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NEEDY FAMILIES ARE SUPPLIED

Salem's needy families are pretty well supplied, for the time being, at least.

Great quantities of potatoes, apples, onions, canned goods, rice, beans, bacon, and even ham and eggs and bacon and eggs, and various other eatables, and a good deal of clothing, were distributed through the warehouse of The Statesman.

Things donated by a large number of people in this city and this district—

Brought in from all directions almost like manna rained down from the heavens, upon the call of this paper.

The Salvation Army has also distributed large amounts of supplies to the needy families of Salem.

It is the opinion of those who helped in the distribution of the supplies sent to The Statesman's warehouse that the needy families of this city are now very well supplied.

However, in case there is further need, this paper will be glad again to render the same kind of aid, and put warehouse room at the service of the good people who wish to help tide over the needy till spring work opens—

And it is certain that there will be a generous response in case of a second call—

For our people have surely demonstrated that they are more than ready to help the deserving.

To all who furnished supplies, and to all who aided in the distribution, this will serve as a card of most sincere thanks from all who were helped.

The lesson of the tumbling down of the card house of Morris Bros. ought to appeal to the Oregon Legislature, to be in session a week from next Monday. There must be legislation enacted calculated to prevent such a thing happening in the future. Our state has machinery already organized that can, with proper authority given, make a repetition of this thing next to impossible.

The Oregon Legislature ought to be prompt in getting its memorials to Congress on the tariff adopted and sent forward, for the hearings of the Ways and Means Committee of the House at Washington will begin four days before our law makers come together in Salem, and the schedules in which our people are particularly interested will begin to be considered January 21; that is, agricultural products, to be followed by flax, hemp and jute January 28, and wool and its manufactures January 31. Some member of our Legislature ought to have this matter ready at the opening of the session.

California is to enact a law against any alien owning land in that state, and in this way the pride of the Japanese is to be satisfied. There are several ways of killing a cat, besides choking it to death with hot butter. But the "indirect" immigrants of the Japanese race will go right on own-

ing land in California—the Japanese children born in this country, or in Hawaii or the Philippines; for they are American citizens, like the rest of us born on American soil, whether their skins are white, brown, black, yellow or red.

Mr. Baruch, who is an authority, thinks that the world will get under full steam with free interchange between markets the moment the amount of the German reparation is finally fixed. By the treaty this must be before May 1.

Look for a most interesting and instructive poultry article in Thursday's Statesman.

Business must be rushing before congress in Washington when that body takes but a three-day recess for the holidays. Things are humming on Pennsylvania avenue.

As we understand the situation in Geneva, the issue of disarmament has been indefinitely postponed. Why not fix the date, say, when there is a Democrat again elected to the presidency of the United States. That will be sufficiently far away.

The purchasers of shares of the local building and loan association get no interim certificates, and they help in building up Salem and not Edmonton or some other Canadian or other city. They can see their securities, in good Salem property, and there has never been a foreclosure.

Salem is the Cherry City of the World, as will be shown by the Salem slogan pages of The Statesman of Thursday. And, by the way, if you have anything enlightening on the cherry industry, for the slogan editor, please hold up your hand—today or tomorrow.

The wrecking of the Portland bond house of Morris Bros. by another financier of the Ponzi stripe is to be regretted, both on account of the losses that will be

FUTURE DATES.

January 4, Tuesday—Coronation of King Bing, armory.
 January 14, Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. O. A. C. at Salem.
 January 19 and 20, Wednesday and Thursday—Annual institute Y. W. O. A.
 January 20 and 21, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.
 January 28, Friday—Triangular inter-scholastic debate, Salem, Stayton and Oregon City high schools competing.
 January 28 to 30—Interstate convention of Y. M. C. A. in Salem.
 February 3, Thursday—Dance day, show and sale, state fair grounds.
 February 12, Saturday—Lincoln's birthday.
 February 14, Monday—Basketball, Willamette vs. University of Idaho, at Moscow.
 February 15 and 16, Tuesday and Wednesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 February 17, Thursday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla Y. M. C. A., at Walla Walla.
 February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Spokane.
 February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.
 February 22, Tuesday—Washington's birthday.
 February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Salem.
 March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
 April 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.
 April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
 May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C., at Corvallis.
 November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

sustained by many individual purchasers of interim certificates and the injurious effect the failure will have temporarily upon bond houses doing a perfectly safe business.

You will say the special articles in the forthcoming Welcome and Anniversary edition of The Statesman are the best ever gotten together by a Salem newspaper. Better order your copies now, and send in the addresses, so that there may be prompt delivery.

FRUITS OF THE VINE.

The grape industry in California brought in about \$130,000,000 this year and was probably the most valuable crop of the Golden state. Last year the figures were slightly in excess of \$75,000,000. This is an increase for the present season of approximately 80 per cent. This is the way prohibition has ruined the grape growers of California. There is no assurance, however, that these flattering figures can be maintained year after year. Nevertheless, there is no present intention of abandoning the California vineyards.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

President-elect Harding has re-declared his pre-election pledge to invite the vice president to sit as an ex-officio member of the cabinet. The invitation has been formally extended and accepted.

