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ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ON THE FARMS

Editor Statesman:

In response to your request as to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.'s line extension policy, I wish to advise that the proposition which we make to people who want us to extend our electric light and power lines to their premises for the purpose of supplying them with electric light and power service, is as follows:

We agree tot extend our lines and supply the service at our regular tariff rates which are in effect within the city limits of Salem and Portland, provided the prospective customers who desire to use the service will advance to us the cost of installing the necessary poles, wires, etc., on the condition that we will credit the amount thus advanced by them to their account with us for electric light and power service, and that we will deduct from that credit their bills for electric light and power service furnished to them for a period of two years, after which time they are to pay the company for the service furnished at the regular rates.

The cost of extending our lines in the rural districts, runs between $1200.00 and $1500.00 per mile, according to local conditions, at the present prices for labor and material.

We are willing to make estimates of the exact cost of extending our lines in any district upon receipt of a petition from the residents who desire the service. We prefer to prepare the form of petition to use in such cases, and will do so upon request at any time.

We will send a representative to attend any meeting called to consider the extension of our lines, for the purpose of giving more detailed information regarding the extension, and being of any other assistance that we can in any way.

PORTLAND RAILWAY LIGHT & POWER CO.
W. M. Hamilton, Division Manager.

The above communication, dated Salem, January 23, is in response to an inquiry from The Statesman.

The reader will readily see that for any farm community near a supply line of the above company to secure electric light and power service at the same rates paid in Salem or Portland it is only necessary for individual farmers to pay their bills two years in advance.

That is, if a sufficient number of them who desire such service will join in the contract.

The Willamette valley division of the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., of which Mr. Hamilton is manager, embraces Salem, Silverton, Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Gervais and Monitor.

The Statesman is not boosting especially for this company.

It is for any scheme that will put electric light and power on the farms of Marion and Polk counties—in order that farm life may be made more attractive; in order that the boys and girls may be kept on the farms, and workers attracted to the farms, to cultivate the land intensively; to raise the things needed by Salem factories and shippers—to build up Salem.

That is what it all comes to.

That is our selfish interest.

A selfishness that is also altruistic.

For better conditions on the farms will make not only more prosperous farmers— they will make better farmers morally, intellectually, physically.

With electricity on the farms, the water running over the falls at Oregon City, or in any of the harnessed streams coursing down the sides of the Cascades or the Coast Range, or through our valleys, will eventually:

Light the farm homes;

And sweep the floors; and wash the clothes; and churn the butter; and cook the meals, heat the rooms, milk the cows, do the chores, saw the wood, freeze the ice, cool the rooms—in short, do a thousand things already thought of and a thousand others yet to be thought of, to make life pleasant and agreeable.

And to add to the value of man power and woman power.

With paved roads, which are now coming to Marion and Polk counties as fast as labor and materials can be had to build them, electricity on the farms will extend the city limits out to take in 100,000 people, instead of the 17,000 to 20,000 now within the corporate bounds of Salem—

That is, for all practical purposes.

And the number will grow to a million.

The family living out ten miles from Salem, with a motor vehicle, will be closer to Salem in point of time than the suburban resident of Portland, or any other large city, is to the center of the city, by street railway line.

There is just one sure way to increase the population of Salem, within approximately what is the present city limits, to 100,000 people.

That way is to bring the land in the surrounding country into intensive cultivation.

And the sure way to do this is to make the farm conditions ideal, with telephones, daily newspapers, paved roads, electric light and power, and all the comforts of the city home within reach of the farm home.

Popular Russian song just now: "Whoa, Emma."

The chances are that if Josephus Daniels had to do it over again he would stick to that editing job.

What do you know about celery? Tell it to The Statesman, for the Salem slogan pages of Thursday.

Duroc day in Salem a week from tomorrow. It will be a big day for hogs, including most of us.

Lodge and Wilson both seem irreconcilable. In which case both should be put under the steam roller.

