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## SALEM'S REPUTATION FOR HOSPITALITY AT STAKE.

Salem's reputation for hospitality is at stake. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs (or Rebeccas) are coming. They are coming 2000 strong. They will be here from all over Oregon, in their convention opening the week of the 19th—a week from next Monday. They will have the Capitol for their convention. So far so good. But they will have to be provided with rooms, and they will have to eat. The hotels cannot furnish enough rooms—not half enough; not nearly half enough. The homes will have to be opened, all over the city. The managers of Hotel Marion are undertaking the task of maintaining an information bureau, to list rooms for the delegates. Local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs with automobiles will help in conveying delegates to their rooms throughout the city. All this service will be free to the delegates; and to Salem home owners. The hotel managers will perform their part of the service gladly, at their own expense; the cars of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be used to the limit, for the good of the order, without cost to delegates or home owners. It is not too early to begin listing the rooms. The Hotel Marion phone number is 2010. Now, get busy, and let Salem show that she is a real convention city; with the latch string out for all comers.

It is estimated that the farm products of this country this year will approach the altogether unprecedented sum of 25 billions, compared with a little over 20 billions, the actual expenditures on the war for over two years. Think of it! The farmers are producing enough in one year to pay for the war, or our part of the war, with some 5 billions to spare. The figures are those of perhaps the best authority in the United States, Henry Clews, the Wall Street banker. We have a great country.

The German delegates at Versailles are making threats and imagining vain things. But Marshal Foch is listening. The Hun may rage, but he will sign, because he has to. He understands that logic. It is his very own.

A Hun herr named Geisberts says Germany must make peace with Russia, and use the Bolshevik troops for Germany. Marshal Foch has made a note of this. Only women and children are afraid of Bolshevik troops.

The Hun will holler. But he will get his name on the dotted line.

Is Salem hospitable?  
Yes; Salem's middle name is Hospitality.

Will Salem take proper care of the Odd Fellows and their Rebekahs?  
Yes; indeed; Salem will take good care of all the brothers and sisters, and make them feel at home.

R. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe will find their mantles waiting when they return to the stage in October. They have not been worn by anyone else during the absence of these distinguished actors.

How are the spring gardens getting on? It is no disgrace to bend the back to the cultivation of the soil. Remember Shakespeare said "There is no ancient gentleman but gardeners."

It might be well to remember that any overcharge of customers on account of the war tax by dealers in the various articles involved in the new internal revenue tax makes the guilty one liable to a heavy fine. The demands of the government are sufficiently large without any gouging.

There is a lot of vocal effort at the Peace Conference, but we fall to

### FUTURE DATES.

- May 10, Saturday—Track meet, Willamette university and McMinnville college.
- May 10, Saturday—Bicycle races in Salem.
- May 12, Tuesday—University of Oregon glee club concert at opera house.
- May 15 to 18 inclusive—Jubilee of First Presbyterian church, celebrating 50th anniversary of founding.
- May 15 to 18—State Sunday school convention, Corvallis.
- May 17, Saturday—County spelling match at high school.
- May 17, Saturday—Chemeketa chapter D. A. R. to entertain in honor of Vice President General Mrs. I. L. Patterson and state officers at Masonic temple.
- May 17, Saturday—Conference track meet at Willamette university.
- May 19 to 25—Odd Fellows grand lodge and State Rebekah assembly meet in Salem.
- May 20 to 25—Oregon Jersey Jubilee.
- May 28, Friday—Grand Army veterans visit Salem schools.
- May 30, Friday—Memorial Day.
- June 3, Tuesday—Special election in Oregon.
- June (dates to be selected)—State encampment Spanish war veterans.
- June 7, Saturday—Annual picnic of Polk County Farmers union, Rickreall grove.
- June 20 to July 1—100th Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio.
- July 3 and 4—State encampment of United Spanish war veterans in Salem.
- August 14, 15 and 16—Elix state convention at Klamath Falls.

note any disposition of Turkey. All of the powers appear to be fighting shy of any responsibility in connection with the realm of the Sultan. It would be just like David Lloyd George to slip the land of the harem into President Wilson's overcoat pocket when he is not looking.—Los Angeles Times.

