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KILLING THE GOLDEN EGG GOOSE.

Only about half the pack of apricots has been put into cans in California that would have been prepared for the market in this way if the price of sugar had not been unreasonably high.

The housewives of that state have not taken their normal supply of apricots on account of the high cost of sugar.

The canners were afraid to attempt to pass on to the consumers a great supply of this fruit—reasoning that there must be a limit beyond which he buyers in the retail stores will follow the upward trend of prices.

The Mormon sugar trust is killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

By its short sighted capacity, it is forcing a curtailment of the use of sugar, while the whole world is hurrying to produce more sugar.

Sugar prices are bound to go down—and if the Mormon sugar trust shall lose all the enormous profits it has been piling up by its conscienceless profiteering, there will be few mourners.

In the case of apricots, the growers of California will find a way out; are finding a way.

This will be a good thing for Salem.

How?

Already two dehydrating plants are operating in California under the patents of the Salem company, paying a royalty to this company, and selling their output to this company; one is at Santa Rosa and the other is at Gilroy. They are operating on apricots and peaches exclusively, and these evaporated fruits are being used in the marketing of the products of the plant of this company at The Dalles and the one at Salem. It is a good thing for this Salem company in two ways; in the royalty money and in making the marketing of the other evaporated products easier and cheaper—and in still a third way, that is in reducing the overhead, on account both of added volume and the easier sale of the whole product, in a completer "line."

The present outlook is that many more dehydrating plants for apricots and peaches will go up in California—and they will all use the Salem patents, because these cover the only processes under which dehydrating has ever been done in a large way for the general market.

When once established these plants will stay, and grow; and they will spread.

And the sugar trust will lose forever this great market that it has in its short sighted policy forced to fight for its life.

The rain will be good for many growing things in the Willamette valley; but it will be hard on the men with hay down, and with cherries yet on the trees in a ripe condition.

The Statesman proved in a recent Salem Slogan issue that there should be a silo on every farm in the Salem district. The rain last night accentuated this proof.

But eight more months for Dr. Woodrow Wilson. If the European countries want him to heal the broken heart of the world they had better hurry up.—Exchange.

British labor declines to affiliate with the Moscow soviet. The English worker seems to be more careful of the company he keeps than the average American agitator.—Exchange.

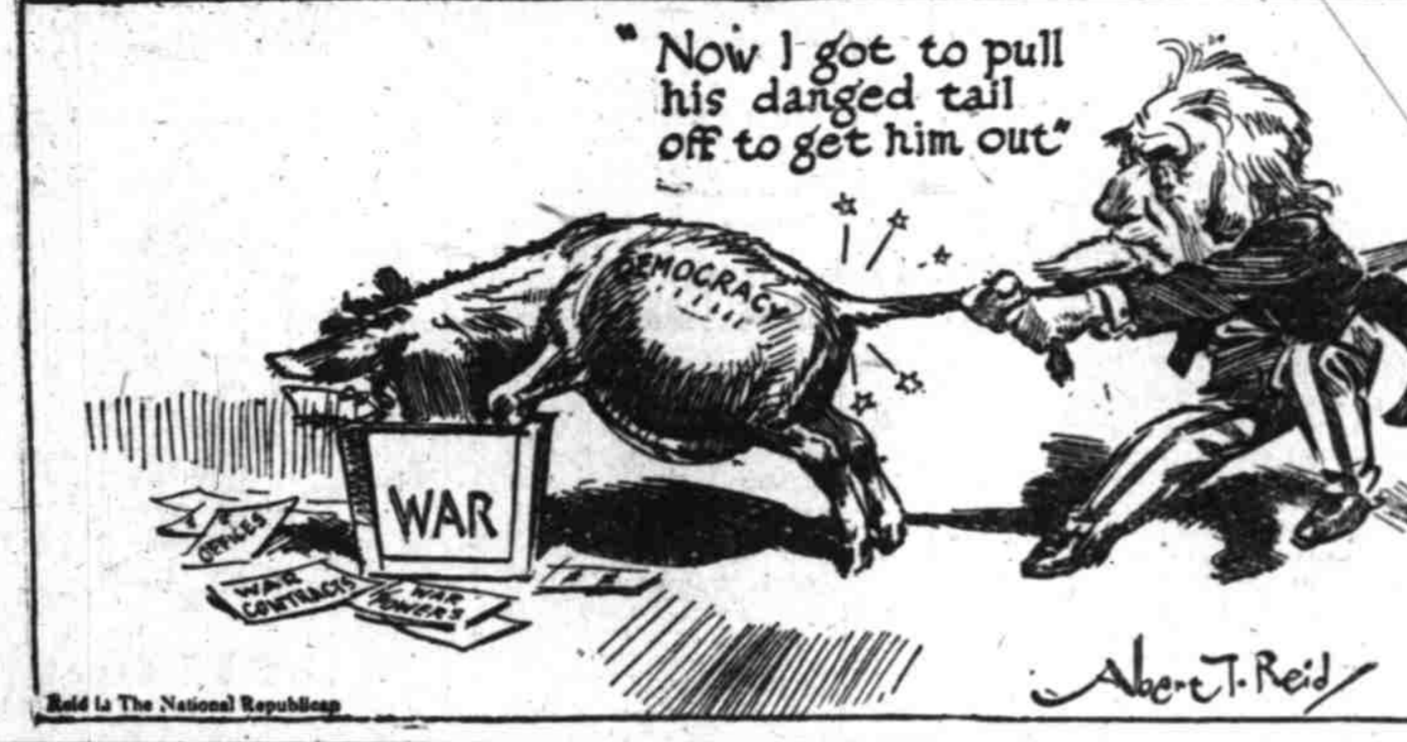
The organization of the Republican League of Clubs, which by late summer will have a membership of over 3,000,000 young men in every state except those in the solid south, has been perfected in the east. The league will be ready to begin its real drive for a Republican victory immediately after Senator Harding delivers his speech of acceptance on July 22. By October 1 there will be a club in every city and town in all of the northern states.