For the first time in more than 100 years the spirit of the constitution in relation to the executive and legislative departments of the federal government is to be actually applied. This act alone will give to the president-elect a place in history; for it has been reserved to him to discover the vice president.

When the constitution was framed it was not the intent of the constitutional convention that the vice president should be a nonentity in the federal government. The position was made an elective one because it was considered as closely allied with that of chief executive. The vice president was to preside over the deliberations of the senate and serve in a rapprochement between the executive and legislative branches of the government, which were intended to work in harmony and not at cross purposes.

The vice president was intended to occupy the position of chairman of the board of directors of an organization in which the president should be the general manager. Power was conferred upon the senators to remove the executive head if, in their opin-

ion, he should prove derelict in his duty to the country.

Political considerations alone prevented this plan from being put into effect. During the early years of the republic the presidential and vice presidential candidates did not run on the same ticket.

There was no candidate for vice president. When the electoral college met the candidate receiving the highest number of votes was named president and the second on the list became vice president. The unavoidable result of this method of selection was that the president and vice president were political antagonists; they represented the opposite poles of political thought and it was natural that the president should decline to give the vice president anything more to do with conducting the government than the constitution specifically prescribed.

Later, in 1891, an amendment was adopted under which the president and vice president were selected on different ballots, giving the majority party control of both offices.

This was the twelfth amendment—

The second after the first ten embracing the so-called "bill of rights."

But a hundred years elapsed before a president was elected who chose voluntarily to give to the vice president his place in the government that the framers of the constitution intended.

It is the general opinion that the step taken by President-elect Harding will have beneficial results. No private business thrives when the president and the chairman of the board of directors are not working in harmony. We have seen during recent years the baneful effect of the executive and legislative departments of the government being in friction. No load is likely to move very rapidly when one horse of the team is pulling forward and the other pulling back, or when they stop pulling to chew each other's manes.

Harmony and efficiency in the government set an excellent example for harmony and efficiency in the country at large.

The hopelessly Democratic papers will doubtless see in this innovation proof of the senate oligarchy.

They will doubtless allege that Senator Harding was forced to agree to go fifty-fifty with the senate in order to secure the Republican nomination. This criticism will pass, however, and the reform which is about to be inaugurated will remain. Nothing criticism on the part of the opposition will not do much harm; for it has become a maxim of American life that you can't knock a winner.

WITHIN THE LEAGUE.

Two of the "enemy" powers have been admitted to the League of Nations which now embraces 18 states. Austria was the first to be allowed to join, and then

Bulgaria was given a place. Germany is still on the outside. It must be left to time to soften the hard feelings which still possess some of the allies with respect to the arch-enemy. Austria's election was made without recorded opposition, but four members abstained from voting. Although Austria's ultimatum to Serbia actually brought about the world catastrophe, there has never been the intense feeling against that country which characterized the attitude toward Germany. The world has learned from Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, that it was Berlin which insisted on warlike action against Serbia. The once mighty dual monarchy has suffered terribly on account of the fearful error; so has the rest of the world, for that matter; but Austria-Hungary has practically been torn to pieces as a punishment.

The Austria which is admitted to the League of Nations is, in territory only, about twice the size of Marion county—

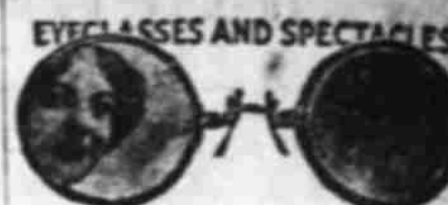
A mere remnant of the empire over which Francis Joseph ruled, and writers speak of it as the most desolate and most pitiable of the enemy countries. Hungary is in almost as bad a plight. Cablegrams state that both countries are in dire need and have appealed to America for help. They have also appealed to the allies in Europe. The fact that Austria has joined the League of Nations may have some effect in hastening the measures for relief which must be taken in behalf of the new republic.

STOPPING THE LEAKS.

If all the liquor remaining in the country were concentrated in a few government warehouses there wouldn't be anything like the "leakage" that is indicated every day when withdrawals can be made from private warehouses

under the consent of many officials. The prohibition commissioner would like to hoard all the hard stuff under one roof. When the making of whiskey was stopped there were almost 70,000,000 gallons on hand in the country and it was expected that there was enough alcohol to last for at least 15 years for medicinal and sacramental purposes. But it doth appear that almost 20,000,000 gallons are gone already. At the present rate of withdrawals all that remains will be gone within two years. There are many who think the simplest solution is to let things run as they are. Let the sashes drink it all up as quickly as they can and then let no alcohol be made except through the government. We would reach dry land quicker than by trying to spread the existing stocks over an extended period of years. The chairman of the ways and means committee of congress is of that mind and is inclined to oppose new legislation to concentrate and safeguard the visible supply.

A small boy was passing along the street when a parrot, from its cage on the porch, screamed at him. "How do ye do?" The boy stopped in astonishment. The bird called a second time, and a third. The lad removed his cap with a polite bow and said: "Very well, thank you, sir. Excuse me for not answering you sooner, but I really thought you were only a bird."—McCall.



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