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SOME THINGS CAN AND OTHERS CANNOT WAIT

Some things in the process of Salem's sure growth into a large and prosperous city can wait—

And some things cannot wait. The undeveloped water power in the Salem district, in the projects already marked out, amounting to 103,218 horse power, with several times that much not yet marked out or a little further away, but which can be made available here by hydroelectric development—

This can wait. Its development is bound to come in time.

The more rapid development of the flax and hemp industries, highly desirable, can wait. The flax industry is now on a solid basis, and it is sure to have a great future; and it is pretty sure to grow from this time on in such a way as to surprise most of our people. It is bound, in the course of time, to become perhaps the greatest of all our industries.

The prune industry, the walnut and fibert and dairying and many other industries, which are sure to become continually greater in the Salem district—

All these and many others can wait the regular processes of development and improvement. They are fully launched on their way, and need only more intelligent and industrious men to push them along the lines already marked out and sure of results.

But the proper facilities for taking care of our surplus cherries, strawberries and other fruits and berries, and the surplus crops of perishable vegetables—

These cannot wait. Not without the risk of great losses each year, such as was the case with our surplus cherries last summer, and our vegetables that were lost in the freeze of last December.

Either one of which losses represented enough money to pay for the construction in Salem of a large cold storage plant—

A \$200,000 to \$250,000 plant, sufficiently large to insure this district against the repetition of such losses.

It is unthinkable that we should fly in the face of fortune by neglect, and only wake up to our folly when the losses are repeated, again and again—

To the great injury of this district as a great fruit district and a great vegetable country.

The storage and handling charges will pay the interest on the bonds for the money necessary to build such a plant, and they will also provide a sinking fund to retire a serial issue.

But the district or the city must put its credit behind the bonds—

Just as the state of Oregon puts its credit behind the road bonds; and has never had to pay a cent on them and never will.

The thing to do is to get this matter before the people of the district or the city in the proper form—

And do it now, in order that the surplus perishable fruits and vegetables that cannot be taken care of in any other way may be insured against losses in the future.

The death rate in the United States in 1919 is the lowest on record. Of course, this does not include the decease of the esteemed Democratic party.

Secretary Burleson says his coast-to-coast air mail service is working finely. Now he might put in some of his valuable time on the land mail service between the oceans.

If the Republican vote continues to increase in the southern states it will soon be necessary to reinaugurate the reign of the night-riders and other means of suppressing the opposition vote

that were in vogue in the 70's. There will be more material for another "Clansman."

Now it is proposed to set aside a portion of California as a sanctuary for wild animals. It will have to be quite extensive to accommodate all the Democrats who bet on Cox.—Los Angeles Times.

The Democrats are now very busy arranging for the reconstruction of the party, and Col. Eryan insists upon being consulted. But there is objection from every direction to allowing him to have anything to do with

the work. There appear to be many men of many minds as to just what ought to be done. It is a condition that stumps the wisest. Our advice would be to unload Woodrow Wilson—but we may be wrong.—Exchange.

It is announced that the price of lumber will not drop. But it is the duty of everyone who can possibly do so to contribute to the building activity. The only way to relieve the house shortage is to have more houses. Simple, isn't it?

"Never touched us" will be the record in Salem, if all the forward looking forces pull together and no one gets cold feet. This with reference to the laying off of men in the industries of many eastern cities.

This is a good apple country, for the right varieties of apples, cultivated by the right varieties of apple men. Help the Salem slogan man to prove it, in Thursday's Statesman. It is up to you. It is your duty.

The reduction of working forces in many of the eastern cities is going on. The high priced laborers, who spent their surplus in silk shirts and automobiles are likely to regret it. The pendulum is swinging back—it always does. But the Pacific coast will be almost immune, if the forward-looking forces are active. There is plenty of work for all who want to work on this coast—if only the men and the jobs can be gotten together—and no one gets cold feet, and the knockers are suppressed.

ENFORCING THE LAWS.

"Practice your counsels," cried Cornelle, "or give them not to me!" Such is the gist of Lae reply that the Communists of Europe make to Americans who preach the virtue of observing the written law. Radical periodicals coming to the United States are filled with comments on the failure of the American government to enforce and the people to observe the eighteenth amendment. They say that the people of this country are one-quarter Puritans and three-quarters hypocrites.