If old John Kling, the Marion (O.) banker, could look down from wherever he is and see his son-in-law, Warren Gamaliel Harding, a candidate for president of the United States he would probably regret that he ever forbade him the use of the house when he used to call on his daughter. And the story of that courtship will be told during the campaign and it will show the finest devotion by a man to the woman he had set his heart to win.

The idea that the Volstead act could be liberalized sufficiently to admit of the sale of 2.75 beer and light wines is not sound. A reading of the decision of the United States

FUTURE DATES

- July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university.
- July 6 to 26—Annual encampment of Oregon national Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
- July 24, Wednesday—Open forum meeting of Commercial club.
- July 15, Thursday—County court to open bids on road bonds.
- July 18 to 24—Salem Chautauque.
- July 19, 20 and 21—Willamette valley tennis tournament, state hospital court.
- July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Astoria.
- August 9 to 14—Buyers' week convention in Portland.
- September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.



dozen men with teams. One man with a tractor reaper and binder can harvest more wheat than twenty men with cradle and rake. But this improved machinery is expensive and its life is comparatively short. Scientific farming interests the few and they make it profitable; but it does not attract many.

The growth of modern municipalities is closely allied with that of industrial districts. America is a manufacturing country. We are much nearer to undeveloped Central and South America than Europe, and we are nearer the Orient. As these but partially developed countries grow, their demand for manufactured articles will increase.

There is a movement from the eastern farms to the cities, leaving the farms unoccupied. Such a movement presents one of the hardest problems that civilization has been called upon to solve. How are we to avoid forced labor and still keep enough workmen in the country to till the soil? That is one of the pressing problems of reconstruction. City populations must be fed; but how are we going to cajole or persuade the diminishing farm populations to keep on feeding the cities?

The western farms will for a long time to come produce more than enough to feed the population of the west. But we cannot in this respect be separated from the rest of the country. In the matter of supply and demand, we are all one country; and we are almost all one world.

WHO HAS A BETTER?

Editor Statesman: There has been a lot of boosting of Polk county by one of our daily papers of Salem, as a great cherry producing locality. We agree with them, but I wish to submit a few facts concerning my orchard in Marion county. I have just gathered off of less than six acres 22 2-3 tons of Royal Ann cherries.

The real test of an orchard is not what it bears in one year, but the record it keeps up, year after year. For the past six years the record of the orchard has been as follows: 1916, 7 tons; 1917, 4 1/2 tons, (damaged by frost); 1918, 10 tons; 1919, 7 1/2 tons; 1920, 22 2-3 tons.

Please bear in mind that these trees (four acres of them) were grafted 11 years ago, the balance three years later. If Polk county has an orchard of equal age that has a better record, we would like to hear from the owner.

—Mrs. Jennie M. Thomas, Owner and Manager of Royal View Orchard.

(Royal View orchard is located on the extension of South Commercial street, on the west side of the street, just beyond the Salem city limits. It is called Royal View because it has a royal view of Salem, the Willamette valley and the foot hills of the Cascades and the Coast range—and the snow peaks of the former.—Ed.)

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA.

