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MUCH BETTER THAN GOLD MINES

All power to Salem! Oregon's capital city, after decades of sustenance by state institutions and the biennial excitement of the legislature, is launching strongly into commercial organization for the promotion of industry. It is such united effort that builds cities. The fact that Salem is the center of an agricultural district of inexhaustible vitality represents to it more wealth and hope for the future than to be the home of state institutions, or even the capital of Oregon.—Portland Journal, September 15.

Thank you, neighbor.

And what you say is manifestly true.

The "agricultural district of inexhaustible vitality" which surrounds Salem is capable of supporting here a city of 100,000 prosperous people, and then some.

The rich farming lands are better than rich gold mines.

The richest gold mines are finally worked out.

The farming lands around Salem will be richer and more productive fifty years from now; and still more so a hundred years hence; and a thousand years in the future.

It is so in France.

It is so in Germany, where \$700 an acre was a low price for land before the war.

With constantly more acres brought under intensive cultivation, and constantly more to the acre, in the country around Salem, and with a market in Salem for all that can be produced on the soil, there is a combination that will make Salem as solid as Gibraltar in every sense of solidity as applied to cities.

It is a combination that cannot be beaten.

It is an insurance policy on the future.

It is "as good as wheat," and a great deal better than wheat. For wheat is a proposition of \$20 to \$75 an acre, while vegetables and fruits will run all the way from \$400 to \$1300 an acre, and on up.

And new money every year.

Already manufacturing industries depending on the patronage of the manufacturing industries already here are headed for Salem.

It will be a continual procession from now on, with Salem growing as fast as houses can be provided for the people who want to come.

Bankers predict that high prices will prevail for the next ten years. Of course that includes interest.

Exchange. No; it does not. The trend is in the opposite direction, decidedly, and will no doubt so continue.

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All aboard for Salem, from all over Oregon.

You have an official invitation to come to the greatest fair west of the Rockies, in Salem, this week.

See Mexico first—by joining the army.

This country can never endure half soviet and half democratic.

Generally fair promised for the Pacific states this week. Thanks.

It was the late Rev. Bob Burdette who used to say that the funniest thing in this world were the people. Ain't it the truth?

There really ought to be a tax on the government—it is about the highest priced luxury of which we have any knowledge.

Retail food prices in August in Washington were the highest ever known, and 1 per cent higher than in July; despite all the government regulations and prosecutions and price fixings. What this country needs is to hark back to supply and demand, with all the brakes off; and with everybody at work.

Astronomy, even in an elemental form, should be among the first subjects chosen by those who educate the young. It would give them an increasing reverence for the giant forces behind the universe. It would show them "The work of Thy hands which Thou hast ordained."

The Bishop of Birmingham said at a Los Angeles luncheon: "Church-going becomes rarer and rarer among the people as the years pass. In Birmingham one Sunday morning a club man, seated at a club window, looked up from his Sunday paper and said: 'By George, there's Thompson and his wife on their way to church! I wonder what's up?' 'It's either,' said a second club man, 'that Thompson has had another attack of heart trouble, or else Mrs. Thompson has got a new dress.'"

LITERATURE AND LIFE.

Literature is wonderful, but it is never as wholesome as life. It is good to read great books, but

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better still is it to live "Down Among Men."

It is fine to listen to a masterpiece performed by a genius, but better still is it to go out and hear the birds sing and the rivers laugh.

Pictures, too, are well worth while, but nothing ever exhibited in a salon is as inspiring to an awakened mind as the sight of a real landscape at dawn or under the starlight.

The artist sometimes is capable of suggesting the ideal in his painting, but God Almighty impresses the very image of Himself upon the mountain side and writes his thoughts in floral letters in the meadows and the glens. Gaughin once said to Zola, "Your civilization is your disease, but my barbarism is my restoration to health."

THE BREEZY CRUSADER.

Billy Sunday says that he is going to pound the everlasting daylight and nightlights out of the social evil, now that whisky is gone.

This evil has been healthily abated in many communities where it was wont to be paraded; but there is enough of it left to engage the bristling activities of Sweet William for a time.

You can't lose Billy. In the grand finale he will have the heavenly choir singing out of his book.

DUE CREDIT GIVEN.

Some friends had been twitting a well-known doctor of divinity on the well-known tendency of ministers and lawyers to write unreadable hands, but the divine was too much for them.

