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MESSAGE OF THE NEW SALEM MAYOR

G. E. Halvorsen, the new Salem mayor, in his first message to the city council, takes high ground on several very important matters.

Most important, in the opinion of The Statesman, is his recommendation that the city council take up the matter of the erection of a municipal cold storage plant.

For the saving of our surplus fruit and vegetable crops that may otherwise go to waste.

The city has the site; it has the organization; it has the credit to back up bonds to raise the money. It would cost the taxpayers nothing, for it would pay its own expenses and retire the bonds. No new board need be created; the city council would have power to appoint the men to take care of the plant.

The new mayor also favors a commission form of government, and this is important, because the business of Salem as a city has grown to such proportions that expert knowledge is needed in the conduct of its affairs.

He also favors the paving of the streets from the north, in order that the state fair grounds may be reached on paved streets and connection may be made in the same way with the Pacific Highway.

Mayor Halvorsen is also in favor of better traffic regulations, along about the same lines recommended by the new city marshal. Mr. Halvorsen is himself engaged in the automobile business, and he has made a study of this matter and his recommendations deserve speedy action.

C. M. Miall of Portland was yesterday elected general manager of The Phez Company, and he has already taken charge of the affairs of that great concern, with whose fortunes Salem and the Salem district are so intimately and vitally bound up.

Colonel Bryan still insists on telling the world that he is a Democrat.

President-elect Harding and his wife were overwhelmed with holiday gifts. The prospective officeholders are possibly hoping for many happy returns.

One of the first duties for President Harding to perform will be to untie the knots with which President Wilson's nimble fingers have bound us in foreign engagements.

The forthcoming Welcome and Anniversary number of The Statesman will contain a larger number of articles contributed by experts in their lines than any edition of a Salem paper ever published.

What is going to be done, now that women have the ballot, in states where there is a poll tax? Will the women have to work on the roads one day or will father be compelled to put in one day

for himself and another for each of the female members of the family who are old enough to vote?

The resolution of Representative McArthur of Oregon should receive the unanimous support of congress. It is the initial step toward a revision of the law relative to the inauguration date and it will change the administration within five weeks after a national election. It will also abolish the short session of congress. Not until four months after the people of this country elected Warren G. Harding president of the United States will he be inducted into office, and not until a year and a month after this will a Republican congress assemble—unless called in extra session at greatly added cost to the nation.—Los Angeles Times.

STUMBLING BLOCKS. There is a feeling that the soviet government in Russia will be overcome by peaceful and persistent penetration from within rather than through any violent revolution. As a matter of fact, most of the commercial and Socialistic theories under which the soviet came to power have already been abandoned.

THE TOP PRICE. President Wilson has refused an offer of \$150,000 for a single magazine article from his pen—the length and subject being matters left entirely to his decision.

DISARMING THE WORLD. The junior senator from California now wants world disarmament, but does he think it can be brought about through his making some florid remarks in the halls of congress?

LAYING OF A GHOST. The Statesman, Salem, Oregon.—Gentlemen: On the front page of a recent edition of one of Portland's papers was a short story, carrying a Salem date line, in which it was stated upon good authority that one of the Multnomah county delegations was preparing a bill which should have for its purpose the consolidation of the Oregon state fair and the Pacific International live stock exposition, the consolidated fairs to have their home at Portland.

FUTURE DATES. January 4, Tuesday—Coronation of King Bing smorgy.

January 12, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Commercial club.

January 14, Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. O. A. C. at Salem.

January 19 and 20, Wednesday and Thursday—Annual institute, Y. M. C. A.

January 20 and 21, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.

January 28, Friday—Triangular intercollegiate debate, Salem, Stayton and Oregon City high schools competing.

February 3, Thursday—Duroc 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 Walls Walla.

February 17, Thursday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Walls Walla Y. M. C. A., at Walls Walla.

February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Spokane.

February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.

February 23, Wednesday—Washington's birthday.

February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Salem.

foundation in fact. A meeting of the board of directors of the Pacific International live stock exposition was held in Portland Tuesday morning, with the following directors present: President F. S. Stimson of Seattle, Roderick L. Macleay, A. C. Ruby, W. B. Ayer, William Ladd, Frank Robertson, Charles H. Carey and C. L. Hawley.

Prohibition has advanced in the Philippines to the point where it is suspended on election days. That ought to hasten the counting of the ballots.

It is getting so now that it is possible for a reporter to tell about an automobile upsetting without referring to it as having "turned turtle."

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Suggestions on Automobile Traffic Regulations.

Editor Statesman: Adverting to the published plans of the new chief of police about the regulation of automobile traffic, I infer that he would lay off spaces on the pavement adjacent to the curb and require an automobile to back into a stall thus formed.

Instead of backing in, I suggest that cars be required to head in. It is much easier to drive into a narrow space than to back in, because the driver can see better where he is going.

Be Slender. True way to become slender, agile, healthy, is now yours.

THE CRUCIAL POINT HAS PASSED— A PANIC ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE— THE FUTURE FOR BUSINESS BRIGHT

Merchandise Has Dropped to its Lowest Levels—

These and similar reports come to us every day from authoritative sources, and after looking fully into the conditions of the factories financially, labor problems, etc., we are fully convinced of this fact.

Last September when merchandise took its first drop we immediately made a decision to lower our prices with every decline of the wholesale houses, and to take our losses immediately rather than hold our stock for higher prices.

Our tremendous patronage we have gained with full confidence as to the quality and as to our new and progressive way of doing business can be directly connected with this policy made in September.

We believe in facing facts when they have to be faced. Now we have to face the fact that merchandise will not have further declines. They have reached a level where manufacturers had to suspend operation, because they could not manufacture goods at todays prices which were forced down by the public demand.

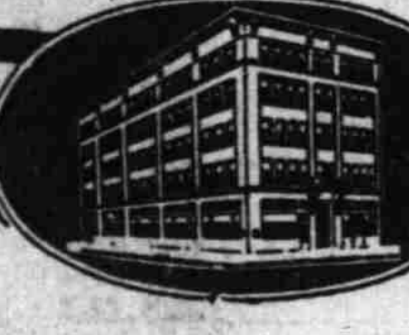
When they do open they will set a price, that the best minds in the mercantile field will not be lower than today's quotations, if not higher.

When you buy from us you buy from Salem's most progressive store. A store that keeps up with the very latest in the merchandising field.

Yours for Progressive business

PEOPLE'S CASH STORE

Watch for our January Clearance Sale



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THERE are two ways of making money. One is to earn it. The other to **SAVE** it.

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to back into. There is no greater danger of collision in one way of backing than in the other. That danger is constant whichever course is taken, and may be avoided by proper attention to signals and speed.

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PEOPLE'S CASH STORE. Watch for our January Clearance Sale

Pro Inventory Sales

Every department is affected in this Annual House Cleaning Event. All short lines, Odd Lengths, and broken sizes are put at prices that will make final clearance.

Ladies' Suits
Ladies' Coats
Ladies' Skirts
Ladies' Blouses
Boys' Suits
French Ivory

AT HALF PRICE

Toys, Games, Books and Dolls are all marked for final Clearance

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