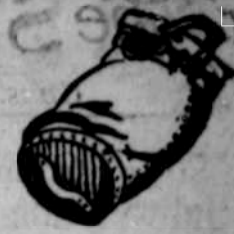




# THE STAYTON MAIL



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## HIGH SCHOOL LYCEUM COURSE--Benefit Gym Fund

FIRST NUMBER--Chicago Recital Company, DECEMBER 20th

### H. E. BENNETT BUYS A HALF INTEREST IN WATER POWER DITCH

A business change, of interest to Stayton's manufacturing circle, was completed this week whereby H. E. Bennett purchased a one-half interest in the water power ditch operated by Gardner & Sandner; John Sandner retiring and A. D. Gardner remaining with the company.

The water power ditch is one of Stayton's valued possessions, furnishing as it does, inexpensive power to our manufacturing industries—the Santiam Woolen Mills, Brown-Petzel Lumber Company's saw mill, the Gardner Flouring Mills, the Stayton Excelsior Mills,—in addition to the Electric Light & Power Co. and City Water plants; and employing a number of workmen in the upkeep of its ditches and dams.

While Stayton has utilized water power for the past fifty years, it was not until 1905 that control of its water power came definitely into local hands, when on notice of the Salem company then supplying water that the rates would be advanced to \$10 per horsepower per annum, the Stayton Water Power Company was organized by A. D. Gardner, of the Gardner Flouring Mills, S. Philippi of the Santiam Woolen Mills and George and Charles Brown, of the then Brown & Sons saw mill.

New ditches were dug, levees and dams constructed and water turned into the wheels at a yearly cost to users of but \$7 a horsepower—a rate said to be the least expensive in the state—which low rate our industries have had the advantage of ever since.

Some \$3000 worth of new dredging equipment will be put into service at once, and we are assured that it is to be the constant aim of the new company to furnish the highest degree of service compatible with a reasonable horsepower charge.

#### Agreeable Outlook.

"I just now overheard an argument between a theorist and a hard headed business man."

"I presume the theorist said the business man lacked vision?"

"Oh, yes. That's a stock phrase among theorists who can't pay their board bills, but the business man said he could see a net profit of not less than \$200,000 next year, with a little fling at Saratoga, Palm Beach or Monterey, and that was vision enough for him."

### BELGIUM BISHOP IS ALSO A BANKER



Portrait of the Belgian bishop, who is well known and a figure in banking circles. He is Bishop W. H. Nolens, a delegate to the International Labor Conference at Washington, D. C.

### BUNGSTARTERS

There are about a dozen next presidents now.

Will it be a just peace, or just peace?

Germany is swallowing a pill that's good for bile on the brain.

Russia is tying a knot in its own tail.

No, Messrs. Tom and Jerry will not be around Christmas as expected.

Life is made up of trifles. When a fellow has only one back-suspender button, a whole lot of responsibility rests upon it.

Some women wear fine clothes to please the men while others please the men in order to wear fine clothes.

### LIBERTY BOND BUYERS HAVE 10 MILLION DUE

Interest on Third and Victory Liberty Loans Buys Christmas Presents

San Francisco—Patriotic citizens of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District who bought Liberty Bonds during the war have coming to them approximately \$10,045,300 on December 15 as interest on bonds of the First and Fifth Liberty Loans. This is more than one dollar per capita for every resident in the seven states of the Twelfth District.

To many the interest money will come almost as a Christmas gratuity, but the Government is anxious that its creditors use the interest not as easy money but that they re-invest it immediately in Government securities, such as War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates carrying 4% interest compounded quarterly, thus making interest earn interest. To those who intend to make holiday money of it, the Government says: "Give War Savings Stamps for Christmas."

The total of \$10,045,300 due is apportioned into \$2,295,750 as interest on the First Loan and \$7,749,550 interest on the Fifth Loan. If the entire \$10,045,300 collectible on December 15 was invested in War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates, and the securities held until their maturity date five years later, the interest on the interest would amount to nearly a half million.

### TRACED DESCENT OF HORSE

Oregon Professor Left Records of His Researches in the Marshes of Oregon.

