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## OUR COLD WEATHER TROUBLES

The people of Salem are cheerful—most of them.

It is the Salem way.

Oh, yes, there are two or three grouches; but they only prove the rule of general cheerfulness under difficulties.

This is the coldest weather here for thirty-five years; and perhaps the deepest snow; some say two feet, and some an inch or two or three less. And the thermometer was below zero Thursday night—some say two or three degrees below; and others ten or twelve degrees.

In Portland it was officially reported five above.

A Salem old timer says this was the coldest weather in the history of Salem; that the thermometer never before got down to the zero mark.

Any way, it was unusual.

And it is all right to date all records from this time—say two feet of snow on the level, and zero (or around zero) weather.

Pipes have been frozen up in the warmest houses.

There has been a great deal of discomfort. The newspaper carriers have had difficulty in getting papers delivered—though they have generally done well, walking with heavy packs on their backs through the deep snow; there was no other way.

But, with all this; and a hundred more cold weather troubles, there has been general cheerfulness.

Last evening the gas plant quit going; froze up.

But the Statesman, several years ago, provided itself with a gasoline outfit for its linotype machines—and the office force went to it, with the help of two mighty fine fellows who are plumbers. A little after 9 o'clock last night, the connections were finished, and the Intertype was casting "slugs" in forty minutes after a shut-down to repair a leak, too; and the three linotypes were "on the job" in about an hour.

The Statesman is somewhat disfigured and small in size this morning, as a consequence of the giving out of the gas plant—but it is still in the ring.

Let's all forget our troubles and be cheerful.

It will be all the same to all of us a hundred years from now.

Cheer up; the worst may be yet to come; but it will not last long.

Have you fed the birds? And watered them? Remember the latter; few do.

Berbert Hoover is getting some votes in the straw balloting for president.

The old timers are all out of business. The "coldest spell" dates from Thursday night. It was below zero;

how much, let the future tell. But it was two to five degrees below for a little while in the night; and some say as much as 12 below in some exposed places in Salem.

Just at this time a week twice as long, with everybody employed, is the chief desideratum in America.

Bulgaria has the largest wheat crop in her history and the value of it is placed at \$250,000,000. This should ease the situation in Central

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Europe somewhat, but it is interesting to note that the wheat crop of a single state in this country—Kansas—is worth almost as much as the Bulgarian crop. The prices which prevail here are the top of the world.

This was a "sport" snow storm. Cottage Grove has not a flake of snow. What is the fare to Cottage Grove?

General Obregon, who is at the head of the anti-Carranza forces, has but one arm. He is doing so well with a single arm that it is a guess what he might do if he had two.

Women voters in New York are insisting upon cleaner polling places. Have they started out on a campaign for cleaner politics? If so, more power to 'em.

New Hampshire will be the next state to hold a presidential primary—March 9. This is the native state of General Leonard Wood and, as the custom is for other candidates not to invade the home state of any other candidate, it is likely there will be no opposition whatever to the election of Wood delegates there. Illinois will be the first big state, with a candidate of its own, to hold a preferential primary. April 13 is the date set, and Governor Frank O. Lowden will no doubt get the fifty-eight delegates from that state without opposition.

## UNCOMMON COMMONS.

Lady Nancy Astor received more votes in her contest for a seat in the British house of commons than the combined ballots of her two male opponents.

She won on her merits, on her advertising—or both.

It's mighty uncommon for a woman to be in the commons. With her husband in the house of lords the family has broken a world record for parliamentary representation. And it is really an American family, a that.

## PETTICOAT GOVERNMENT.

Without wishing to rub Mrs. Catt the wrong way there is regret at her expressing herself to the effect that the American political system is all wrong.

That is what the Russians and the Socialists are saying, but we know they themselves are wrong and we will not permit them to act upon their assumption.

