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OUTLOOK FOR ENORMOUS BUSINESS.

The following quoted paragraphs are some of the high lights of the current weekly financial letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority:

"Europe appears to be gradually settling down."

"Bolshevism is on the wane."

"Return to normal will progress more rapidly" (after the peace treaty is signed).

"The world's shipping is being augmented by intensified building in all parts of the world, the total under construction now being about 7,796,000 gross tons, of which 5,541,000 tons are in the United States and 2,254,000 tons in the United Kingdom."

"The rate at which our foreign commerce is expanding is indicated by estimates that we shall have a favorable trade balance of $3,000,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30. Of course, Europe cannot pay for this amount in goods or gold. The debt thus incurred must be adjusted partly by credits and partly by investments abroad, etc. How far this debt can be financed here is one of the future problems. The number of foreign banks that have opened branches in this country and, vice versa, the number of American institutions that have opened offices abroad is much larger than commonly supposed and shows the drift of preparations. Our financial resources, however, are sure to be taxed to the utmost, for home demands will be even more insistent and sure to command first consideration."

"Congress may take early action in restoring the roads to their owners, which according to promise the Government must do in as good condition as when taken over."

"It has been proved very effectually that private enterprise, with all its faults, gives better and cheaper service than the Government, which almost invariably compels the taxpayer to pay the losses."

"More new security offerings have been put on the market during the last two weeks than at any time since we entered the war, desirable issues being readily absorbed."

"There is no reason for taking other than hopeful views of the security markets."

All our hopes are on the NC-4.

If Germany got one delay, she would want another.

The three-linkers say they are pleased with Salem. And the sentiment is mutual.

Albania wants the United States as her mandatory. Excuse the blushes. This thing is growing embarrassing.

May there be no more delays in letting the work commence on Salem's paper mill. Let 'er buck.

The "luxury" taxes ought to be taken off of the things that are not luxuries, any way. Like tooth powder, for instance.

Germany wants more time for her reply. The time is up at 1 p. m. today. If she gets more time, it will not be the way Germany would treat the rest of the world if she were the upper dog.

WHO'S FULL OF 'EM?

The advertising columns contain the glad tidings that three pounds of choice prunes may be had for a dollar. Paragraphers who have been making sport of the boarding-house prune may now stand up and be measured for their sackcloth.—Los Angelos Times.

And you'll have to admit that, if they are Oregon prunes, they are worth it.

Worth a dollar a pound, if you could afford it, and you could not get them for three pounds for a dollar.

Prof. Lewis was right, when he told the Salem Commercial Club boosters that the prune has grown from its former lowly estate till it is not only the autocrat of the breakfast table—it is the plutocrat.

But, mind you, the Oregon prune. Not the little French or California prune, that tastes like a laxative medicine; not the Petite prune.

The prune "as is" and is to be constantly and increasingly isser is the Oregon prune, fit for food for the gods.

It's woth a dollar a pound or any other price you can afford to pay.

IN OLDEN TIMES

In the course of court proceedings in the settlement of an estate some books and store records were submitted the other day showing sales of bacon at nine cents a pound, whisky sixty cents a gallon and eggs seven cents a dozen.

But that was back in 1840. Them were the good old days.

DISINTERESTED

The Italians who hung out for Fiume and full mastery of the Adriatic would understand America better if we had demanded Canada as the price of our participation in the war.

They could understand a thing like that very readily and are possibly surprised that we didn't turn up with an agreement from England to that effect.

HISTORY NOTE

Charlemagne destroyed Fiume, 1120 years ago, but it is still on the map, despite some question as to the country to which it is attached.

LARGE AND SENSIBLE

Men of all parties are able to appreciate the sensible and unselfish brand of patriotic servce which has been consistently but unassumingly offered by William Howard Taft.

His amiability was not even disturbed by the incidents of 1912 and his statesmanship is of that sublime quality which finds him incapable of harboring a grudge.

The New York Times remarks: "Mr. Taft has been of vast servce to his country, both in office and out of it. In particular, since the war began he has shown a broad, generous patriotism with very little consideration for partisanship. His work for the league of nations is another evidence of his superiority to the ideas and tactics of the mere partisan."

The fact is, Mr. Taft is one of the wisest and most capabe men of his time—of all time.