One has but to turn to the columns of our own newspapers to find ample justification for this foreign reflection. In at least half the territory of the United States the eighteenth amendment is violated with hilarity and, generally, with impunity. In a few sections the federal enforcement officers have been doing their duty and in others they have aided and abetted in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor.

Adherents of the doctrine of personal liberty have attempted to make a virtue of violating the anti-liquor laws. Because they do not agree with the spirit of the Volstead act they are seeking to set themselves above the law. Politics has intervened to weaken a rigid enforcement and a point has been reached where the American people, once proud of their observance of the laws of their own making, may come to be regarded as a nation of law-breakers.

It is to be hoped that one of the first acts of the new administration will be to punish those who violate the provisions of the Volstead act with the same rigor that law-breakers in general are punished. If individuals are to be permitted to put themselves above certain laws the time will surely arrive when groups will set themselves above all laws.

Under certain conditions the flames of anarchy lighted by an alcohol lamp might well devour American institutions.

Citizens are within their rights when they discuss the terms of the Volstead act.

They have the right to hold that it never should have been put upon the statute books; but they have neither the legal nor the moral right to violate a single one of its terms so long as it remains the law of the land.

Congress passed the Volstead act, and congress can amend or repeal it. Public sentiment may come to favor a modification; but public sentiment will never approve violations of the act while it remains in force. Foreign radicals can point with

FUTURE DATES.

November 11 to 25—Red Cross roll call.
November 25, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman college, at Salem.
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November 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving day.
December 1, Wednesday—Entertainment by Great Shirley Concert company at armory, under auspices of American legion.
December 6, Monday—Special school election.
December 7, Tuesday—Annual election of Cherrians.
December 8, Wednesday—Annual election of Commercial club.
December 10, 11 and 12—Western Oregon Older Boys' conference, Salem.
December 14, Tuesday—Annual election Salem Business Men's league.

some reason to the American people as a nation of law-breakers so long as the Volstead act is subject to open and continued violations.

If frequent and flagrant violations of the Volstead act are permitted to continue, a new socket will be fitted to the torch of radicalism. A little investigation discloses that the class which violates the Volstead act is composed largely of those who have taken a wicked pleasure in violating traffic laws on the public highways. The speed demon is nearly always a crude violator of the Volstead act as well. A class of sports has developed in this country who consider it an honor to have violated the laws regulating the speed of vehicles and those forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Strict and uniform observance of all laws was formerly characteristic of the American people.

It is one of the distinguishing traits that formerly caused foreigners to marvel.

Immigrants who came from countries that had suffered for centuries from political oppression could not understand the indignation that the average American felt in beholding another breaking the law. Foreign-born anarchists have been striving for a generation to destroy in American workmen that hereditary respect for the law; but they have not been able to make much headway. If these workmen observe a privileged and wealthy class breaking one set of laws they will accept it as justification to break another set.

There can be no half-way house in the observance of laws; there can be no compromise with those who refuse observance because they object to the spirit of the act. The executive department of the government must not be permitted to nullify laws which the legislative department has enacted; neither must the people, having once through their representatives approved an act, be permitted to violate its provisions; for they possess at all times the power to repeal through their representatives any act to which a sufficient majority of them are opposed.

If the Volstead act is "cruelly and unusually" drastic, a rigid and impartial enforcement is the surest way to secure its repeal; if it is satisfactory to a majority of the people of the country it is the moral and patriotic duty of the minority to submit to what is considered the greatest good by the greatest number.

LOVE AND APPETITES.

At the national gathering of hotel men in New York the chairman of the exposition committee reported that the high price of bridal suites was putting a crimp in matrimony and he admitted that the fancy rates ought to be cut.

This is a new one. We had never thought that loving couples were regretfully putting off their union because the Waldorf-Castoria was asking \$216 a day for a bridal chamber. If the leading hotel in any American city spoils a lot of marriages because it charges \$12 a day extra for the perfume of orange blossoms in its choicest apartments it should be known. But if the hotel men themselves

admit that the rate for their fancy love nests is too high it must be so. It would be a fine idea if the landlord would fix the price of the bridal chamber at the old rate of \$2 a day and then see if there is a corresponding boom in the marriage market.