(Los Angeles Times.) Studying newspaper reports of Fourth of July celebrations, some persons might think that the spirit of the day was forgotten in the mad chase for pleasure. That impression is a mistaken one. Never before, except perhaps at the time when the republic was in the making, has

there been a greater interest taken in what democracy really means. The people know that in America it has been a marvelous success, and they are studying the reasons why. Our libraries show this. Patrons who before the war were content always to take out novels today call for books which tell them about American ideals, the American spirit and national self-government. A recent bulletin issued by the Los Angeles public library proves this. The library has added to its store a number of volumes which it groups under such headings as "American Heritage," "What is Democracy?" "American City Government" and "The Spirit of America." There is a call for these works. The people have awakened to the fact that, as Senator Lodge has said, democracy has proved more helpful, more beneficial to the human race than any other political system yet devised by man. And they want to know why. They have seen America grow under this system until she has been described by an English poet, Alfred Noyes, as—

America, speaking one tongue,
Acting her epics before they are sung,
Driving her rails from the palms to the snow,
Through states that are greater than empires know,
Brooking no poverty, mocking at Mars,
Building her cities to talk with the stars,
Thriving incessantly by myriads again,
Till even in numbers old Europe shall wane."

The library bulletin publishes that extract on its front page and lists it as a description in little of America, her heritage, her purpose, her task and her spirit. It is not, perhaps, quite that, but it is a stirring testimony to the success of democracy.

TOO MUCH GOLD.
The government price of gold is \$20.67 a fine ounce. But representatives of gold mining companies are complaining to congress that at present prices of labor and material it is costing them about \$30 an ounce to mine the metal. They therefore modestly ask that an excise tax of \$10 an ounce be imposed on all gold taken for use in the arts and that the proceeds of this tax be turned over to them as a subsidy. Otherwise the mines may have to shut down entirely as they are now shut down in part.

Silver used to be accounted a pretty nery supplant for government assistance. But silver never asked for more than half a share with gold in the monopoly of the standard monetary market. Gold is now in exclusive possession of that monopoly and yet demands something more. It wants an out-and-out subsidy in gold. It would gild itself at the public expense.

We already have too much gold. That is why gold is so cheap relative to labor and commodities.—New York World.

UNDER GLASS.
One of the high-priced specialists in the government service is the consulting burglar of the treasury department. The federal reserve banks

are hunting for a type of puncture-proof and shock-defying vault in which to store their funds and are therefore getting the testimony of some of our most eminent and efficient safe-crackers on the subject.

An expert can go through some of these so-called burglar-proof steel safes as if they were made from blotting paper or Oregon fir.

Now there is some suggestion of making the vaults from glass, hardened in a certain manner, as being more tenacious than steel. It is possible that a vault of glass might be made transparent, and with an electric light on the inside, Uncle Sam could learn to count his money at any time without opening the doors. We used to have Carter Glass as secretary of the treasury, and if we are still to have glass to hold our money, it would indicate

that the influence of the Virginian continues to dominate. But if Uncle Sam is going to live in glass vaults he must not throw rocks at the League of Nations.

LOWDEN IN THE RING.

Governor Lowden of Illinois and Mayor Thompson of Chicago don't seem able to keep their paws off of one another. The Illinois board of public utilities authorized an increase in the rate of street car fares in Chicago.

The advance was allowed on the showing that the car company was headed for bankruptcy.

But the mayor did a grandstand stunt and insisted that the increase wasn't necessary. He declared that the only relief in sight was to clean out the entire state administration that was behind the board of utilities. Nothing but a clean sweep would do. Governor Lowden did not expect to be again a candidate for executive of his state, but the Chicago attitude aroused the slumbering lion in him and it is now apparent that the governor and all the present state officers will put the matter up to the people and stand for re-election.

Chicago has almost half the vote of the state. Thompson has all the radicals, but there are probably not enough to swing things.

OLD TIMERS.

Premier Giolitti of Italy has staged a comeback at the age of 79 years. All of which shows that years are no great barrier in diplomacy or politics when the conditions are just right.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Weather man playing safe. He predicts either fair or showers.

The committee of 48, embracing the 57 varieties of cranks and slackers, may split up into several parties.

But what they do or what they say or what they think is the average man's idea of nothing to worry about.

The Salem chautauqua will be going all next week, and the Elks will be here the last three days of the week. So it will be some week.

In Russia the brotherhood of man seems to be working out in about the same way it does in every family where there are four boys who all

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want the silver Sunday night—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Germany is buying hemp in large quantities. If we were the ex-kaiser we wouldn't go back home just now.—Charleston News and Courier.

Senator Johnson, on his long, weary ride homeward from Chicago, doubtless recalled the persistent individual of whom it was said he took nothing from the pie-counter but his elbows.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

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