### I AM RESOLVED

I would be true—  
For there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure—  
For there are those who care;  
I would be strong—  
For there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave—  
For there is much to dare.

I would be friend to all—  
(The foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving—  
And forget the gift;  
I would be humble—  
For I know my weakness;  
I would look up—  
And laugh, and love, and lift.  
—E. D. in the Pine News.

### ENTANGLEMENTS

They have built a barb-wire fence around the German delegation at the peace conference. This is supposed to be a safety measure all around, but it can also be interpreted as a delicate French hint that the Germans belong in No Man's Land.

### THE FIRM GRIP

Ole Hanson of Seattle said something when he remarked that the government should start cemeteries instead of conferences in dealing with the I. W. W. A few legal and orderly hangings of human firebrands who openly plot against the government will do vastly more good than a show of careless tolerance.

### AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

The movement to carry out the building of at least one national highway, the Colorado River project and other reclamation projects of merit is rapidly gaining in momentum. The United States Chamber of Commerce, whose delegates repre-

sent the business interests in every state in the Union, has adopted resolutions urging that work on big enterprises be begun as soon as practicable.

Advocates of a national highway system, and they include some of the most prominent business men in the country, will urge upon congress that a transcontinental highway be started at once as an emergency measure.

A coast-to-coast boulevard will undoubtedly be a tremendously valuable national asset. As a developer of business and creator of wealth, it will repay many times its cost.

It will be a convenience to motorists of inestimable value and will stimulate travel to the advantage of every state through which it passes.

Building the road now will tend to remedy any unemployment distress, will enable the government to utilize a vast quantity of equipment and material left over from war work and stimulate business generally.

Another economic reason for undertaking the road at this time is in the vexing rail-road situation. The capacity of the railroads was built up to meet extraordinary war-time demands. With the war over the roads have much less business than they can handle. National construction work would ameliorate this con-

dition and would also make for economy. Director of Railroads Walker D. Hines has offered reduced rates upon specific road-building materials when for use in federal, state, county, parish or municipal government.

### SOOTHING WORDS

Bryas was right about one thing. He wanted to make it impossible to start a war without first having a year of argument and debate.

William is a great believer in the soothing potency of the human voice and if he could have put up a year's conversation ahead of the big outbreak the Germans would have been too sleepy to fight and there would have been no war.

But it is a sure thing that time and calm discussion will settle many a question for which a man or a nation is eager to give battle when first broached.

### LEST WE FORGET!

The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The captains and the kings depart—  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice.  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

"Well," said the Yankee, after having had both legs amputated, "I can't kick."—Cornell Widow.

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Wanted, a south wind.

Germany is talking for effect.

She is threatening a "world revolution" and much other tommyrot.

She gave the best imitation of a world revolution she could. She might as well howl to the moon as to expect to get up another.

And she will weep crocodile tears enough to raise the tides of the North Sea without securing any of the sympathy which she craves from the world she did her best and worst to slave.

Salem will entertain the three-linkers, and give them a good time, of course.

Austria's turn is next.

Then the peace council will get down—away down—to Turkey. And Bulgaria.

A cable report says: "The ex-Kaiser looks like a man of 70." Cents?

Why is it that the handle of the lawn mower is never quite right for daughter? Mother has no trouble.

Brooklyn Standard-Union: The Hungarian soviet government has extended an invitation to Hungarians in America to "return and en-

joy the fruits of communistic revolution." That invitation suits this country exactly. Every person who in the soviet governments existing in Russia and Hungary will give no offense whatever by going over there to enjoy the fruits. This cordial invitation to depart from among us by any means restricted to Hungarians. Won't they please cast their eyes upon Hungary and Russia? Capitalism is abolished there. The existing social order exists no more. The fruits of the communistic revolution are theirs for the picking. Why not start at once.