It would be fortunate for his country if its people could be assured of his services in the place of highest authority in he reconstruction days of he future—fortunate for his country and for the world at large.

A SONG WELCOME FROM SALEM

The following poem, composed by Mrs. W. M. Siegmund, was sung under the good of the order by the T. L. T. C. club Monday evening at the regular meeting of Salem Rebekah lodge No. 1, as a welcome to the visiting Oddfellows and Rebekahs.

Air: The Bluebird.

Welcome, thrice welcome here,
Brothers and sisters dear,
To our city of Salem where hearts are true,
Old friends gladly we meet,
New friends joyfully greet—
In love, friendship, and truth, we do welcome you.

Chorus:

Somewhere in Oregon, there is a city
Where hearts are true,
And old Willamette is peacefully flowing
To oceans blue,
Where shady bowers are decked with wild flowers
All wet with dew,
And woods are ringing, with song-birds a singing
A welcome to you.
Wild flow'rs bloom in the spring
Wild birds sweet music bring,
And all nature is cheering brave hearts and true.
Look up, smile and be glad,
There's no time to be sad,
In love, friendship, and truth, we do welcome you.

—(Published by request)

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!

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Salem is all right.

Her front name is Hospitality.

She took care of a thousand more Odd Fellows and Rebekahs than were supposed to come, and the Jersey breeders and county agents, too.

Salem has made good her title to being a real convention city.

The Germans have another week for their hop-off.

Jubilee implies a period of fifty years. In the days when the Israelites were true to their Mosaic laws, they celebrated their jubilee periods every fifty years, when all slaves were made free, and all lands alienated from families were returned—and in various other ways a new deal was made all around and a new start mde. In later times, the word jubilee got mixed with the Latin jubilum, which meant jubilation or exuberant celebration. And the words did not fit badly for the meanings they conveyed. But the Oregon Jersey men will not wait anything like fifty years for another jubilee over another world's record. That is the confident prediction of the Bits for Breakfast crank. Marion, Marion county, Oregon, is out after other worlds records. Vive La France, the greatest Jersey cow in the world, can beat her own record. And so will some of her blood relatives. These are great days for Oregon Jersey breeders. And greater days are to come.

FUTURE DATES.

May 19 to 23—Odd Fellows grand lodge and State Rebekah assembly meet in Salem.
May 20 to 25—Oregon Jersey jubilee.
May 22, 23 and 24—Western Oregon Girls conference, Salem.
May 23, Friday—Grand Army veterans visit Salem schools.
May 28, Wednesday—Recital by senior music students of Willamette university.
May 30, Friday—Memorial Day.
June 3, Tuesday—Special election in Oregon.
June 5, Thursday — Amalgamized commercial clubs of Marion county to meet in Salem.
June (dates to be selected)—State encampment Spanish war veterans.
June 7, Saturday—Annual picnic of Polk County Farmers union, Rickreall grove.
June 7 to 11—Historic pageant commemorating 75th anniversary of Willamette university.
June 8, Sunday—Willamette university baccalaureate sermon, First Methodist church.
June 20 to July 13—Methodist Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio.
June 22 to 30—Salvation Army fund drive by Elks.
July 3 and 4—State encampment of United Spanish war veterans in Salem.
August 14, 15, and 16.—Elks state convention at Klamath Falls.
September 22-27—Fifty-eighth Oregon state fair.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By DORRIS LEAH SIKES

