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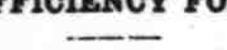
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SELF SUFFICIENCY FOR SALEM

Salem has the chance to be as nearly self sufficient as any city in the world.

And true to the motto of the state of which she is the capital city: Alis volat propriis; She Flies with Her Own Wings.

Already much has been done in fertilizing our rich soil from the smoke stacks of our city—in building and organizing here the factories and marketing facilities to take care of the varied products of our land.

This should go on steadily. Our answer to the profiteering of the Mormon sugar trust should be the raising of sugar beets and the making of sugar here.

And we can grow sorghum here and manufacture our own molasses.

And we should produce more than enough honey for our home consumption.

Our answer to the clothing profiteers should be a better organization of our woolen mill and tailoring industries.

And we should make fine linens here.

We should make shoes here, from the hides and skins of animals raised in this district.

There is no fruit or vegetable grown in the temperate zone which we cannot produce here to perfection.

We can supply all these in many forms to the world markets. We can send them dehydrated without buying anything from a distance but the nails for the outside shipping boxes.

We should make glass here, so as to send to the markets more attractive packages; so that all our bottles may be fashioned at home.

In the line of self sufficiency, Salem, already well on the way and doing splendidly, may add greatly to her prestige and her profits.

Situated as we are, we may snap our fingers at all the profiteers and all the trusts.

THE ARAB BOWS UNDER THE AIRPLANE

Some of the most modern kinds of warfare have been used in regions where modern civilization had hardly penetrated before. It is an interesting fact that the Arab, who had remained unconquered while all the great empires of the world rose and fell, is at last succumbing before the airplane. He has never admitted allegiance to anyone but Allah and himself and has threatened the lines of communication of all the empires—Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Roman and British. Even at the height of their power they could not overtake his swift horses when he returned to the desert after a raid.

But even the Arab horse has no chance against the airplane. British planes are now able to protect all parts of the line from Suez to India. The French have been using aviators whose nerves went to pieces on the western front to chase the wild tribesmen in the interior of Algeria. And the "Mad Mullah," when recently he began to preach another Mohammedan holy war, was routed by an expedition of British and Italians, who used both airplanes and tanks.

PROMISE YOURSELF

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and to have a smile for every living creature you meet. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you will have no time to criticize others. To be too big for worry, too noble for anger and too strong for fear. To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world—not in loud words, but in great deeds. To live in the faith that the world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

It looks like Wood, Hoover or Lowden.—Los Angeles Times.

The putting in of spring gardens cannot be overdone; nor summer, fall or winter gardens, either.

Democratic papers favor a tariff for revenue only, indicating that we are getting back to the old times.

The fact that ex-Secretary McAdoo comes from a section that is opposed to granting the suffrage to the female sex will do him no good at the San Francisco convention.

If the orchard people had all the bees they should have, the Salem district would be more independent of the Mormon sugar trust than it is. Honey is the best sweetening in the world.

May 1 finds no disturbance in Salem or the Salem district—excepting that all hands are feverishly rushing to get done the work that is piling up. There are a great many reasons why we should be thankful for the advantages we enjoy, as compared with any other country, and

most any other section. Not the least of which is the fact that we have an industrious and law-abiding people. We have no idlers here, and we want none. There is no room for any in our schemes of social and industrial progress.

The writer is no prophet, nor a son of a prophet. But he is willing to venture the prediction that dealings will not be cheaper in Salem in this generation, or any other. The time to buy a home is now, if you want a home, and you should want one.

Just before the war, there was a scheme for building a beet sugar factory in Salem. The men who knew the members of the Mormon sugar trust, said we could grow the beets. They had experimented to their satisfaction. In these days of high prices for sugar, what is the matter with taking up the project again?

INTERPLANETARY MESSAGES.

Undoubtedly Marconi is a genius in the mechanics of wireless tele-

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graphy, but when he indulges in conjectures on astronomical phenomena he shows his ignorance of the basic principles involved. When we realize how difficult it is to send radio messages to distant localities on the earth, covering at most but a few thousand miles, how can we suppose that such messages can be transmitted across the mighty void that exists between the earth and the nearest planets?

The astronomer of Yerkes observatory, of international fame, have intimated in recent dispatches that occasional tremendous explosions in the sun might, and probably do, produce etheric disturbances powerful enough to reach the earth across a distance of 93,000,000 miles, as in cases of disturbed transmission of intelligence along telegraph wires, usually coincident with the appearance of great sunspots. But even that explanation is hazardous only as a remote possibility.

Dr. Charles Steinmetz, an electrical engineer and an authority on the transmission of electric waves, believes that if the sounds caught by Marconi came from any planet it would be more likely from Venus than from Mars. Mars is a small planet, but little more than half the diameter of the earth, and when nearest at the present opposition is 54,000,000 miles distant, while Venus comes between the earth and the sun at every revolution and is then only 26,000,000 miles away. At that time the earth is the brightest star in the heavens as viewed from that planet.

But Venus, though of about the same size as the earth, is enveloped in a dense atmosphere filled with aqueous vapor, and unless any inhabitants have different eyes from ours they have never yet even caught a glimpse of our earth and its attendant mood. So we must dismiss the pleasing conjecture of Dr. Steinmetz.