The world's debt is five times as large as before the war; then forty billions, now two hundred billions. It would seem staggering if one did not consider that it is owed largely to the people who must pay it.

So far nobody has suggested that the trouble of President Wilson may possibly be due to Wood alcohol.

David Lloyd George is still on the rope stretched across the abyss of English politics, but it is wobbly.

The fact that Bryan is again cavorting around is an awful boost for the Dr. Conan Doyle theory that the dead can come back.

There will be no parlor car route for the nomination of Gov. Lowden, the son-in-law of George M. Pullman, to the presidency. This is official, and there is no charge for the information. — Los Angeles Times.

The Emblem of Superior Optical Service. Look for it when you buy your glasses

AWAY WITH HIM!

In response to Jewish demands, the board of education of Newark, N. J., has barred Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" from study or reading in the schools; and now some canny Scots are demanding that "Macbeth" shall likewise, on similar grounds, be excluded.

We are informed that a numerously-signed petition from the Greeks will presently be directed against "Troilus and Cressida" and also "Timon of Athens." The Italians are rising as one man against "Othello" because of the libel of Iago upon their race. Denmark will make diplomatic representations if we do not keep "Hamlet" off the boards. "Henry V" will doubtless be barred from France because of its reflections upon French military prowess. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" is anathematized in Wales. All Illyria is up in arms against "Twelfth Night." Egypt will have none of "Antony and Cleopatra." As for England itself, if it continues to tolerate "Lear" and "Richard III" it will be sheer mockery to sing "Britons nee-e-ever will be slaves!"

We reckon that Shakespeare will be glad to have Bacon charged with the authorship of his libelous plays, after all!—Harvey's Weekly.

THE SPENDERS.

If Croesus were alive today,
I wonder what he'd think
About the price he'd have to pay
For things like food and drink?

If Midas of the golden touch
Were on our busy street
He'd have to work his fingers much
When it came time to eat.

The spendthrift lords of ages past
Would stand in mute dismay
And watch the wastrels as they cast
Their golden store away.

The splendor of old Babylon,
The pride of ancient Tyre,
Seem puny by comparison
With Gotham's gilded pyre.

The purple sails upon the Nile,
As borne by Egypt's queen,
Wouldn't patch Hades half a mile
For Princess Gasoline.

The apples of Hesperides.
Though of untarnished gold,
Would seem like dismal parodies
Where Jonathans are sold.

In the wild days of long ago,
When kings and earls saw red,
They could not make the money go
As men today are bled.

Man's measured not by what he is—
They ask how much he has— ....
And life is either froth and fizz
Or else it's mostly jazz.

—Eugene Brown.

THE RISING MAJORITY.

Every ten years we are reminded by the census returns where the real majority is. It is not in either of the great political parties; it is in none of the leading religious sects; it is with neither the masculine nor feminine voters of the states nor with any collection of men and women, organized or unorganized, anywhere in this country. The majority of Americans are our youth. It is a comforting reflection, for the children of any nation, first and last, are the best people in it, morally, physically and, in many respects, mentally. In many ways they are harder to fool than grown-ups; they are clearer of vision, and their basic sense of right and wrong is fresher and better. Many a youth in his nonage is more thoroughly qualified to exercise the franchise than his father, although the realization of this fact would surprise both father and son.

That the youth of America is fitted to weigh and consider the great issues that are now confronting the nation is shown by the straw vote recently take among the leading educational institutions of the country on the league of nations. The vast majority of the students voted in favor of ratification, either on the basis agreed upon by the other parties to the league or with compromise modifications of the Lodge reservations. There is no doubt that the decision of the students is in line with the opinion of the voting public, which, through various organizations, is from day to day bringing pressure to bear upon the incroyables of both sides in the senate deadlock. Mighty little consolation is afforded the bitter-enders in any of these communications.

The place of the United States is in the league of free nations, not out of it.

