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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING

"In the financial and industrial field at home the outlook is unmistakably improving. Reports from all over the country show full employment for labor and a fairly good condition of industrial harmony. Relatively few labor controversies are in progress at the present moment and those which now exist do not portend anything of a threatening nature. Manufacturing is continuing in full volume. Wholesalers report a larger volume of business than perhaps ever before. The public at large is buying more conservatively and is less inclined to pay exorbitant prices than heretofore, but this in itself is a hopeful symptom and should encourage optimism rather than the reverse. The agricultural season is opening splendidly in most parts of the country, the chief cause for disturbance in that connection being the fact that labor is in such strong demand in the factories and in city work generally that it is still leaving the farm. A great shortage of agricultural labor will undoubtedly have to be provided for this season. Farmers are in part preparing to meet it by the increase of their mechanical appliances, but this method of evading the difficulty is not universally applicable and the unavoidable shortage in some quarters may consequently result in lessened acreage of some crops and correspondingly limited output, with correspondingly higher prices for the foodstuffs which are thus affected. Fortunately this condition does not seem likely to apply to the staple crops, in which excellent forecasts are now being made by competent observers."

The above quoted words are a paragraph of the current weekly financial letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority.

Following are some additional excerpts:

"The banking situation has apparently taken a turn for the better."

"Foreign exchange, under the influence of the bettered financial outlook, has been in good demand."

"Occasional reactions now and then will occur, but these are to be expected in any general forward movement."

It has been a long time since this great financial authority has written so cheerful a weekly letter.

A friend suggests to The Statesman that this paper is exerting a good deal of effort in trying to get the flax industry of this section organized; leaving the inference that it is rather a thankless labor, if not a hopeless task. Oh, well, The Statesman is rather an old bird. And Rome was not built in a day. This paper hammered for a woolen mill in Salem for days, months and years on end, with less prospect of early success than the building of linen mills now hold—and Salem has had a woolen mill for a generation; its beginnings brought about by this same hammering, helped at its inception by subscriptions of most of the loyal Salemites who were here in the nineties; many of them still here; Salem is bound to be the flax center of the world. The natural conditions point to this certainty. Constant dropping of water wears away the stone. The Statesman would be recreant to its duty as a public institution if it did not keep up the hammering.

A letter written to President Wilson more than a year ago by Herbert Hoover is just revealed. The incomparable postal service of Mr. Burleson is improving.

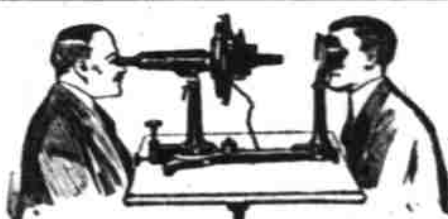
The English Liberals not only have something to ask for, but somebody to ask. Thank you so much.

A traveler in Holland says the windmills are disappearing in that country. Possibly taken down and set up in the American senate.

It is estimated that more than ten million words of oratory were

FUTURE DATES.

April 3, Saturday—Triangular debate, Willamette university, McMinnville college and Pacific university.
April 4, Sunday—Easter.
April 7, Wednesday—Library lecture recital, "American Music," by Willamette university school of music, Public Library.
April 13, Sunday—(Tentative) Blossom day in Salem.
April 14, Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Mooselaw.
April 17, Saturday—Debate between Willamette university and College of Puget Sound.
April 20, Tuesday—Registration for voters closes.
April 21, Wednesday—Willamette Glee club concert at Grand Opera house.
April 23, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Pacific university.
April 30, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and McMinnville college.
May 14, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college.
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.
May 28, Friday—William Howard Taft speaks at armory.
June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.
June 19 and 20—National gypsy-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.
June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial convocation of Mystic Shrine in Portland.
June 23, Wednesday—Imperial convocation of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem.
June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.
July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.



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the only way to get it is to put it into shares of the local building and loan association.

Wanted, a man about the size (and with about the vision) of Major F. W. Leadbetter, to organize the flax industry for the Salem district. It would develop into the biggest thing in Oregon industrially, and it would make Salem a city of 100,000 people in a hurry.

SOLENN REFERENCE.

How the American people can take the "solemn referendum" on the league covenant to which President Wilson refers is not explained. It can certainly be neither very solemn nor satisfactory if carried over into the fall elections to become a part of the campaigning of individual office-seekers.

The voters will not have a chance to express themselves in the way they would wish.

That would require a separate election and a cumbersome and costly ballot. The citizens would have to be given the choice of four to six alternatives and only a small percentage would thoroughly understand them all. As a matter of fact, the senators and the president know what the majority of the people want and what they would vote for if given opportunity.

Mostly, of course, they desired quick action, but that was impossible while the vocal cords of the senators could still throb.

Following that they desired a covenant with only such reservations as would interpret the conscience of America and still be acceptable to her allies.

The president and the senators know full well what that would be and could settle the matter in half an hour if they would approach the subject in a sincerely conciliatory frame of mind.

If the president and the foreign relations committee could be locked up together with nothing much to read, but the great covenant and the Sermon on the Mount they would be able to quickly reach a verdict that would be acceptable to the world. There is too much wrangling over words and the spotlight.

EDUCATING A HUSBAND.

A divorce plaintiff says she provided the funds for educating her husband, put him through law school and supported the menage meanwhile while in the bargain. She asserts he is now making \$15,000 a year, but spends it on "the other woman." Drowned in her own gusher, as it were.