"When it comes to poor writing, the ministers and lawyers do not stand utterly alone," he declared. "I recall Billy, a small Sunday-

school pupil of mine, whose grandmother gave him \$10 on his birthday. Billy took it to the bank and received the customary bank book in which the cashier made the entry 'By cash, \$10.'

"A day or so later Billy saw his grandmother and in thanking her said:

"I was awful surprised when you gave me so much money, and the man at the bank was too, 'cause he wrote in my book, 'By gosh \$10.'"

—Chicago News.

AUTUMN.

The yellow ochre of the stubble fields,

The echoing bell notes born of meadow larks,

The amber, sunset sky that slowly yields

To rose, then violet, burnished by the marks

Of autumn's brush, all form a pictured scene

Which yearly flares upon the shifting stage

Of time, and from whose fading tints we glean

Some transient color for our own life's page.

Each fall the echo of the spring's dead voice,

Each fall the herald of a newer spring,

At once we weep and timidly rejoice.

Our hearts quick throbbing at an inward ring

Of feeling, at our feet the swirl of leaves,

Above our heads the hazy, orange sun.

The granaries, bursting with their gold-crowned sheaves,

Seem virtuously to smile at tasks well done.

Like dying sun, like flowers, like wasting leaves,

Like shapeless seeds asleep beneath the snow,
The straying will itself new strength retrieves
From soundless solitude and seeks to know
The peace of quietness, the power of thought
In minutes snatched from din and pomp and glare,
Thus man, with fancy free and will drawn taut,
Emerges, vernal, towards the impersonal air.
—Mildred Stewart.

SMALL COMFORT.

It is said that the cost of living in Paris 200 years ago was much higher than it is in America today. Of course that ought to cheer us all up considerably—but will it

THE POET'S CORNER.

Why not turn Flume over to the poets under Gabrielle d'Annunzio? some one suggests.

Let the birds have a mandatory over this tit-bit of the Adriatic and let it be ruled by sonnet and rondeau rather than blunt ordinance. This should certainly make for the peace of the world.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Fair and gentle winds.

That sounds mighty good.

The Hunt Bros. cannery, down on Front Acreet in Salem, has just finished on Bartlett pears. There were 925 tons, making 50,000 cases of canned pears. The price paid the growers was \$65 to \$80 a ton, although last year it was \$32.50 to \$37.50. Hunt Bros. have been paying \$3,000 a week in wages to 400 people working in their cannery. Some business!

Kids, only one more week of vacation.

Wanted, sunshine for fair week—then for a couple more weeks for prune picking—then it may rain.

But the road builders and many others with outside work would like to have sunshine till away into November—and such weather is not unusual.

Looks like 76 votes in the United States senate for ratification with the four reasonable reservations, and 20 against. That's a margin of four. There are 96 senators, and a three-fourths vote will require 72.

Now, what the United States wants, and the world is waiting for, is the final vote and "30" on the galvest. The "30" being printing office parlance for "final" or "nifty" or "she's" it, or "cut it out," or any old way of designating the end, amen.

Professor Todd, whoever he is, says he talked with Mars. Wonder if he told them about the Germans being licked.

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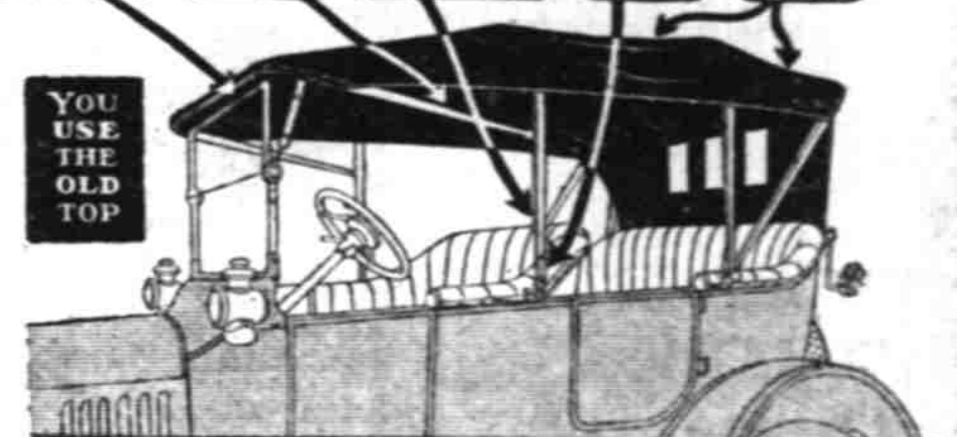
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