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IT IS RAINING GOOD THINGS

It is raining good things— Pouring them. We are to get a Republican administration at Washington—

And Herbert Hoover of Oregon and California and the United States of America and the wide world, is to be a member of it—

And his great ability in organization and constructive force is to be given full and free play, and he is to have the unstinted, unjealous cooperation of President Harding and all the other members of the Cabinet—

And there is to be team work all down the line. And we are to have a new tariff law, next month, or the following month; framed with the idea of giving protection to American capital and industries and labor. The bill for this law is now being framed, after long weeks of hearings by the House Ways and Means Committee, of which our Congressman Hawley is a member, and a very influential member.

The United States Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision giving the stamp of irrevocable approval to the land credit act; so that the land credit banks will hereafter function, without the shadow of danger from the three-bill financiers and the corsairs of the sea of credits.

And the country is about through with the shaking-out process and business is about down to brass tacks and back to first principles.

In short, all sails are trimmed, all useless ballast has been thrown out or is about to be sent overboard, and the country is well along the road back to normalcy, and the ship of commerce is about ready for a voyage of great progress and prosperity—

And full steam will soon be on. It is going to be the greatest period of development and progress along all lines of useful and fruitful endeavor in the history of the country—

And the great strength and leadership of the United States will reflect itself upon the whole wide world—not by pulling our people down to the level of the less progressive nations, but by helping them to gradually lift themselves up towards the level of this greatest of the nations of this age or any age.

Hundreds of millions of dollars in farm loans will now be released, on account of the favorable decision of the United States Supreme Court yesterday; so it is announced by the heads of the land credit banks. These hundreds of millions will come into use at a time when they are sorely needed, in the agricultural development of the country—and on this development every other development depends, directly or indirectly. The wealth of agriculture is the foundation wealth of any country.

The actual center of population of the United States, according to experts from Indiana university, is in "Uncle Jimmie" Herrin's hilly 40-acre farm, either in the hog lot or the cornfield." It is a reminder that the state raises livestock and produce as well as literature.

Premier David Lloyd George is talking sharply to Greece, but she is paying no more attention to him than when Xerxes did it.

The Pbes company is solid; it goes on its way as a big factor in Salem's progress. That is good news.

Mines in Salem slogan subject for Thursday's Statesman. The slogan editor wants your help, if you can give any help; today or tomorrow.

The crusade in congress in behalf of Sunday observance laws comes for the most part from the southern states. Has Puritanism moved down across the Mason and Dixon line?

There are four women in the Kansas legislature, a quartet, but in the interest of harmony they have so far desisted from singing.

The offer of J. P. Morgan to the government to give his London mansion for the use of the American ambassador has been accepted by congress. It is a reflection on the American people that the nation is compelled to accept the tender of a private citizen in order that its representative to the highest diplomatic post abroad may be properly housed.

News print paper from Norway and Sweden is being used by Oregon newspapers—while some of the machines of the big paper manufacturing concerns at Oregon City and other places in this territory are "down." That is, idle. The managers of these concerns profited and squeezed too hard. In the long run, they will see that it would have been better business for them had they played a fair game.

It will not matter much what President Wilson does to the emergency tariff bill, which is now in his hands. The permanent bill is now being framed, and it will be a law in April or May. In the meantime, in case President Wilson vetoes the emergency bill, it can either be passed over his veto, or re-enacted at the special session, or the Payne-Aldrich bill revived as an emergency measure, as advocated by the American Tariff League. Any way, the days of the Underwood free trade law are growing very short. And the country takes hope.

The federal farm loan banks may now go ahead with their business. The United States supreme court yesterday held the law of congress under which they were operating to be constitutional. The case has been in that court for many months, in its original form and on rehearing, and during all this time the land credit banks have been held up, and hampered and unable to make new loans, even on applications that had been approved. This decision will result in great good

to the agricultural interests of the United States, immediately, and in the near future—and for all time. It will at once make available a large number of loans to farmers in the Salem district, and it will set in motion a market for lands for actual use, and it will indirectly help all lines of business in this section.