The obstacles that have been placed in the way of our occupying that place are petty, personal and partisan, from whichever side of the deadlock they may come. The people never are in sympathy with a policy of mere objection and delay. They want action in the present exigency, and they will have it, either by the recalcitrant senate, or by a ballot revenge upon such stiff-necked toga-wearers as set their own pride of place and power above the popular conscience.

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Community Service Classes Cut "High Cost of Living"

The difficult art of cutting material for dresses and of fitting garments is taught to young women in communities throughout the United States by Community Service instructors. The picture shows members of a class watching the teacher demonstrate the fine points of cutting. The class, typical of many being conducted by Community Service, includes young matrons interested in making their own clothes as a means of cutting the cost of living.

IN THE BLOOD.

Here was one strike without bloodshed and yet it was perhaps the bloodiest strike on record. In a hospital in New York the men who have been accustomed to selling their blood for transfusion operations went on a strike. They demanded a 50 per cent increase. Some months ago they were paid at the rate of $30 a pint for the life current, but this was recently advanced to $40. This was not satisfactory, however, and a few days ago they served notice that they must have $60 a pint. The doctors and hospital officials refused to pay this fresh demand and the men went on a strike. They tied up such cases and operations as were then pending and declared they would never shed another drop of blood unless they were paid their price.

They would hoard their blood in their own veins unless their terms were met.

The doctors were up the stump for a short time and some of their cases were imperiled, but an appeal to student nurses met with a hearty response. The students appeared as strike breakers in large numbers and offered to shed their crimson current in any quantity desired. This broke the back of the strike at once. The next day the professionals appeared at the hospital and begged to be tapped at the same old rate. Another strike had failed.

Should I Wear Glasses?

There's such a thing as wearing glasses when you should not, and not wearing them when you should. It is a mistake to do either.

Many cases of painful eyesight are merely due to a need to wear glasses; or, are caused by the wearing of glasses that do not accurately correct the defect. There are also cases in which, though the right lenses are worn, the good results expected are not realized, because the glasses are not so mounted on the face that the lines of vision and the optical centers of the lenses coincide.

My many years of scientific training and practical experience enable me not only to ascertain the exact nature of your eye trouble but also to apply the exact correction in the right way.

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Red Cross Rushes Help to Stricken Families

Through the Portland chapter of the Red Cross the northwest division has sent four nurses and supplies for 50 beds to Harney county where 150 cases of influenza are reported. Harney county has only one practicing physician and efforts are being made through the state and the federal health departments to send additional physicians to the stricken area.

Appeals to Governor Olcott have come by telegraph from Harney county officials, and since the state health board has no authority or funds to send additional physicians the executive appealed to the northwest division of the Red Cross at Seattle.

Manager Earl Kilpatrick of the northwest division of the Red Cross says in his telegram that he understands the state health department has authority from Surgeon General Blue to send physicians, and that while the Red Cross has no such authority, it will assume the authority temporarily.

Read the Classified Ads.

And in the kitchen, too—

● In the preparation of simple or elaborate foods—as well as on the table—DEL MONTE Catsup is the great destroyer of monotony and dullness of flavor. It is the secret of many a much-praised sauce. Economical foods made of "left-overs" are often hailed as delicious new dishes when DEL MONTE Catsup is used in their preparation.

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BREAKFAST SUGGESTIONS—Add DEL MONTE Catsup to the omelet or use alone in a dressing for eggs served the favorite way.

FOR LUNCHEON—Serve with cheese on boiled rice. Add to hash before browning in pan. Use with grated cheese as a dressing for fish. Use in sandwich filling. Add it to mayonnaise or cooked dressing, for flavor.

FOR DINNER—Add to soups, to oyster cocktail, serve with fried oysters, use in croquettes, add to gravies, serve on chops. You will discover dozens of appetizing uses for DEL MONTE Catsup.

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