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THE SALEM HOG AND OTHER HOGS

E. H. Flagg of Elgin, who was a resident of Salem for years and has been more or less familiar with legislation that met at Salem for many more years, writes the following editorial regarding hogs:
The Recorder is pleased to note in a recent issue of the La Grande Observer, an article by Mr. Ed Kiddle on the subject of hogs, in which he gives the farmers much good advice as to the manner in which the porker should be fed and cared for, and we particularly note that he recommends plenty of pure running water—a subject, also, upon which he is quite well informed. But Mr. Kiddle has yet a great deal to learn upon the subject of hogs, and should he be elected to the legislature he will have an opportunity of studying several different varieties of the porcine tribes that are unknown to the alfalfa fields of Union county. The Red Duroc and the Poland China are considered pretty thrifty animals, but compared with the porkers Mr. Kiddle will meet at the state capital they are razor backs to the prize winners of the fat stock show. There is

the Salem Hog, the Portland Hog, the Eugene Hog, and the Pendleton hog, and broods upon broods of nice little porkers that all have their feet in the state trough, and will squeal vigorously at any attempt to beat them away from their swill. These are the hogs Mr. Kiddle cannot buy, as they generally do the buying or trading. They have perfected a system of log-rolling that is almost invincible. The Salem hog wants big appropriations wants more and more biennially for the state university, the Pendleton Porker will probably require a big sum for the new asylum, and the Portland hog may want a state bridge across the Columbia and about a million dollars to spend at the Panama exposition. And every hog of the bunch will stand together for the common good of hogdom. It's a nice proposition and if Mr. Kiddle is elected he will have an excellent opportunity of becoming as familiar with the human hog as he now is with the more useful kind.

STATEHOOD FOR PORTO RICO.

Porto Rico is anxious to become a full-fledged member of the union and to be represented by a star in the American flag. The leaders of the Porto Rican people understand that it is out of the question immediately but they insist their island is now ready for territorial government and a committee, headed by Eugenio Benitez, representing its progressive citizens, recently reached Washington with a memorial addressed to President Taft, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, urging that congress shall at least define the position and intentions of the federal government with reference this one of its insular possessions.

In support of their claim to recognition as a territory and to ultimate statehood, the Porto Ricans point out that in the 14 years since they passed from Spanish to American sovereignty their island has become thoroughly Americanized. Some striking particulars of the thoroughness with which the Americanization of the island has progressed were given to a committee of the senate some few days ago by Cayetano Coll y Cuchí, a member of the house of delegates, who, with several of his associates, came to Washington as official representatives of the insular government to oppose the free sugar bill, which they declare, would destroy the industry on which the prosperity of the island has been chiefly built up since the United State came into control.

The total exports and imports of Porto Rico in 1901, three years after the beginning of American occupation, according to the statement of Mr. Coll y Cuchí, amounted to \$17,500,000 and of this about 60 per cent was made up of trade with the United States. Then years later, in 1911, the external commerce of the island was valued at \$78,700,000, made up almost equally of exports and imports, and of this \$69,400,000 or 88 per cent was trade with the United States.

That the present position of Porto Rico is anomalous is pointed out by the members of the delegation that came here to ask for territorial rights while enjoying the protection of the American flag and having a satisfac-

tory system of local self-government, its people are not citizens of the United States in the real sense. They are not permitted to have a representative in congress but are represented by a "resident commissioner," Louis M. Rivera, who, however, has no seat, no vote and no voice in the house of representatives. The Porto Ricans protest that it is only fair that the United States should indicate its ultimate intentions with regard to them. "If we are fit to be part of this great nation to which we claim allegiance," they say, "let us have the hope of becoming a territory of the United States and in due time become a state, if we are not fit for this let us become an independent nation, though for our own part our aspirations are all for a share in the destiny of the American people."

Porto Rico is now under the sovereignty of the United States and is in all justice entitled to territorial rights of government.

Arizona and New Mexico were territories of the United States and governed as such 50 years, and Alaska has been governed by a territorial form of government many years.

There is no reason why the same right should not be extended to Porto Rico.

"THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY."
Ging George V.

George V. "by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India," was born at Marlborough House, June 3, 1865, the second son of the late King Edward VII. In his youth his majesty was known as Prince George of Wales. He entered the navy as a cadet in 1877 and during the years that he followed a naval career he visited nearly all parts of the world. In 1891 the death of his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, made Prince George heir presumptive to the throne. Shortly after the accession of his father, King Edward VII, Prince George, then known as the Duke of Cornwall and York, made a tour of the world. In 1893 his majesty was married to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. The royal couple have six children, five sons and a daughter. The eldest son, Prince Edward of Wales, will be 18 years old this month. He is being trained for a naval career after the example of his father.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- June 3.
1690—Francis Nicholson, formerly governor of New York, appointed governor of Virginia.
1769—Transit of Venus successfully observed by the American Philosophical society at a temporary observatory in the state-house yard at Philadelphia.
1770—Mission and presidio of San Carlos at Monterey, Cal., founded.
1808—Jefferson Davis, president of the confederate states of America, born in Christian County, Ky. Died in New Orleans, Dec. 6, 1889.
1819—Thomas Ball, noted sculptor, born in Charlestown, Mass. Died in Montclair, N. J., Dec. 11, 1911.
1835—Cherokee Indians, 1500 in number, escorted out of Georgia, to Ross Landing, Tenn., by Georgia militia.
1862—Gen. Robert E. Lee assumed command of the confederate command of the confederate forces in Virginia.
1895—Lieut. Hobson sunk the Merrimac in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba.
1911—U. S. gunboat Yorktown proceeded to Nicaraguan waters to safeguard American interests.

If the presidential campaigns do no other good, they will be the means of getting a lot of money into circulation that might not otherwise get there.

American Medical association figures out that mustard and cinnamon are good preservatives, while ginger and pepper let the germs grow.

The Taft bureau at Washington now refers to Col. Roosevelt as the "supreme egotist." Look out for another Rooseveltian retort.

African mothers put their babies to sleep, sometimes, by letting water flow through rags on their foreheads.

A Chicago pickle factory was recently destroyed by fire. Not even the pickles were preserved.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by all dealers.

Willard Jones Released.
Washington, June 3.—Willard Jones convicted of land frauds in Oregon, was granted an unconditional pardon by President Taft today. The pardon is based on the alleged improper methods used in obtaining the Jones jury.

Agitator Released From Jail.
San Diego, Cal., June 3.—A. B. Car-

son, who started a small riot recently, by attempting to speak on the public streets and who has since been held under the charge of resisting an officer, was released today on testimony of the arresting policeman. The policeman testified that Carson did not resist arrest.

Clerk Gets Nevada Delegation.
Fallon, Nev., June 3.—When the democratic state convention met here today everything indicated complete instruction for Clark for the delegation election to Baltimore.

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