PRESIDENTIAL GIFTS.

Once again arises the controversial point as to whether gifts made to the president and his wife from other nations are the personal property of the recipients, or are made to the nation through its chief executive to be enjoyed by all his successors.

President and Mrs. Wilson received many such gifts during their famous trip to Europe, including a rare and valuable Gobelin tapestry presented by the French government. The collection is said to include exceptional objects of art, curios, precious china, furniture, pictures, etc., which Mrs. Wilson is preparing to remove to her future home.

Mrs. Wilson is understood to have declared they are positively hers and that the Gobelin in particular was presented to her as Mrs. Wilson and not as first lady of America. But there is ample opinion that the treasure should remain at the White House.

The controversy recalls the occasion when Queen Victoria presented some fine old engravings to Miss Harriet Lane after President Buchanan had entertained the Prince of Wales. Congress refused to permit her to remove them and they adorn the White House to this day.

But such controversies are rather petty. Some definite rule should be laid down on the subject once and for all. Otherwise it will become necessary for foreign donors to be asked to specify exactly in what capacity they are lavishing their generosity upon American governmental officials. "Excuse me, old dears, but do you love me for myself alone or strictly because I happen to be holding an influential job? Is this mine, or am I just allowed to hold it?"

Which recalls the fact that the ex-kaiser gave Lord Haldane of England a piquant little statuette and Lord Tweedmouth, then of the British admiralty, an affectionately autographed picture of himself. In neither case did parliament demand a relinquishment of the valuable spoils—but both Haldane and Tweedmouth found the gifts peculiarly embarrassing in the light of later events. Haldane, it will be remembered, was then influential in army reorganization and publicly expressed his belief in the good faith of Germany. Tweedmouth was equally thoughtful in disregarding Germany's secret naval program.

Both gentlemen lived to wish they had regarded those tender little gifts as impersonal and handed them over to the British museum for noncontroversial possession.

CHANCE TO COMPROMISE.

With its own affairs still a long way from being settled, Europe is about to try to decide what it shall do about Turkey, which is proving indigestible. A conference is to be held in London within a few days to discuss the problems of the Near East, which includes what's left of Turkey in Europe as well as Asia Minor, Arabia and Persia. Questions bristling with difficulties will come before the gathering of statesmen and it is expected that the famous Turkish leader, Mustafa Kemal, will attend. As he is looked upon by the allies in the light of a rebel, it is explained in London cablegrams that the British cannot recognize him officially. Seeing that the leader of the young Turks is the chief actor in the Near Eastern drama, this is a species of humor which even the British can enjoy, even in these sad days. One of the main points to be considered at the conference will be the treaty of Sevres, which rends Turkey. Mustafa Kemal declares that this treaty banishes Turkey's political, jurisdictional, economic and financial independence. This is a tall statement, made without strict regard for the truth. Nevertheless, the treaty is so severe in its terms that it, combined with the ever-present Armenian question, has driven the Turkish Nationalists into the arms of the Bolsheviks. A strange union indeed! When the conference meets, Lloyd George will have another opportunity to exercise his gift for compromise.

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES.

Henry P. Fletcher, former ambassador to Mexico, will be undersecretary of state. He is a diplomat of many years of training and experience. He is familiar with diplomatic forms and practice the world over and will doubtless be the arbiter of the

LUDWIG MARTENS IS THE SOVIET'S ENVOY



Charles Rech

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HEART OF THINGS.

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BREAKING IN.

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BITS FOR BREAKFAST

First of March. March coming in like a duck.

Now, wonder how the ginks and gazebos who thought they owned the supreme court of the United States feel?

That is the ginks and gazebos who were holding up the land credit banks. They will never again be allowed to get in the way of progress.

It will take all hands and the cook, and all the cook's assistants, to take care of the strawberry and loganberry crops of the Salem district this year.

The local building and loan association having passed the \$1000 a week mark in receipts, it is serenely bowling along toward the \$2000 mark, and ought to be there very soon, in order to accommodate the demand for new dwellings in Salem.