Why is it that the average thief stealing an automobile is never bothered with engine trouble? Is he a better mechanic than the owner of the boat, or is providence on his side? There is some reason for it.

Why is it that a homely girl is never detained for an infraction of the law. They are all "beautiful," etc., etc.

Saw a comely young woman knitting a pink sweater the other evening and imagine that she is getting ready for the next war.—Exchange.

The coinage of half-cent pieces by the federal authorities is being urged, but the demand is not likely to be complied with. This is no longer a half-cent country.

Pancho Villa says he would die if to do so would insure the peace of

## BETTER THAN CALOMEL

Thousands Have Discovered Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a Harmless Substitute.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the substitute for calomel—are a mild but very laxative, and their effect on the liver is almost instantaneous. They are the result of Dr. Edwards' determination not to treat liver and bowel complaints with calomel. His efforts to banish it brought out these little olive-colored tablets.

These pleasant little tablets do the good that calomel does, but have no bad effects. They don't injure the teeth like strong liquids or calomel. They take hold of the trouble and quickly correct it. They cure the liver at the expense of the trouble. Calomel sometimes plays havoc with the gums. So do strong liquids. It is best to take calomel, but to let Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets take its place.

Most headaches, "dizziness" and the lazy feeling come from constipation and a disordered liver. Take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets when you feel "lousy" and "heavy." Note how they "clear" the brain and how they "perk up" the spirits. 30c and 25c a box. All druggists.

Mexico. Why doesn't he shuffle off and take a chance. Things cannot be any worse.

An automobile built of concrete is announced to cost not to exceed \$300. Heretofore the use of concrete has been confined for the most part to baseball players.

# VICTORY SALE

## Beginning Saturday Morning

MAY 10TH WE WILL LAUNCH THE GREATEST RUG SALE SALEM HAS EVER KNOWN. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RESERVE ONE SINGLE RUG OF OUR PRESENT STOCK. EVERY ONE MUST GO REGARDLESS OF THOUGHT OF PROFIT.

This will be your greatest opportunity of the season to get a fine new rug for one or more of your rooms at a great saving in price. While there are several hundred rugs included in this great sale we advise you to come early.

### Wilton Velvet Rugs

In Tans, Rose, Green or Blue, Suitable for Living Room, Dining Room or Bed Room in small or large patterns as you desire.

- Reg. \$160 Wilton 9x12, sale .....\$119.75
- Reg. \$150 Wilton 9x12, sale .....\$84.90
- Reg. \$95 Wilton 9x12, sale .....\$71.00
- Reg. \$80 Wilton 9x12, sale .....\$59.70

### Tapestry Brussels Rugs

- Reg. \$44 9x12 Brussels, now .....\$34.85
- Reg. \$40 9x12 Brussels, now .....\$31.80
- Reg. \$33 9x12 Brussels, now .....\$24.85
- Reg. \$30 9x12 Brussels, now .....\$21.95
- Reg. \$16 6x9 Brussels, now .....\$9.85



### Fancy Border Rag Rugs

- Regular \$3.35 27x54 special .....\$2.85
- Regular \$5.50 36x63 special .....\$3.95
- Regular \$16.00 6x9 special .....\$13.85
- Regular \$19.50 8x10 special .....\$15.35

### Body Brussels Rugs

In size, pattern and colorings to suit the most critical buyer.

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- Reg. \$60.00 Body Brussels 8.3x10.6, now .....\$44.80
- Reg. \$6.50 Body Brussels 27x54, now .....\$3.80

### Axminster Rugs

- Reg. \$56.50 9x12 rug, special .....\$39.75
- Reg. \$47.50 8.3x10.6 rug, special .....\$34.95
- Reg. \$11.75 3x6 rug, special .....\$8.95
- Reg. \$4.00 27x54 rug, special .....\$2.65
- Reg. \$2.50 18x36 rug, special .....\$1.95

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