Horses of the miocene tertiary times, and during the pliocene age, which came later, roamed around the marshes of Oregon, according to Professor Condon of the University of Oregon. A letter which the professor wrote a woman in Nashville, Ore., thirty years ago, has been discovered, in which he referred to some of his own specimens of the early horse.

"There were in Oregon three or four species of the small horse," the professor wrote. "I have fragments of many individuals of several of these species. The one of which I have the most complete skeleton was about two feet high. He lived during the miocene tertiary times.

"My fossils would not warrant me in speaking of more than three hoofs on each foot; the center one on each foot being large, and the other ones small. Each fetlock bone furnished him with what was an external hoof. "Belonging to a later period, the pliocene, I have other horse remains. The older classification gives the name Hippopotamus to the pliocene horse. The side hoofs of this animal were still external, and therefore, to some extent, functional. These horses multiplied in species, as well as in numbers, varying in size until the horse proper, or equus, came on the stage with only rudimentary fragments of the metatarsal bones of the side hoofs provided for."

### Heaviest Snow Oregon Has Ever Known Strikes Santiam Valley This Week--Business At A Standstill

Monday night about 12 o'clock snow began to fall in this vicinity and only for short intervals it continued to spread its whiteness over this section of the valley up to Wednesday evening.

Thursday morning two feet of the winter decoration was in evidence with the atmosphere 3 above. Friday morning thermometer's registered 5, 6, and up to 8 below.

Old settlers differ as to whether this is the heaviest fall that the state has ever had. Some say this valley experienced a like fall some ten or eleven years ago while others claim that this is the heaviest.

Anyway we have two feet on the level and that is no lie. The weight of the snow, which is very damp, has broken a number of awnings in the town—the awning of the Streff building collapsed, as did the awning of Ernest Mathieu's poolhall. The skylight on the Gehlen shore was broken and the telephone and electric light wires were put out of commission in different parts of the town.

The local school was closed on account of the high snow, although a few pupils came but were dismissed as there was not enough to hold session. In the high school the boys were employed in shoveling paths, and snow off the buildings, in town, while the girls in the Domestic Science apartment furnished lunch for the boys at noon.

Logging operations were stopped in the camps and the Brown-Petzel saw mill here and the Gardner-Murphy mill near town also were compelled to close down.

The Hamman stage line is out of commission at this writing and the West Stayton stage is also on the shelf. Wednesday and Thursday we were without mail service, but as far as that is concerned we were not any worse off than the rest of the Oregonians as there was not a train moving in the state.

The storage warehouse of the excelsior mill caved in Wednesday and also the roof of Ernest Mathieu's barn, S. H. Heltzel's wood shed and part of the roof of the feed store. A. D. Gardner's ditching plow was brought into play and the streets were partly cleared of snow so as to make traffic more easy.

Should a schnook wind or a warm rain strike us and melt the snow in a hurry, this section would experience the largest flood in the history of the valley.

### ANNE MARTIN IN SENATE RACE AGAIN



Nevada must sooner or later have a woman in the United States Senate if the perseverance of Miss Anne Martin is ever rewarded. She has announced that her defeat in the race last spring has only spurred her on to greater efforts and that she will be a candidate for the second time in 1920. This photograph of Miss Martin and her collier taken at the National Woman's Party headquarters in Washington.

### COME TO HARTMAN BROS FOR YOUR Christmas Jewelry

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### THE PASSING SHOW

By now, the orchestra drops a lot of punk conversations.

We need more 'taters and less 'taters.

Some of 'em are now getting free advertising as well as free speech.

Our ambassadors to Mexico need accident policies.

Some men may die and go there, but the cinch is that some live ones catch it when they get home.

And now one never sees little dishes of cloves and cinnamon.

Prof. David Starr Jordan says love and common sense in choosing a wife will improve the stock. Love and common sense? Ah, watch-u-givin' us?

### BASKET MAKERS OF NAPLES

For Centuries He Has Been a Picturesque Sight in Streets of City.