Another professor, Dr. Jacoby of Columbia university, projects an ingenious, if not plausible conjecture

FUTURE DATES

- April 30 and May 1—"Awakening of Spring" pageant Opera House, hospital benefit.
- May 1, Saturday—Founders' day celebration at Champoug.
- May 1, Saturday—Baseball, Salem high school vs. Molalla high, at Molalla.
- May 1 and 2, Saturday and Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Rupert, Idaho, league team, Salem.
- May 2, Sunday—Automobile rides for aged persons through fruit districts by courtesy of Commercial club.
- May 2, Sunday—Reports on Sunday school census due.
- May 3 Monday—Salvation army campaign starts.
- May 3 to May 6—Second annual Oregon Jersey jubilee.
- May 4, Tuesday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Estacada high, Salem.
- May 4, Tuesday—American Legion smoker at armory.
- May 4, Thursday—Banquet of Jersey cattle breeders, armory.
- May 6 to 8—State Sunday School convention in Portland.
- May 7, Friday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Estacada high, Estacada.
- May 7, Friday—Willamette university Junior class play, "Lady of Lyons" at Grand opera house.
- May 8, Saturday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Molalla high, Salem.
- May 8, Saturday—"Yokohama Maid" to be staged by Willamette university students on campus.
- May 10, Monday—Marion County Women's Republican club meets at city hall.
- May 11, Tuesday—Intercollegiate debate, Willamette vs. O. A. C.
- May 12, 13 and 14—Northwest art exhibit at Marion hotel under Salem Art league.
- May 13, Thursday—Community federation meeting at Hubbard.
- May 14, Friday—Baseball, Salem high vs. U. of O. rooks, Eugene.
- May 14, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college.
- May 14 to 16—Older Boys conference in Salem.
- May 14 and 15—Nineteenth annual convention of Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers, in Salem.
- May 15, Saturday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Eugene high, Eugene.
- May 15, Tuesday—Pacific Coast Ad club automobile excursion passes through Salem.
- May 21, Friday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Newberg high, Salem.
- May 21, Friday—Special and primary elections in Oregon.
- May 22, Saturday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Jefferson high of Portland, in Portland.
- May 26-27, Wednesday and Thursday—Apollo club concert, Grand theatre.
- May 28, Saturday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Eugene high, Eugene.
- May 29, Saturday—William Howard Taft speaks at armory.
- June 4, Friday—Baseball, Salem high vs. McMinnville high, McMinnville.
- June 11, Friday—Salem schools close.
- June 12, Monday—Play day.
- 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.
- June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine in Portland.
- June 23, Wednesday—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem.
- June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.
- June 26, Saturday—Letter Carriers' convention in Salem.
- July 4 to 20—Annual encampment of Oregon National Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
- July 23, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
- September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

1,230,000,000 candle-power, and it would take the combined light of 680,000 of these, according to Faree, to produce the 766,000,000,000,000 flash. Such a scheme will not be financed right away.

But, while men of science may express the belief that interplanetary messages have not been received, none will go so far as to deny the possibility of such an event at some period in the future. Too many things regarded impossible a century ago have since been accomplished. It is unsafe to hazard the statement that the genius of man may be restricted in any direction. It can, however, be authoritatively stated that things lately conjectured by wild-eyed enthusiasts and ignorant sensation-mongers have not been accomplished as yet and are not likely to be by any agencies, scientific or mechanical, now in use.

A REAL OPTIMIST.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer is one of the most sweetly optimistic souls whose picture we have had upon the screen.

He still believes that he has reduced the high cost of living—done it almost single-handed, for that matter.

When confronted by the figures he does not blanch or turn pale.

He rubs his hands and smilingly explains that, even if they do not disclose any conspicuous drop, they have been a saving barrier against a robust advance. But for the matchless strategy, foresight and activity of his department prices would have been so high they could not have been reached by shells from Big Bertha. But as it is, he has the situation safely under control and all the profiteers are eating out of his hand.

That's about what he says. If all the people who are convinced that Mitchell Palmer has reduced the cost of living will cast their votes for him he will get one ballot from a portly and handsome Pennsylvanian and not much else.

SLOWING UP.

Although New York is paying common labor \$6 for an eight-hour day before the war, it is difficult to supply the demand. Yet the streets are thronged with idle men. The trouble is that few want to work or else the average man wishes to put in two or three days a week at high wages and then loaf. The loafing worker takes no pride in his job or interest in his task, although he is better paid and working under bet-

ter conditions than the world has heretofore known. It is difficult to make industrial progress under those circumstances. When the employe has no pride in production and no joy over good workmanship, the tendency is rather backward than forward. There is a stimulus to invention, however—to create machinery that will take the place of men and will not strike for the mere love of excitement.

NOT THE TRUE HEIR.

In touching upon the claim that Hiram Johnson is rightful heir of the Roosevelt tradition, the Chicago Tribune remarks that it is not easy to allow the pretense in view of the political company now seemingly employed by this Roosevelt claimant:

"One cannot exactly see Colonel Roosevelt, if alive, marching with the I. W. W. or the pro-Germans or with Hearst and William Hale Thompson."

Presenting Johnson as the natural inheritor of the Roosevelt legacy is merely a matter of political duplicity. Theodore Roosevelt had no understudy any more than Julius Caesar or George Washington. When he died the mold was broken. Were he alive today he would be the very first to repudiate the political, friendship and ambitions of Johnson, founded as they are upon the social and industrial elements that opposed the nation's flag in time of war. Roosevelt would have slapped the faces of the Bolshevists and Germans who voted for Johnson in Nebraska and Dakota.

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