Wives who undertake to educate husbands should be careful not to specialize so much. A wider range of subjects, including domestic science, seems to be highly desired.

AT THE BARRIER.

Many people who left this country to escape the cost of high living are coming back to avoid the high cost of living. Seems funny, doesn't it? Old Hi Kost is everywhere. One ship in New York harbor brought nearly 1000 passengers from Italy, nearly all of whom were former residents of America, but went back to the home country during or after the war. They find the cost of living higher in Italy than here and industrial conditions much worse, and are glad to be once more in the land of their adoption. There will be many more like them. All of which makes it important that Uncle Sam should exercise care and authority in picking out the members of his family. The foundling on the doorstep should at least be given the twice-over.

ON THE HIP.

Nowadays when a man reaches for his hip pocket in the movies it isn't certain whether somebody is going to get shot or poisoned.

BY THE HEELS.

High-heeled shoes are dangerous, unhealthy, freakish, deforming, immodest and barbarous; but some other more potent reason will have to be dug up before the women quit wearing them.

FOUND WANTING.

With presidential primaries all over the country some favorite son would go into the running in every state—merely for the sake of the

DON'T SHOOT THE PIANIST



He is doing the best he can with the instrument at hand.

advertising. In most instances he would get the plurality vote because of his state reputation or personal acquaintance. How can there be any national expression of the people under those circumstances? The primary is only a great financial burden to any aspiring candidate, and it disposes of nothing when the votes are counted. The direct primary is a direct nuisance. The preferential primary doesn't prefer. They are both frauds.—Los Angeles Times.

CAMPAIGN FOOD.

Why doesn't Senator Borah demand that Johnson and Hearst be searched for the whereabouts of that finances Hiram's campaign? One cannot run the dinkiest kind of an organization on love and why should anybody love Hiram merely because he loves himself?—Exchange.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Some building in Salem.
But building activity is only fairly started.
The local building association can supply the money now for two or three new houses a month.

Make it twenty or thirty new houses a month, and increase it if necessary, and our housing problem will be solved. And it can be done. There will always be a good many houses built in other ways, and there will be constantly some new apartment houses.

Some big things in the way of new industries are under way in Salem. But there are a number of big ones still under the surface, and no doubt many others not yet in the making. It is suggested that Salem's building ordinances or rules need revision, in order to not unduly hamper the use of concrete. The attention of the proper authorities is directed to this matter. Salem must not hamper building operations by archaic or unreasonable restrictions. Not for a moment.

Why Spring Brings Out Freckles and Eruptions

The sudden appearance of freckles, slight eruptions or fine lines at this season is attributed by scientists to the "actinic ray," which is unusually active during the spring months. Where the skin is so affected by this influence, if one will procure an ounce of common mercurized wax at any drug store, apply a little of it before retiring, like cold cream she can easily overcome the trouble. When the wax is washed off next morning, minute flaky skin particles come with it. The entire outer cuticle is removed in this way in a week or two, with all its defects. No bleach could so effectively remove freckles or blemishes. The new surface is smooth, clear, fresh looking. No harm or inconvenience accompanies this simple treatment.

"The Scarecrow" Will be High School Senior Play

At a meeting held late yesterday afternoon it was decided that "The Scarecrow," by Percy MacKaye, should be put on by the senior class of the high school this spring.

The decision was arrived at after some hesitation, as the play is one more pretentious than has ever before been attempted here. It is felt, however, that the standard of the school's dramatic effort should be raised from year to year, and that there is excellent material in the class for a finished rendition of this drama. "The Scarecrow" has a cast of 16

characters to be chosen from a class of over 100 students.

The author calls the play a "tragedy of the ludicrous," and this unusual title suggests the clever mingling of comedy and pathos, fun and philosophy which it contains. The try-outs will be conducted next week and the play will be presented late in May. It will be coached by Miss Mabel Davenport of the English department.

BIG CLASS WILL TAKE COMMUNION

Impressive Ceremony to Take Place Sunday at Catholic Church

A class of 49 boys and girls will make their first Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock mass at the Catholic church Sunday morning. This ceremony is considered one of the most beautiful sights of the year in the Catholic church, and is a day never forgotten by the child, and the memory is considered efficacious as a protection against temptation in the years of maturity. Napoleon referred to the day as the happiest in his life, and the histories of his life make frequent reference to his first Holy Communion.

The class of boys and girls follows: Boys—Bernard Lebold, Joseph Brickheimer, Francis Koch, James Burrell, Victor Wenzel, Fred Reidy, Donald McKinnon, Joseph Kufner, John Kufner, Joseph Wodzowoda, Edward Kufner, William Kufner, Joseph Peerenboom, George Settemeier, Victor Meier, Francis Meier, Stanley Miller, Eunice Woods, Leo Poppe, Antony Jonientz, Francis Cook, Raymond Mohler, Francis Lane, Walter Gruenfelder, Raymond Moisan.
Girls—Helen Geeden, Elsie Kufner, Zilda Braun, Catherine Hileman, Mary Goeden, Josephine Jaeg-

Walter N. Strickland Dies at Home Near Salem

Walter H. Strickland, 56 years old, died at his home about four miles east of Salem yesterday at 11 a. m., after a long illness. He had lived there about eight years, coming from Portland where he lived for years. He was by trade a book-binder and was a member of Portland union No. 90.

Mr. Strickland leaves his widow, in Salem, and one aunt living in Virginia.

The funeral will be Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Rigdon chapel with burial following in City View cemetery.

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