Mrs. Catt reasons from another standpoint, but that she reaches the

same declaration lends some encouragement to the alien agitator, which is something the suffrage leader would not willingly do. If women who now have their "rights" can see nothing but wrongs and go before the public merely to scold, the great opportunity of the sex in furnishing counsel and sympathetic support for an orderly program is threatened.

## A HOPEFUL SIGN.

Alarming as is the situation that confronts the United States because of the appalling spread of radicalism, particularly in the ranks of organized labor, there is one encouraging feature. That is that the cooler-headed leaders of organized labor and an increasing proportion of its more intelligent members are coming to a realization of the danger to organized labor itself and are doing their best to stem the tide.—Pacific Commercial Advertiser.

## NOSKE, MAN OF IRON.

Germany's new "man of iron," Gustav Noske, is now defying both the upper and the under world by a war on vice. He started in life as a tramping basket-maker, getting a job wherever one was to be found, forced at times to ask for bread and a place to sleep. He is regarded as the coming ruler of Germany, and Editor Maximilian Harden repeatedly refers to Berlin as "Noskow." He is uncouth, "offensively defensive" and knows his own mind. The basket-makers' union has expelled him as "a traitor to labor."—Boston Post

## PLANTATION DAYS.

With cotton selling around a dollar a pound the South is still in the saddle.

## THE SMOKE SCREEN.

America is using five times as many cigarettes as it did five years ago. Making this a smokeless world is going to be a task for the reformers.

## VANISHING COIN.

With our gold gone into hiding and our silver dollar being shipped to the Orient for a premium, what are we going to have left to play Santa Claus with? We positively must have something to jingle.

## MINISTER WANTS TO HELP.

It is only natural that one who has been relieved from suffering should feel grateful and want to help others. Rev. W.F.M. Swyndole, 818 Elm St., Macon, Ga., writes: "My kidneys gave me much trouble before I took Foley Kidney Pills. I am ready at any time to speak a word for Foley Kidney Pills." J. C. Perry.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Have you any pipe dreams?

The snow did one good thing.

It saved most of the loganberry vines from freezing.

And we will all feel better when it rains—if it does not come in a long, hard downpour, with a chinook. What we want is a nice, gentle, Oregon mist.

After this, the boys and girls of the present can be the "old timers." Everything will date from the hard winter of 1919.

Those nine houses that will have to be moved in order to give Hunt Bros. Packing company room to double the size of their cannery should be moved to other locations. They will all be needed, and in no more. It is a great thing for Salem that the Hunts are making such an expansion.

There are other big things for Salem in the air; not yet ready to be announced.

The "next time," likely, all of us still on deck will have forgotten the precaution we should have taken to obviate the discomforts and inconveniences of this cold spell.

## MEN PRACTICE AT Y. M. C. A.

Eleven Basketball Games Are Scheduled by Willamette University

Although all water pipes at the Willamette gymnasium are frozen solid, making basketball practice there impossible, the university boys have not stopped in their daily workouts. Coach Matthews having secured the Y. M. C. A. gym for them. Since Coach Matthews' return from Seattle where he attended the meeting of the Northwest Athletic conference, basketball has been a lively feature of Willamette university activities. Nearly 20 men have been picked for work out on the first squad and these men are each day given a stiff practice by the coach.

For the position of forward, Captain Wapato will lead. Others who have a chance for this position are Esteb, who played with the varsity several years ago, Gillette, Doney and Gauzans. Jackson and Austin are out for center. R. Dimick, Rarey, McKittrick, Irvine, Warren and W. Socolofsky are in the ring for guard positions. From these 13 men Coach Matthews expects to pick a team that will put up a hard fight before the

