

MOTORCYCLES ARE TOO NOISY

Complaint is Also Made of the Speed They Attain.

DO NOT DISPLAY NUMBERS

Petitions Are Started in the Residence Section of City Complain- ing of the Racing Tactics of These Machines.

If there were a campaign in Omaha to eliminate unnecessary noises, the motorcycle would be one of the first institu- tions attacked, according to members of the Economic League, who have their headquarters at 15th and F streets. The league is not the only organization that would have the noise of the motorcycle abolished, but it is only one of the many that feel the need of a better muffling system on the motorcycle.

In the midst of the discussion Thursday night Orlan T. Erickson of Seattle had his voice completely drowned several times by the storm of rapid fire reports of a speeding motorcycle that dashed down Harney street. The members of the Economic League—chairman and all, leaned forward with their hands to their ears in an effort to hear the speaker. A street car changed by immediately afterward and the speaker's voice was much more readily heard while the car was passing than while the motorcycle was in the neighborhood.

Notice Is Unnecessary. Everywhere on the streets the same unnecessary noise of the motorcycle is heard. The machine itself is not one tenth as large as an automobile and it makes more noise. At times they run smoothly without making the noise of a battle of Waterloo, but at other times the driver seems to take delight in "throwing her wide open" as he shoots up the street just to see how much noise he can make. The honk of the auto- mobile horn that warns pedestrians to step aside from an approaching auto- mobile is completely lost and smothered in the roaring of any little motorcycle that happens to be dashing down the street.

From the postoffice building most any day can be heard the thundering of the motorcycles in the little shop on Capitol avenue near Seventeenth street. The postal clerks groan wearily, scratch their heads, stink their pens behind their ears, gaze out of the window and say unkind things. They take up their pen again and just "stand for the racket" because there is nothing else to do. The barbers in the barber shops along this section of Capitol avenue get nervous and cut their strops, the laundrymen in business along this street, drop bundles and forget to write names on the bundles, as the motorcycles rear in the adjoining shop, and witnesses in the federal court are asked to repeat their testimony more than once as motorcycles thunder down the street.

Automobiles used to make more noise than they do until the muffler was perfected. Petitions are being circulated in two neighborhoods for presentation to the city commissioners to see if something cannot be done to stop some of these machines from making race tracks of the smooth pavements of some of the residence sections.

Complaint is also made that very few motorcycle owners are complying with the law, which requires them to have numbers on their machines both fore and aft.

Warrants Issued for Coal Dealers

Warrants for the arrest of forty coal dealers on a charge of failing to pay their occupation taxes were secured by John Grant Pegg, city sealer of weights and measures.

"The coal dealers have resorted to horse play and I'm tired of it," said Pegg. "They secured, at the instance of the Sunderland brothers, a new occupa- tion tax ordinance and now have refused to pay their occupation taxes under that."

Pegg says he will force every coal dealer to pay his occupation taxes by bringing them into court and compelling performance. The occupation tax is \$1 a year for each yard or office and \$1 for each team used.

ALAMITO EMPLOYEES MAKE TRIP TO FRIESLAND FARM

Thirty-five employees of the Alamito Dairy company and several interested customers took a trip to the Friesland farm in the company's automobile trucks to examine the methods of preparation and delivery of certified milk.

The purpose of the trip is to instruct the employees and to acquaint the people with the sanitary methods and precau- tions in certifying milk. It is the inten- tion to make these trips every week or ten days. They will be under the per- sonal direction of F. L. Kernan, secre- tary of the company, and everyone is invited to go on any one of them. The trip will take about three and one-half hours, 2 to 5 in the afternoon, and sufficient accommodations will be provided for all who wish to attend.

WOMAN MAKES NEIGHBORS NERVOUS WITH REVOLVER

Mrs. T. Dixon, Seventh and Webster, armed with a revolver, minus cartridges, set out Thursday evening on a terrorizing escapade which was successful to a high degree. Many of the residents of the district, who were enjoying the evening air, were suddenly confronted by the woman, who pointed the weapon at them, snapping the trigger. These citizens sought the protection of adjacent trees and telegraph poles, staying behind them until minutes of the law Rich and Henn removed Mrs. Dixon to the confine of the city jail. She was discharged with a reprimand by Police Judge Poeter.

Stop! Look and Listen! Racing Hen Beats Eric Express Train



LOUISA, NEW JERSEY'S FAST HEN.

CRESSKILL, N. J., June 20.—Louisa, the fast pacing hen, and Ed Short, the local hotel keeper, are the two most distinguished beings in this town today. Louisa's claim to fame is that she out- footed an Eric express train by pacing it from Demarest to Cresskill in fourteen seconds. Ed Short's distinction is that he is the owner of Louisa.

Two years ago this same fast fowl gave George Deacon and his automobile her dust from Closter to Cresskill. Meanwhile Louisa had heard the train coming on in the rear and began to pace her way back at a good swinging stride.

All the Cresskill commuters were as- sembled at the station to see what would happen. Louisa never lifted a wing. She kept about fifteen yards ahead of the snorting locomotive all the way down the track, and as she came in front of the Cresskill depot she paused, scratched her nose and waddled to one side. Time, four- teen seconds.

Thomas Longfield, veteran poultry fan- ciler and ribbon winner, stated that he would lay odds of two to one that Louisa could keep in the middle of the road longer than any bird ever grown in the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Short's pacing hen, he promised will be put on the track at Englewood next Saturday and raced against the Sparkhill Flyer for any money any com- muter may care to risk.

BOYS' GARDEN EXHIBIT AT THE Y. M. C. A. TODAY

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