FOLLOWING an annual custom in Salem committees have been appointed from the G. A. R. and Sedgwick women's relief corps to visit the different educational institutions of the city for a patriotic meeting prior to Memorial Day. At each school there will be short addresses and patriotic music. Committees from the relief corps are: Willamette university, Vera Byars Glover, Helen Southwick, Mary Halley, Ida Babcock, Mrs. Keeney; Salem high school, Effie Dunlap, Emma Byars, Katie Schott, Alice Davies, Lizzie Bushnell, Lorella Engstrom; Washington, Mollie Dennison, Louis Short, Margaret Lewis, Sarah Drager, Mary Briggs; Lincoln, Lizzie W. Smith, Florence Shipp, Mary Shain, Hannah Higgins, Celestine Emmett; Garfield Rachel Ruth, Cretoria Pasco, Lelia Jerman, Delia Clearwater; Grant, Laura B. Blanche Davis, Leila Mason, Martha Goode, Mary Lickel, Ada Simpson, Margaret Ackerman; Englewood, Hattie Jewett, Hattie Skelton, Blanche Davis, Leila Mason, Martah Williams; Highland, Cordelia Le Bare, Sarah Peterson, Julia Blodgett, Prudence Bouffleur, Myrtle Bechtel, La Moine R. Clark; Park, Florence Spencer, Susan Salmon, Suzana Betts, Ruth Dennison, Viola Tyler; Richmond, Mary Entrees, Chloe Barber, Edith Benedict, Eliza Ackerman; Salem Heights, Rose Varis, Mary Watson, Ellen Thompson, Elizabeth Bullock, Mary Neyhart; Sacred Heart academy, Mary Cook, Elizabeth Remington, Myra Dotson, Mary Davis, Rose Hagedorn; Chemawa, Margaret Stoltz, Ida May Newmeyer Antoinette Bennett, Louis Kropps, Eugenia Gillingham.

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Mrs. O. J. Runcorn is spending a few days as the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Runcorn of Independence.

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The Tuesday Night Hiking club enjoyed a most delightful time last evening at Sweet Brier, the attractive home of Mrs. W. M. Hamilton on Fairmount hill. After a picnic lunch on the lawn with the Misses Vera Perkins and Irene Ringheim, of the Lincoln school acting as hostesses, the remainder of the evening was spent on the broad veranda. The club has enjoyed many pleasant hikes this spring and has several morn planned for the next few weeks. Next Saturday about forty will spend the day at Silver Creek falls and the next Tuesday evening will be spent at the boys' training school. On the Saturday following, May 31, will occur the much anticipated trip to Larch mountain.

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Norlyn P. Hoff son of State Treasurer and Mrs. O. P. Hoff of Salem and Miss Minnie D Alexander of Portland were married Sunday noon at the Rodney avenue church in Portland. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hoff and the bride's father, Charles F. Alexander. The groom has just returned from overseas and has resumed work at the State Bank in Portland. The bride was smartly gowned in a tailored suit of blue and wore a corsage bouquet of Cecil Brunner roses. The home of the young couple will be at the Arline apartments.

Following the wedding ceremony a buffet wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Brown, Miss Georgia Broyles, Mrs. Virginia Donnaly, Miss Grace Babcock, Miss Bertha Broyles, Miss Julia Webster, Miss Margaret Hodge, Miss Nellie Schwab and Miss Mary Schwab made up a party to Portland Wednesday for the John McCormack concert. They will return today.

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Mrs. Emily Cornell, of Portland, is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Lauterman and Mrs. Ida P. Babcock for a few days.

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Roscoe Dickey, Jr., celebrated his birthday with a merry little party at his home, 1490 North Fifth street, Saturday afternoon. After an afternoon of games dainty refreshments were served to the small guests by Mrs. Dickey, assisted by Mrs. H A. Persey.

Those invited were Ruth Roberts, Frederick Hageman, Harold Persey, Edward Roth, Esther Kenscher, Clinton Lovell, Glenn Weigle, Doris Armstrong, Irene Kenscher, Carl Roth Elfa Persey, and Constance Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wickert of Escanaba, Mich. are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schultz, on the river road below Salem. Mrs. Wickert is a sister of Mr. Schultz. The visitors are touring the west, and they are very much impressed with Salem and the surrounding country. They will visit Portland and vicinity and attend the rose fair there then go on to California before returning to theim home in Michigan.

Miss Elizabeth Levy of Salem attended the second of the spring recitals given by the Albany college conservatory of music on Tuesday. The recital was given at the First Presbyterian church at Albany under the direction of Miss Clement. The program consisted of violin, vocal and piano solos by the pupils of the college of music. The crowd of 750 people present enthusiastically received the violin renditions by the pupils of Miss Levy, who is violin instructor at the college.

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Miss Ruth Bedford and Miss Joanna James, two young musicians of Salem, will be presented in recital, piano and vocal, at the First Congregational church Tuesday, May 27. The presentation will be under the direction of Miss Beatrice Shelton and Miss Minnetta Magers.

Read the Classified Ads.

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