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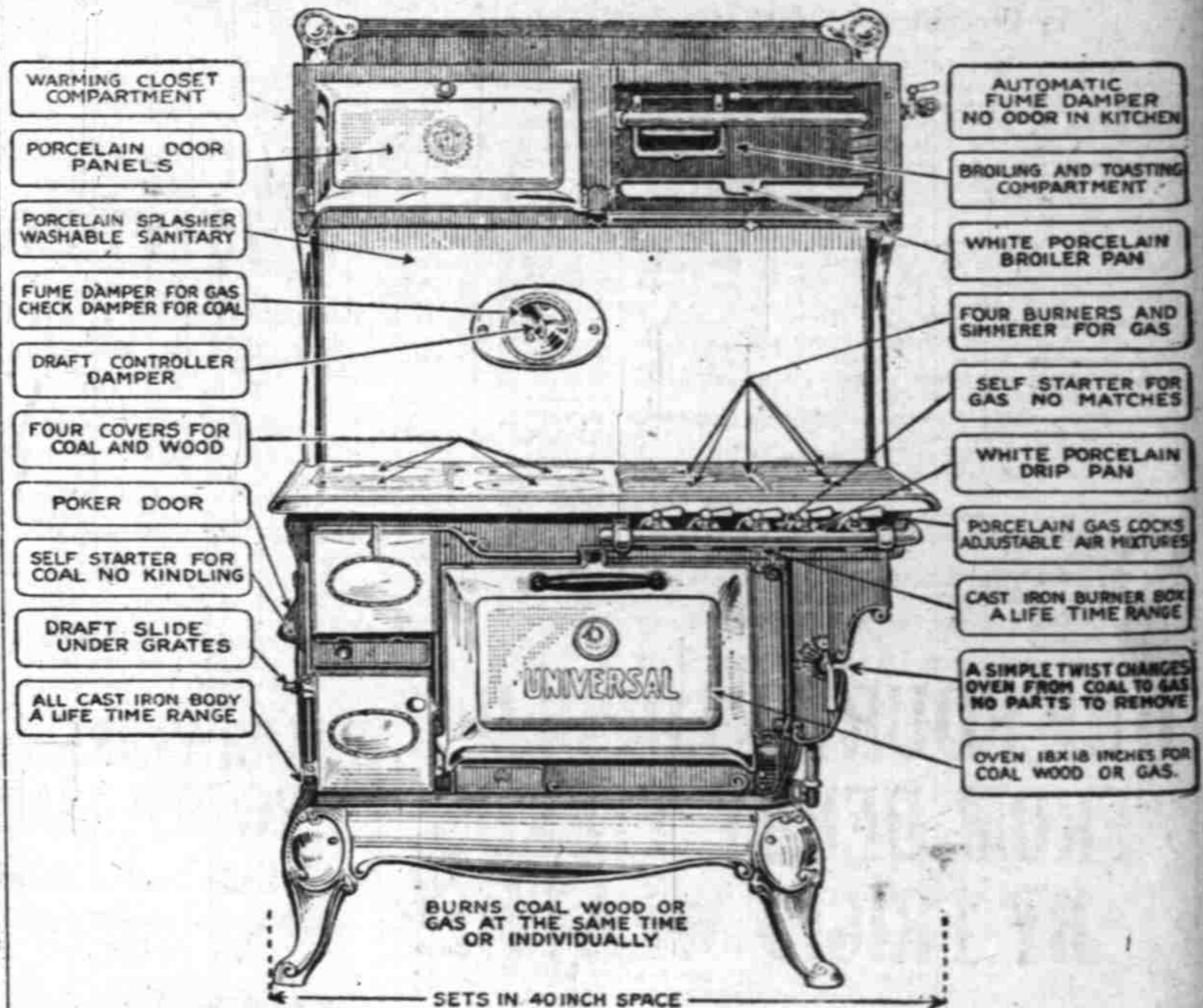
other conference teams here this winter. Although a complete schedule has not yet been made, 11 games have been signed up for sure with other colleges. Of these 11 conference games, five will be played in Salem. Following is the schedule as it now stands:  
January 14—Whitman college, Salem.  
January 15—Whitman college, Salem.  
January 22—O. A. C. at Salem.  
January 23—O. A. C. at Corvallis.  
January 30—U. of O., Eugene.  
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