

---

## THE NEW TRAFFIC RULES.

---

THERE ARE SOME PERSONS in the world who think that the man who holds more than a dollar and fifty cents in cash in his own name is a crook and a robber and entitled to all the abuse that can be heaped upon him. There are others who think the man who owns an automobile is a "highway baron" who lays claim to ownership of all the roads and whose special delight in life is tooting his horn to make the crawling pedestrian jump. Perhaps there are not many who take so radical a view, but they represent a class whose ideas on the subject of the ownership of money and automobiles are almost as ridiculous.

And what a feeling of resentment will stir within them tomorrow when the new ordinance becomes effective governing the rights of pedestrians on the public streets. This class has claimed for itself all those rights it has condemned the auto owner for claiming—and more. Now, however, the pedestrian is going to have to obey some traffic rules.

The honest man will take a common-sense view of these regulations, realizing that they are as important and as justifiable as those intended to govern the automobile driver. The man with an automobile doesn't get his greatest enjoyment out of running over somebody any more than does the pedestrian in being run over. Seattle is becoming a very large city and its traffic problem is becoming a serious one. There is no reason why the pedestrian should be granted rights that do not extend to the autoist. Hereafter he will be busy watching his own step and will not have so much time to stand in the middle of the street and grin at the auto owner who is being reprimanded for attempting to run by a signal.

The regulations governing foot traffic are in the interests of safety and will be so recognized by fair-minded citizens.

---