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## THERE IS A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

They keep on joining. Norway joins Denmark and Sweden in deciding by a large majority in favor of joining the League of Nations without reservations; the vote in the Storting last week was 100 to 20, 18 of the opponents being Socialists and the other two extreme conservatives. In Switzerland the State Council last week took similar action, following that of the National Council; the vote was 30 to 6. In none of these countries is the league of nations or its covenant accepted as perfect; on the contrary criticism has been quite as acute and searching as in this country.

But it is recognized that the League is a forward step and the best hope for the preservation of peace and the small states of Europe are falling into line.

There is a League of Nations, and it is beginning to function. The United States will finally join it, with whatever reservations seem proper.

It is not perfect.

It will never be. But it is the greatest organization ever conceived for world peace, and, as the years and the centuries go by, it will constantly improve its machinery for making war impossible.

## COTTON'S GOLDEN COAT

Practically every woman in Salem, in Oregon and in the United States uses sewing cotton made in Scotland, so it is interesting to note that British papers contain the announcement that the accounts of Messrs. J. and P. Coats for the year ended June 30, 1919, show a net profit of over \$16,000,000. The firm paid dividends of 30 per cent, and a bonus of 10 per cent. In view of these figures and of the fact that the spool of cotton which formerly sold for 5 cents now costs the housewife 20 cents, it is hardly to be wondered at that J. and P. Coats have been investigated by a Parliamentary committee which is inquiring into profiteering. But little that firm seems to care about such investigations, for even while the report on the committee was being prepared the sewing cotton magnates jumped the price. The investigators deal tenderly with the Messrs. Coats. They find that the advance of the retail selling price to 15 cents last September "can hardly be justified," but they are constrained to express the opinion that the Coats people have not taken full advantage of their monopolistic position to increase prices. This oversight appears to have struck the manufacturers as ludicrous, so they raised the price again. The Coats people seem to be surprised that some of their critics look upon them as robbers. A little profit like \$16,000,000 evidently does not strike them as something to make a fuss about—especially as America has contributed no small share of it.

Why should this country depend so largely on Coats for sewing cotton?

Let's patronize the made-in-America article. And let's vote the Republican ticket next November, and thus put on guard in Washington an administration committed to protection to American industries.

One that will put a high enough duty on thread made in Scotland to encourage the building up here in our own country of a thread industry large enough to supply our own needs in this line.

The workers are going to "go to it" this week, and attempt to close up the matter of providing Salem with a modern and well equipped hospital. It will be a glorious consummation.

Quotations are all off on the prices of seats in the United States senate, with the Michigan verdict.

Salem is to have a creditable automobile camp ground. It will be a big thing for our city and the surrounding country.

It is costing more to run churches these days, but religion is needed more than ever before. It is one of the things that we as a nation cannot afford to slight or lose our hold on.—Los Angeles Times.

It has been suggested that tea should be served after religious services of evenings. Why not? The Lord's Supper was in apostolic days the real meal at which the Master commended its observance. Why should there not be a partial rapprochement between modern customs and those of the Apostles. It is written, "The Son of Man came eating and drinking."—Exchange.

We don't know but the country deserves the mess that is in evidence in Washington. There has not been a Democratic administration since the civil war that did not leave a stench in the nostrils of the people. History is simply repeating itself.

## GOOD BILLS.

Billy Sunday tells the press agent that he wants to run for president, but he wants Bryan to be on the ticket with him for vice president. This might really be a promotion for Bryan, but the Nebraskan would be slow to realize it and would want to turn the ticket around so that his name would be at the top, as usual. Whichever way it was, the press bureau would be sending out stuff



## When a Feller Needs A Friend

—When a fellow really needs a friend is when, because of weakened eyes, he must have someone else read to him. —So many people, because of neglect of their eyes in earlier life, are now depending upon others. —Had they provided the friendliness of glasses to their eyes at the right time in their life, they would still be enjoying good eyesight and independence. —An examination will reveal the true condition of one's eyes. It's a little thing to seek, but a big thing to get, and so important.

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advising the voters to watch their change and see that they got a couple of good Bills.

