O Perfect Love." Mrs. Sweet, piano, and Mrs. Wilson, violin, played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the pledged couple, attended by Miss Susie Irene Soule of Utica, maid of honor, and Dr. Harold W. McNitt, best man, entered the living room and proceeded to the evergreen bower where the clergyman awaited them and performed the ceremony. An informal reception followed in which the bride and groom received hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes. Caterers Randall served a delicious wedding supper in the adjoining apartments of Mrs. Reed, after which Mr. and Mrs. Tillman left on the midnight train for a southern trip. They will be at home to their friends at their newly furnished home at 61 Silver Street, after March first.

The bride who, during her seven years' residence here, has made a wide circle of real friends was gowned in ivory bridal satin with Dutchess lace and pearl trimming, wore a tulle bridal veil caught with orange blossoms and carried a bridal bouquet of white roses. Her going-away gown was of wisteria velvet with a hat of gold lace. Miss Soule wore pink net over crepe de chine and carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas. The Hahn apartment and the adjoining one of Mrs. Reed's were prettily decorated with evergreen smilax, carnations and roses, a pink and green color scheme being carried out.

The marriage of Mr. Tillman and Miss Hahn carries with it the best wishes of hundreds for a happy married life. The bride came here with her parents about seven years ago from Andover, where she had graduated from the Andover High School and taken a post graduate course. A very charming and tactful young lady, she has been popular in social, business and church circles. Mr. Tillman is the son of County Clerk and Mrs. I. J. Tillman of this city and a member of the law firm of I. J. & I. L. Tillman, transacting much of the business of that well known firm since the senior member became county clerk. He was clerk of the town of Norwich until the city charter became effective and is well known throughout this and adjoining counties. He graduated from the Bainbridge High School from the law school at Syracuse University in 1908, in which year he was admitted to the bar and became a member of the above mentioned law firm. He is one of the officers of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M., and member of other local fraternal organizations. He is also a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman were the recipients of many beautiful gifts of silver, gold, linen and other household accessories as expressions of congratulation and esteem from their friends—The Norwich Sun.

HAWTHORNE CLUB

The Hawthorne Club will meet with Mrs. H. B. Williams, Monday evening, Jan. 22. Following is the program arranged:

Roll Call—Wit and Humor. Reading—"Things Men Fight For," Chaps. 13-14, Mrs. H. B. Williams.

Review—"Germany Between Two Wars," Chaps. 13-14, Miss Anderson.

Reading—"Belgium, the Land of Art," Chaps. 13-14, Miss Holtenbeck.

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A Voice from the West

Californian Tells Why That State Preferred Wilson to Hughes in an Open Letter in the Outlook.

Thousands of voters all over the United States figured out their duty in the recent presidential campaign as did Rev. Josiah Pooton of Ysidro, Cal., but none have been able to give expression to their sentiment more clearly than has he, in a current number of The Outlook.

Because it explains perfectly the attitude of so many, and shows why California voted for Mr. Wilson, so clearly, we reprint herewith the entire article. It is long, but will repay everyone for the time spent reading. He says: To Messrs. Hughes, Wilson and Benson:

Gentlemen—A few weeks ago you occasioned me a lot of hard thinking. You were candidates for the office of President of the United States and I was a prospective voter. It was very difficult for me to make up my mind which of you to vote for.

A few years ago I would have had no difficulty, for it would never have occurred to me that I should vote other than the Republican ticket. I had imbibed the idea before I came West that the term Democrat was tainted with the odium that attaches to rum, rags and slavery, and that a Socialist was a pariah, an outcast. The fact that I came very near voting for a Socialist and did vote for a Democrat the other day indicates that I am not the man I was; while the further fact that hundreds of thousands of others were in the same position indicates that the country is not what it was.

Mr. Hughes, I wanted to vote for you more than I ever wanted to vote for any man I didn't vote for. You certainly are a fine capable gentleman and a splendid public servant. You have a record behind you that is worth while.

You would have made, in many respects, an ideal President. You have the right sort of style, you would have demanded an efficient administration, you would not have played politics overmuch. I believe you would have handled our foreign policy in a manner to have better suited the majority of our people. I never really liked President Wilson's policy in Mexico. My home is near enough to the border of that unhappy land for me to have seen some of the actual fighting over there from the window of the room in which I now sit, and I count some excellent Mexican neighbors among my friends. They don't like our policy, and I have never been able satisfactorily to account for it to them.

You are then entitled to ask me, if that is my position, why I voted for a man who has written notes instead of sending bullets, and who has twice invaded a foreign country seemingly without

having accomplished any definite end.

Mind you, this letter comes from a county normally 10,000 to 12,000 Republican, which on November 7th last reduced that majority to 79. San Diego County is really THE county that re-elected Mr. Wilson.

Let me tell you, Mr. Hughes, just why we did it. We got the notion in our heads, right or wrong, that the application of the "big stick" policy to Mexico, no matter how lovingly applied, would mean the establishment of an order in that country that would stand for the exploitation of the natural resources of Mexico by the "big interest" people of the United States and Europe. We rather suspected that a good deal of support that came to your candidacy came from persons who wanted Mexico restored to the same sort of thing that has bled that country heretofore, that has bled the working class of this country and still does, that has bled England and other European countries, and that has brought on the European war.

We see these forces dominant here, irrespective of what party is in power. We see our own country voting six or seven hundred millions of dollars for further military preparedness; we see Congress voting to the President a vast increase of personal power to enter into trade war with the rest of the world. We haven't protested much against that general policy because it seems to be so un-patriotic not to be prepared to lick somebody some time. But we have liked the principle of Mr. Wilson's stand against "dollar diplomacy," altho the application of his principles along that line led to so much messiness in our foreign policy. It was, in part, because the President seemed to be somewhat pronounced against the use of force to back up exploitation that we voted to keep him where he is.

We are "progressive" in the West, Mr. Hughes. It makes us do some unreasonable things. We may progress backwards sometimes. We may be foolish or deluded. But true it is that it has become a rule with many people that when an issue comes up for decision they spend a nickel to purchase the Los Angeles Times or the San Diego Union, or some other equally enlightened journal, note for what candidates and measures those papers stand, and then vote the other way. These papers have fought Governor Johnson (our next President, likely enough) for six or seven years harder than they have fought any kind of sin, and in consequence California has sent him to the Senate, on his way to the White House, with a majority of over 200,000 to the good. If only, Mr. Hughes, you could have said or done something that would have caused them to fight

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