For centuries the basket maker has been a picturesque sight in old Naples where the trade runs in the same family for generations. The basket maker is omnipresent, either plaiting or selling his wares in every direction, for in no other city under the sun are they used for so many purposes, from cradles for babies to fish receptacles, and a covering for wine bottles. The artist splits his wicker deftly with a long-bladed knife and proceeds to weave watertight baskets by hand, as only his strong fingers can fashion them. Not one, but many a day are his "stint" and when they are mounded about him at nightfall, he gives a sigh of satisfaction and loads his cart for the morrow. Or possibly it is his own back which must be bent to the burden. If so, he appears like an animated basket-rack as he sallies forth to the tune of "Santa Lucia." Later, one can easily imagine that there is a ventriloquist hidden away in the depths of the baskets, calling his wares.

By day and by night he lives in close proximity with his goat, cow and horse if he is rich enough to possess these domestic animals, sleeping in the same room with them utterly oblivious to discomfort or anything out of the ordinary. More than one tourist has told us of a common sight, that of seeing a horse ascend a flight of stairs, ahead of his master, at the end of a hard day of peddling. And if not a horse, a mule, the sonorous braying of which does not disturb the slumber he has won for he knows no eight-hour day.

### QUEEN GETS MARVELOUS VEIL

Belgian Lace Experts Worked on Piece Four Years—Designed by Artists.

The Queen of the Belgians has received from the lace and embroidery works of Belgian Flanders a marvelous veil. Surrounded by all the misfortune and misery of war these loyal subjects have toiled in secret for four long years to produce a unique piece which they offer in homage to their queen.

Such is their devotion to their sovereign.

A French publication describes the veil—designed by the most famous of Belgian artists and executed by the most expert workmen, perfect in every detail of mesh and motif.

Twelve thousand hours were required in workmanship, for the veil contains not less than 12,000,000 points. It displays the almost unknown art of light and shade, a difficult effect and one of rare beauty. It solves for the first time, perhaps, the question of perspective. The entire piece weighs but four and one-half ounces.

In the center of the veil are the Belgian arms, and in the four corners of the central panel the arms of the cities of Ypres, Neuport, Popperinge and Furnes. The four side panels represent the industries of weaving, fishing, hop picking and dairying.

### FIREMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS AT REGULAR MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

At the regular meeting of the Stayton Firemen held in their hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. A. Weddle, President; J. M. Ringo, Secretary-Treasurer; Jake Spaniol, Foreman; J. H. Thoma, First Asst. Foreman; John Mielke, Second Asst. Foreman.

The company is gradually gaining in membership and now have 22 on the roll call. Refreshments and cigars are served at each meeting.

### THE WARRIOR AND PEASANT

BY ROBERT G. INGERSOLL

A little while ago I stood by the grave of old Napoleon—a magnificent gift of gilt and gold, fit almost for a dead deity. I thought of the orphans and widows he had made—of the tears that had been shed for his glory, and of the only woman who ever loved him, pushed from his heart by the cold hand of ambition. And I said I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes; I would rather have lived in a hut with a vine growing over the door and grapes growing purple in the kisses of the autumn sun; I would rather have been that poor peasant with my loving wife by my side, knitting as the day died out of the sky—with my children upon my knees and their arms about me. I would rather have been that man and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust than to have been that imperial impersonation of force and murder.

### Fishermen Had Good Day.

Three South Portland (Me.) fishermen, Dr. George W. C. Studley, Percy York and Captain William York, were out after groundfish when they sighted a swordfish. They had no swordfish fishing outfit, but with a stove poker and a boathook handle they improvised a harpoon, with which they landed the big fellow. In Portland they sold the swordfish for \$90, and the groundfish they had caught—about 1,000 pounds—for \$80.

### Misdirected Wifely Solitude.

Mrs. Flatbush—Are you wearing those pretty suspenders, with flowers all over 'em. I gave you for your birthday, Henry?

Mr. Flatbush—No, dear; I was afraid the nail I'm using in place of a button would rust 'em.

### WAR HERO YOUNGEST U. S. CONGRESSMAN



King Swope of Kentucky is not only the youngest man ever to be elected to the U. S. Congress but he is also the first world war hero so awarded. Swope is 24 years old and is the first Republican to be elected from this Kentucky district in 23 years.