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THE GREAT VALUE OF WOOD ASHES

Wonder how many of the subscribers of The Statesman took especial notice of the statement concerning the value of wood ashes, in the article of Luther J. Chapin, in yesterday's issue?

"Based on the average chemical analysis, of potash 5.5 per cent., phosphoric acid 1.9 per cent. and lime 34.3 per cent., wood ashes, which have been kept dry, have a present fertilizer value of about \$45 a ton, or \$2.25 per hundred pounds."

A rather startling statement.

It is based on the retail prices of fertilizers in 100 pound lots or less such as would be purchased for the small garden.

In the light of the above quoted statement, how much in value do you suppose the people of Salem are throwing away each year?

Mr. Chapin points out that the soils of this section are peculiarly deficient in the elements that are carried in wood ashes.

Any farmer who has ever cleared land can testify to evidences of this.

He can remember the infinitely ranker growth of vegetation in any spot where, for instance, oak grubs have been burned.

We are a wasteful people, after all.

Compared with the people of the countries where population is dense, like France and Belgium and Germany and China and Japan, where every last morsel of fertilizing substance is conserved—

Even down to what would be considered in this country vulgar display.

It is to be hoped that every person in this section who has or can get the use of even a small plot of land will follow the series of articles in The Statesman on Thursdays, by Mr. Chapin, on Vegetable Gardening.

"More acres and more to the acre" is a slogan that will appropriately apply to town and suburban homes, as well as to the country, where only about half of all our available land is in cultivation, and where the land that is in cultivation could be made to produce several times in value what it is now annually turning off.

THE ESSAY CONTEST IN THE SCHOOLS

State of Oregon, Executive Department, Salem

February 2, 1920

"To the Teachers and School Children of Oregon:

"My attention has been directed to the plan of the War Department to arouse interest in recruiting for the United States Army.

"The plan, as I understand it, is to enhance interest in recruiting through the medium of essays written by school children on the subject: 'What Are the Benefits of an Enlistment in the United States Army?'

"The three boys and girls receiving the highest award from a board of judges consisting of Secretary of War Baker, General Peyton C. March and General John J. Pershing will be given trips to Washington, D. C., and return, accompanied by parents or guardians, and at Washington, D. C., on May 5, 1920, these boys and girls will be presented with medals by Secretary of War Baker.

Other prizes have been provided for, including a large number of prizes to be awarded to Oregon boys and girls by newspapers, business and mercantile houses and others.

"It is with pleasure I lend my endorsement to this plan. It is a move which will develop a higher sense of patriotism not only in our boys and girls, but in our adults, as well. For this reason I call upon the teachers in the public schools of the state to set aside a portion of Friday, February 20, 1920, as a time in which essays on this subject are to be written by school children in the class rooms of the schools of the state. I trust that every teacher will see that the keenest interest is manifested in this plan for the promotion of patriotism and the protection of our nation and its homes.

"—Ben W. Olcott, Governor."

The above endorsement of Oregon's Governor is in line with the action being taken by chief executives in all the states, and by mayors and school authorities very generally.

The Marion and Polk county school superintendents are taking action, as suggested in The Statesman of yesterday morning.

To the \$25 cash prizes offered for Marion and Polk counties by The Statesman, other prizes are being added, for these counties, and for Salem; and perhaps other towns in these two counties will join.

The Statesman will be pleased to hear from all who are interested—all who offer prizes.

Let's go after the medals.

Let's send some of our boys and girls to Washington; to show that we are in line with the highest thought and the best purposes of the nation.

Next Salem slogan, onions. And it cannot be made too strong.

Perhaps the next strong slogan after onions will be goats.

The world is one. The low price of foreign exchange is bringing down the high cost of living in the United States. We can stand a good deal

of the latter in this country without general suffering; though some of the profiteers may be hit hard.

Give little Holland time. She will turn back the ex-kaizer to the allies. But the government must play to the galleries for a while.—Exchange.