Billy Sunday has only been in the race one day, but has progressed far enough to name his cabinet—all but secretary of state. For that desk he is still divided between "Ma" Sunday and Senator Lodge. He wants General Wood for the war department and Herbert Hoover for secretary of the interior. The Hoover reputation for caring for the interior is worldwide. With Billy Sunday in the White House the day's business would be opened with prayer and fireworks.

A 600-acre apple orchard up near Walla Walla sold for over a million dollars—\$50,000 over. And it cannot produce as fine Orleyes, Grimes Golden, Winter Bananas or Rome Beauties as are raised in the Willamette valley; nor apples of those varieties that will sell at as high prices in the New York markets.

## FROM THE LIPS OF LINCOLN.

Lincoln said: "I know there is a God and that he hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming and I know His hand is in it. If He has a place for me—and I think He has—I believe I am ready. I am nothing, but truth is everything. I know I am right, because I know that liberty is right, for Christ teaches it. I have told them that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and Christ and reason say the same; and they will find it so. Douglas doesn't care whether slavery is voted up or down, but God cares, and humanity cares, and I care; and with God's help I shall not fail."

The morning he left Springfield for Washington, in bidding farewell from the platform of his car to the large number of old friends who accompanied him to the station, Lincoln said: "I go to assume a task more difficult than that which has devolved upon any other man since the days of Washington. He never would have succeeded except for Divine Providence, upon which he at all times relied. I feel that I cannot succeed without the same divine blessing which sustained him; and on the same Almighty Being I place my reliance for support. And I hope you, my friends, will pray that I receive the Divine assistance, without which I cannot succeed, but with which success is certain."

From the day of his election Lincoln

## FUTURE DATES.

- March 22, Monday—Meeting of Women's Republican club at armory.
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- March 23, Tuesday—Jitney dance, armory, benefit baby clinics.
- March 24, Wednesday—Special meeting of Salem Business Men's league.
- March 26, Friday—Salem high school alumni banquet at Marion hotel.
- March 27, Saturday—Intercollegiate debate, Willamette vs. College of Puget Sound.
- March 28, Sunday—Hayesville district Sunday school convention at Jason Lee Methodist church.
- March 29, Monday—"Save money on meat week" begins.
- March 30, Tuesday—Queen of Hearts musical, benefit hospital, Moose hall, 8 p. m.
- April 11, Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Moosejaw.
- April 30 and May 1—"Awakening of Spring" pageant Opera House, hospital benefit.
- May 11, Tuesday—Intercollegiate debate, Willamette vs. O. A. C.
- May 14 and 15—Nineteenth annual convention of Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers, in Salem.
- June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.
- June 19 and 20—National egypto-tour motorcycle events in Salem.
- July 6 to 20—Annual encampment of Oregon National Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
- September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

coin had a profound conviction that "if we do right God will be with us; and if God is with us we cannot fail."

In September, 1862, in reply to an address from the Society of Friends, he said: "If I had had my way this war never would have commenced. If I had been allowed my way this war would have ended before this; but we find it still continues, and we must believe that He permits it for some wise purpose of His own, mysterious and unknown to us; and though with our limited understandings we may not be able to comprehend it, yet we cannot but believe that He who made the world still governs it."

A few weeks later, recognizing the Sabbath as the citadel of American institutions, he issued his famous "Sunday Rest Order" to the army and navy, including the following: "The discipline and character of the national forces should not suffer, nor the cause they defend be imperiled by the profanation of the day or the name of the Most High. 'At this time of public distress'—adopting the words of Washington in 1776—'men may find enough to do in the service of God and their country without abandoning themselves to vice and immorality.' The first general order issued by the father of his country, after the declaration of independence, indicated the spirit in which our institutions were founded and should be defended: 'The general hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian soldier defending the nearest rights and liberties of his country.'"

Calling a meeting of his cabinet September 22, 1862, to consider issuing the emancipation proclamation, he declared: "Many of my warmest friends and supporters demand it, and I have promised my God that I will do it. I made a solemn vow before God that if General Lee was driven back from Pennsylvania I would crown the result by the declaration of freedom for the slaves."