At this same meeting of bonifaces there was another surprise. The delegates were all taken over to Ellis Island and the immigration commissioner served a very satisfactory dinner that he showed could be put on the table at 25 cents a head. There was a soup that some of the landlords would put on their own cards at at least 50 cents a portion, and the spread might have done duty for a \$2 table d'hote dinner if served with the splendor usual to some of their hostilities. But it was filling and appetizing—and it could be done for a quarter.

The average boniface of today does not think it possible that a regular meal can be built for 25 cents; but one of the greatest hotel fortunes of Los Angeles, according to the Times of that city, arose from the fame of its Sunday chicken dinners for a quarter.

"Them were the good old days."

Now the hat-check boy sneers at a tip of less than that sum. The modern hotel is a palace, and it is conducted on the hypothesis that there is nothing in the world but money, and that it all reaches the hotel coffers in time.

PAY AS YOU ENTER.

The only way in which workmen can obtain a 44-hour week is by placing all industry on a piece-work basis. There are few businesses that can stand the payment of seven days' wages for five days' work.—Los Angeles Times.

Perhaps. But they do have it in some places now.

All the printers and pressmen in Salem have it, and some of them in Portland.

A great deal more will be heard concerning the 44-hour week along about March 1st.

The 44-hour week means eight hours a day for five days and four hours in the forenoon of Saturday.

BLESSED NIGHT.

The day hath glories of its own
That shine with fervent glow,
But oh, the blessings of night
The day can never know.

The shining moon and twinkling stars
Accord in mellow tones
And with the sacred calm of night
In blessedness commune.

The hustle, bustle of the day
Neglects the hours of prayer,
But holy is night's atmosphere
Where broken vows repair.

The loving ties the day unloosed
The evening tide cements;
The wrongful deeds the day condoned
Night's quietude relents.

The tight-strung nerves with cares oppress
Long for the night's release;
With weariness the days depress,
But night brings rest and peace.

The errant transient of the day
Turns backward to confess
As sable night puts on her robes
In attitude to bless.

The family gathers 'round the hearth
A picture of delight,
'Till Morpheus gently folds them in
The arms of loving night.

The cattle from a thousand hills,
The flocks from far-off plains
Come to the nesting folds for rest
When night supremely reigns.

Oh, humble night, oh, queenly night
I love thy fond embrace;
No pomp or pride or haughty glare
Destroys thy perfect grace.

Oh, glorious day, oh, arduous day,
Thy labors call for rest,
Then saintly night, like mother bird,
Will draw us to her breast.

Oh, may the days be long or short,
My labors hard or light
I long to evade in the arms
Of mellow, soothing night.

Yes, day hath glories all its own,
The sun a golden crown,
But for pure blessedness I wait
'Till holy night comes 'round.

—W. T. RIGDON.

day, with a Saturday half-holiday. Either this, or seven hours and twenty minutes six days in the week, or six nights in the week. In the printing trade, as the printing trade is constituted in Salem and generally in cities of this size, the main injustice of the 44-hour week lies in the additional overtime, or price and

work that it entails. Not every acquaintance is a friend. Don't forget that.

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New Crank Case Service for Motorists

YOU probably know that after a few weeks of driving your lubricating oil becomes dirty with carbon, road dust and fine particles of metal, which circulate through your engine and cause unnecessary wear on bearing surfaces. And gasoline escapes past the pistons and dilutes the oil. Granted. There's nothing new about that—but—

Here's an absolutely new way to get rid of this dirty, diluted oil and put your engine in line for better performance and longer life. It is called Modern Crankcase Cleaning Service.

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- 2—M. E. Jackson, Fairgrounds.
- 3—Eyerly Bros., 246 State Street.
- 4—Advance Rumley Thresher Co., 263 N. Com'l.
- 5—Salem Tire & Vulcanizing Co., 154 S. Com'l.
- 6—Liberty Garage, 444 Ferry Street.

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