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That Eyes May See
Better and Farther
HENRY E. MORRIS & CO.
Opticians
305 State Street

we see printed the claim that Republicans will carry Texas at the coming presidential election, and there seems to be more semblance of truth in the boast now than ever before.

Didn't think the lowly spinach was such an important vegetable, did you? And we can grow spinach for ourselves and a good part of the rest of the world.

Save your ashes. Salem people throw away many thousands of dollars a year in fertilizer value, in their wood ashes.

Rear Admiral Sims evidently wants Secretary Daniels to lay his cards face up on the table. But that is not the way they play stud poker in North Carolina.

President Wilson now has two cabinet members from Missouri—Alexander and Houston—but that won't be enough to keep the Show-me state out of the Republican column this fall.

Governor Coolidge says he is not a candidate for president. Neither is Hiram Johnson, so far as the people are concerned.—Los Angeles Times.

HOME BUILDERS.

While lumber is going up people in many cities are turning to other materials and learning to do without it. They are pouring houses of sand and cement.

Pretty soon they will be building houses of rubber and then the house can be stretched when company comes.

THE SKIN GAME.

There are people without a gray hair in their heads who can remember when potatoes could be bought for 20 cents a bushel. That was the time to lay in a hundred years' supply.

Now they want the rate of about \$4 a bushel for the blooming things. An advance of 2000 per cent is too much even in a generation.

THERE IS NO PEACE.

Sweden declares its purpose to advance the claims of President Wilson for the Noble peace prizes for 1919 and 1920. It is certain that the idea does not come through the record made by the president in making peace with the United States senate.

SIGNALS FROM MARS.

Signor Marconi considers it quite possible that Mars is trying to communicate with the earth via wireless telegraphy.

Maybe they want to be in the league of nations.

It is hoped that Senators Borah, Reed and Johnson are keeping a watchful eye on this instruction.

On no account must the United States give them any encouragement.

We must avoid entangling alliances at all costs.

Ye gods, these Martians might expect us to send American soldiers up there to help settle their foolish differences.

Or, worse still, they may want to raise a loan on the plea that they are starving.

On the other hand, of course, their frantic signals may merely mean that they want a United States prohibition reformer on loan or—hectic thought—are trying to make a deal for our surplus nectar before it has all been stolen from the official confiscators and private cellars.

GOMPERS ON WORK.

Sam Gompers, on his 70th birthday, makes a shameful confession. He actually declares he works fourteen hours a day every day and ascribes his hale heartiness thereto.

Eight hours a day may be all very well for the common folk of the Federation of Labor, but if you are going to be a "labor-union leader" work is the only hope. That's a nasty one for his flock.

Then he has another nasty one for the prohibitionists. He confesses that he enjoyed his "toddy" all his life and it never poisoned him. Like

wise that he smokes continuously black cigars with equal immunity. His last affront is to the dietitians. He says he eats what he likes and when he likes and is still master of his digestion.

Altogether Sam seems to be very careless of his reputation.

PEACE AND TRADE.

Looks for the moment as if Germany would be admitted to the league of nations before America is able to break in. With Germany within and the United States outside there is apt to be a new trade combination directed against American industry.

The peace of the world might not be imperilled, but the foreign commerce of this country would.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Let's back 'em to win.
Back our local boys in the great essay contest.

Let's show 'em that we have the best in the nation or the world right here in Marion and Polk counties.

We know we have. But some other people may not have found it out yet.

If Sir Oliver Lodge can really talk with the dead, perhaps he can find out whether Bryan intends to be a candidate.

Man is master of his own destiny—that is, in case he isn't married.

Government effort to combat social unrest through the movies will doubtless show us how to be happy though broke.

One can guess why the Goldman woman kissed that correspondent. It was her last chance to get one not flavored with whiskers.

The Associated Press found some people yesterday who think the high cost of living has begun to come down. Let's hope it is not one of the things too good to be true.