When congratulated upon the success of our arms after he signed the emancipation proclamation, he replied: "I never believed in slavery, but I felt I was elected president of both the north and the south. When Sumter was fired upon and I called for 75,000 men my determined purpose was to save the country and slavery, and I called for over half a million men with the same determination. But on many a defeated field there was a voice louder than the thundering of cannon. It was the voice of God crying 'Let my people go.' We were all very slow in realizing it was God's voice, but after many humiliating defeats the nation came to believe it as a great and solemn command. Great multitudes begged and prayed that I might answer God's voice by signing the emancipation proclamation and I did it, believing we never should be successful in the great struggle unless we obeyed the Lord's command. Since

## STREET PAVING IS OBJECT OF RICHMOND CLUB

### Mill and Twenty-Third Are Slated for Early Improvement in District

## ASSOCIATIONS TO JOIN

### Tillinghast Promises Co-operation of North Salem Organization

A bigger crowd than usual was present at the meeting of the Richmond Improvement club, held in the Richmond school building Friday night. The club is making progress and is now boosting for the paving of Mill street from Fourteenth to Twenty-fifth streets and Twenty-third street from Mill Creek to Oak street. Other improvements are also being discussed. Several new members were taken in at the meeting. The club now boasts of as large a membership as any improvement club in the city, and expects to get many more new members in the next few weeks. It meets the first and third Fridays of each month, and expects a large attendance at the next meeting as the matter of paving will be thoroughly discussed and everybody for or against paving is expected to be present.

## Committees Named.

The following committees were appointed for the year: Street committee—Harry Ross, John Giesy, Byron Herrick. Committee on sewers and drainage—Houston, J. E. Maddison, Howard Hulse. Committee on sidewalks, parkings and lawns—Mrs. J. E. Maddison, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. J. C. De Harport. Committee on lights—Barfield, Smith, Paranoogan.

The officers of the club are L. E. Stiffler, president; Harry Ross, vice-president; Mrs. Winifred Herrick, secretary. Considerable time was taken up with discussion of co-operating with other improvement clubs of the city. A committee of three from each organization is to be appointed, forming a central council and in this way it is hoped to work for the betterment of the city.

## Tillinghast Offers Support.

A very interesting talk was given by E. S. Tillinghast of the North Salem Improvement association. He mentioned the achievements of that club and the difficulties overcome, and promised the hearty co-operation of the North Salem club. A good musical program was given by Misses Truth Houston and Winona Smith, piano and violin; Miss Catherine Smith, piano solo; Misses Truth and Rose Houston, piano duet. The young players received several encores and were given the thanks of the club for their entertainment. The club expects to have entertainments at future meetings.

that the "god of battles" has been on our side."

September 7, 1864, a deputation of colored people from Baltimore presented Lincoln with a Bible. Lincoln told them: "In regard to this great book I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man."

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Put it over.

Put the hospital over the top.

Salem must have more houses. There is just one sure way to get enough; to get them built with home capital; to have the profits remain at home. That way is to keep on increasing the number of shares of the local building and loan association. Make it big enough to build a house a day. It can be done. Two houses a day, if necessary.

If Newberry had not bought his way into the United States senate from Michigan, Senator Lodge could not have been made the chairman of the foreign relations committee and the committee itself could not have been "packed". The dirty dollars of Newberry changed the course of history, halted the progress of the League of Nations; delayed the reconstruction of Europe; cost the world billions of dollars and millions of lives—and sent Newberry himself, in spite of his wealth, on the way to the federal penitentiary. "Sorrow tracketh wrong, as echo follows song, on, on, on."

The Nonpartisan league of North Dakota has declared for Hi Johnson for president. That ought to be good news for Lenin in Russia.

The bitter-enders have put the United States in a hole as the hermit nation. But they have made our nations live a lie, but only temporarily. The bitter end of the bitter-enders is near. They will never again be dressed with a little brief authority to misrepresent the great heart of America.

## Salem Capital Organizes New Motor Firm at Baker

Joseph H. Albert, Paul B. Wallace and John W. Harbison, all Salem men, and David H. Pence, recently from the Ford factory in Detroit,

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are incorporators of the Pence Motor company, which will be established at Baker where the business of another firm has been taken over. Ford automobiles and Fordson tractors will be handled. Mr. Pence will be manager. The new firm, which filed articles yesterday with the state corporation department, is capitalized at \$15,000.

"Are you what they call a parlor socialist?"

"No, I used to be one, but I came in with muddy feet and my wife forbade me the use of the parlor."

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