Mr. Hughes will have the only whiskers in the new cabinet; though Mr. Fall has a hirsute adornment on his stiff upper lip that constitutes the main part of the scenery of New Mexico.

Congressman Hawley ought to see to it that cherries are charged at least 5 cents a pound duty in the new tariff law—that is low enough for the protection of our royal Royal Anns.

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FUTURE DATES

March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene.

March 18—Herbert Leon Cape, lecturer at Salem Armory.

April 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.

April 18, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene.

May 30, 31, 1 inclusive—Annual conference of Oregonian Association.

May 20, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walls Walls.

October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C. at Corvallis.

November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving—Mar. Football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

means no money will be available for the department after this year and that the department would have to cease operating unless the emergency board meets and rectifies the error. The governor's office considers this error an answer to the many criticisms and objections that were directed at the emergency board during the legislative session. Senator Upton was author of a measure to abolish the board, but it was not enacted.

JAZZ MUSIC

Herman Finck, the noted English composer, tells the following amusing story of a somewhat ambitious attempt of a member of the newly rich to grasp matters musical. He said: "My grandfather used to direct a small orchestra of about half a dozen, which could be hired for dances, parties and weddings, and even (on one occasion only) for funerals, but that's another yarn. Well, the orchestra one night made its appearance at the house of the type of parvenu we should call nowadays a war profiteer. The guests were assembled, and the fiddlers and so on were crowded up in the usual corner with the ferns and things. Suddenly the host, approached: "Whatever's this horrible noise you're making?" he said. "Rotten piece, I call it!"

"This isn't a piece," my grandfather replied; "we're tuning up, that's all."

"Tuning up? I engaged you over two months ago, and you're tuning up now?"

GRATEFUL SAMMY Little Sammy was generally at loggerheads with his father, who had a disagreeable habit of using his razor strop in a way that was not in accordance with Sammy's views.

One morning, after the razor strop had been more than usually busy, Sammy's mother went out into the field to look for her much stropped child.

To her intense astonishment she found him fondling a huge roat, for which he usually professed a deep hatred.

"Why, Sammy, darling, it is nice to see you being so kind to poor Billy. Why are you being so gentle with him today?"

Over Sammy's face came a look of unspeakable gratitude as he gave the wondering goat another carrot.

"He butted father into the pond this morning," murmured the dear little chap, patting his four-footed friend affectionately.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

And Stung. They gave an art exhibit recently down in the old Baker block. The young couple had been looking at this and that and the next one, when suddenly the girl cried: "Oh, look! Isn't that sweet!"

"I wonder what it means," ventured the young man as he surveyed the pictured pair as they clung together in an attitude of love and longing.

"Oh, Charlie, don't you see?" chided the girl. He has just asked her to marry him, and she has consented. It's lovely. What does the artist call the picture?"

The young man leaned nearer and eyed the label on the frame. "I see," he cried. "It's printed on the card here—'Sold'."

CHAMPIONS OF STATE COMING

Coach Mathews Presents Plan in Address Before Local Students

Twelve championship basketball teams from all over the state will battle here for the state championship on March 10, 11 and 12, according to Coach Mathews of Willamette in making the announcement before the high school yesterday morning. Each team has been awarded the championship in its respective district and the games to be staged here will represent the finest in high school athletics.

Salem's quintet will enter the tournament with nine consecutive victories to its credit and only one defeat. Because Salem was defeated in the last game with McMinnville who had previously been defeated by Woodburn, both Salem and Woodburn will go from this district.

The state tournaments are held under the management of Willamette university which underwrites all expenses and has entire management of affairs. Coach Mathews announced yesterday that plans practically are complete and that season tickets will be on sale shortly. In the proportion of districts and in the selection of district champions, the basketball tournament follows closely that of the state debating league.

In his talk before the Salem students Mathews laid stress on the necessity for the local students giving visiting teams a square deal in the matter of support. He urged that local fans not organize cheering for games in which Salem is not a participant.

The contest will start at 2:30 on Thursday and will continue

throughout the entire day. Final contests will take place Saturday and the last final Saturday night.

HIS TROUBLE IS ALL GONE

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