FOOLING WITH HEALTH SERIOUS

I have frequently asked druggists "What do you push in a blood medicine?" The answer usually came, "The kind I can make the most money on." My answer has always been "Not me." I have succeeded pretty well and I have always recommended the one that I had found by experience to be the best and the one I would be willing to take myself or give to members of my own family.

I have never offered the public a medicine that we do not use at home. This is why I can offer "Number 40 For The Blood," with a clear conscience; we have not only tried it on thousands of others, but on ourselves.

We take it in all cases where a blood medicine is needed no matter in what form it shows itself and we get splendid results in constipation, kidney, stomach and liver troubles.

I firmly believe if everyone would begin in the spring and take "Number 40" they would escape malaria and fevers in all forms. J. C. Mendenhall, 40 years a druggist, Evansville, Ind. Sold by Perry's Drug Store.

Willamette Classes Name Officers for New Semester

The Willamette University classes have elected their officers for the spring semester. The senior class elected Merrill Ohling as its president and Rita Hobbs, secretary; the junior class chose Raymond Attebery for president and Muriel Steeves as secretary; sophomores, Lester Day, president; Lucille Tucker, secretary; and the freshman officers are Bernard Ramsey, president, and Ruth Smith, secretary.

Relief Measure Taken by Railroad Officials

As a measure to afford relief, at least temporarily from car shortage, the railroad administration has is-

DOUBLE BEAUTY OF YOUR HAIR

"Danderine" creates mass of thick, gleamy waves

In a few moments you can transform your plain, dull, flat hair. You can have it abundant, soft, glossy and full of life. Just get at any drug or toilet counter a small bottle of "Danderine" for a few cents. Then moisten a soft cloth with the "Danderine" and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. Instantly, yes, immediately, you have doubled the beauty of your hair. It will be a mass, so soft, lustrous and easy to do up. All dandruff, dirt and excessive oil is removed.

Let Danderine put more life, color, vigor and brightness in your hair. This stimulating tonic will freshen your scalp, check dandruff and falling hair and help your hair to grow long, thick, strong and beautiful.

Future Dates.

February 6, Friday—North Salem improvement association meets at High land school.

February 8 to 14—Boy Scout week.

February 10, Tuesday—Mass meeting of floral enthusiasts to discuss "City Beautiful."

February 10, Tuesday—Musical concert at auditorium of high school.

February 10 to 14—Y.W.C.A. campaign.

February 11, Wednesday—Open forum meeting of Salem Commercial club.

February 12, Thursday—Lincoln's birthday.

February 16, Monday—Spanish War Veterans basket social at armory.

February 18, 19 and 20—Salem Automobile show.

February 19, Thursday—Children's eugenics test at Commercial club.

February 22, Sunday—Washington's birthday.

February 22, Sunday—French government awards, through American Legion, memorial certificates to veterans of soldiers who lost lives in war.

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AN attractive box in rich browns and white. Inside dainty Bon Bons and assorted chocolates of rare goodness.

The Vogan Brown and White package will be appreciated by those you like to please.

At your dealers.

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Portland, Oregon



sued an order intended to expedite the movement of bulk grain. Grain dealers, farmers and commercial organizations are asked to co-operate.

"Because of the imperative necessity," reads the order as transmitted to the Oregon public service commission, "provide greater movement of bulk grain. The grain loading railroads serving the state of Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wisconsin, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas will give preference and priority in the furnishing of box cars for bulk grain loading from February 8 to

18 inclusive after providing for the loading of less than carload merchandise, print paper, wood pulp and sugar. This means that to the extent necessary to fill requirements all available box car equipment suitable for use in handling these commodities will be confined to this class of traffic."

Little Barbara Lewis Dies at Portland Home

Salem friends were yesterday informed of the death in Portland of

Barbara Lewis, aged 3 years and 4 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lewis, formerly of Salem. The little girl had been an invalid from birth and passed away Tuesday afternoon. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis in Portland. Mr. Lewis formerly was state engineer.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

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