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PRESIDENT HARDING'S MESSAGE

President Harding's first message to Congress is American and Republican, and it bears the marks of a high order of statesmanship.

It says the things that ought to be said—
And demands the things that ought to be demanded.
The text as furnished by the Associated Press appears elsewhere in The Statesman of this morning.

He demands that expenses be cut; that there be economy in government. There must be relief from tax burdens. Railroad rates must be reduced. There must be development of a merchant marine; of a stronger road program. There must be a great program of development and progress. There must be a budget system; less interference of the government in business.

And "instant" emergency tariff legislation—
And a protective tariff bill. "I believe in the protection of American industry, and it is our purpose to prosper America first," he said. There can be no quibble about that.

The wiser course would seem to be . . . to engage under the existing treaty, assuming, of course, that this can be satisfactorily accomplished by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom from inadvisable commitments and safeguard all our essential interests.

That is the gist of his conclusion concerning the ratification of the peace treaty with the League of Nations—
And he says he will leave the form of the reservations and modifications to the United States Senate.

This brings up the whole matter of ratification and reservations again; and it is the hope of millions in this country that the United States may become a member of the League of Nations.

No matter how long or how short or in what language the reservations may be framed—
The important thing being that a start be made towards a permanent and assured world peace.

Trusting to future amendments to make the pact more workable and effective, as the great co-ordinating family of the nations of the world make progress, though ever so slowly, towards the ultimate goal, that must remain the dearest wish of every normal citizen of every country under the shining sun.

The importation of upward of \$150,000,000 in new gold into the United States during the first three months of the present year, or about 50 per cent more than was imported during the whole of 1920, coincides with the steadily increasing ratio of the Federal Reserve system to emphasize the growing reserve strength of the country. In the opinion of many observers this movement of gold into the United States is likely to be continued and will be a factor making strongly for greater ease of money. . . . Any changes that may take place from now on are believed likely to be on the constructive side." (The above quoted words are excerpts from the current weekly letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority on financial matters. That sounds encouraging, and when the psychology of the situation as it is thus indicated permeates the whole people of the United States, and when the new tariff law is enacted and the whole constructive scheme of Congress and the new administration is fully on its way—then it will be straight going along the lines of solid prosperity and sure progress for twenty years, and then some.

The local building and loan association has on hand now applications for about \$20,000 for new homes in Salem. The receipts of the association are now around \$1000 a week; slightly beyond that figure. But, unless memberships are increased very fast, it will require about twenty weeks to take care of the last of these applications. It is a great pity that the receipts were not at least twice as large. The \$2000 a week could be loaned to home owners, for homes

that are sorely needed in Salem. There is no more solid investment to be found on earth than these building and loan shares of the local association. The association has never yet had a foreclosure. There are practically no delinquencies. Men will build their own homes, even with high wages and expensive materials, when they can have the money on such conditions as are provided by the local building and loan association; under which they may pay off their loans in monthly installments.

Legumes, Salem slogan subject tomorrow. If you can help the slogan editor, today's the day.

"Immediate emergency tariff legislation," demands President Harding. The word immediately sounds good.

Well, well! The League of Nations is up to the senate again. But there will be no deadlock over several sets of reservations. Half-splitting went out of style March 4th.

It is encouraging to those sometimes inclined to be pessimistic to contemplate the postal savings accounts of the people. They pay only 2 per cent, yet millions of dollars have been deposited, and there is now in the postoffices of the country more than \$175,000,000.

It will cost the government \$325,000 to shower the constituents of congressmen with free seeds during the year. Just why it should favor seeds in discrimination against phonographs, land painted china, kitchen cabinets and other things that the average American household can use, is not known.

THE KEY TO BETTER BUSINESS.

Even a locomotive doesn't start off at full steam. Don't expect a business boom right away. The best that reasonably can be expected is moderate improvement at first. And there are many signs that this improvement has set in here and there. The public have the wherewithal to buy—and they developed during the high-wage period tastes and appetites which mean a permanently larger market among our own 110,000,000 people. They need goods after their long "strike."

The fall in the cost of living is beginning to bring them into a less rebellious frame of mind. All that is now necessary is to lay prominently before them attractive prices. Many progressive merchants declare that their stores have been overrun by customers when worth-while bargains have been offered. Here is the key to the problem.—Forbes Magazine.

NEW ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT

Former Kaiser William's great complaint against his uncle, King Edward, was that the British monarch instituted the encircling movement. Now comes the report from London that a different kind of encircling campaign is going on, meaning to say that an unusual number of men and women have embraced matrimony. The British fighters who refused to give up to the Germans, even though the Teutons declared that by all the rules of war they were licked, are surrendering to Cupid.

There never were so many weddings in Great Britain as during the past 12 months, it is asserted. Things may be blue for many people in King George's realm, but plenty of his subjects are determined that all shall be as merry as a marriage bell as far as they are concerned.

Samuel Weller's advice to beware of widows doesn't seem to count much with the young Englishmen of the present day, who, perhaps, are not faithful readers of Dickens. It is reported that the number of widows who "landed" eligible young men last year is twenty times as many as ten years ago. Fair and fascinating British widows are hard to withstand; even Americans have been known to succumb to their wiles. This is particularly the

case when the ages of the dear, delightful ones are between 21 and 25. But the figures also prove that the fair, fat and forty brigade is doing mighty well in the matrimonial line. Twice as many widows of 40 and over were married last year as in 1911. And they didn't have to take widowers—bachelors were eager to get them.

OLD STYLE AND NEW.

There is something highly Gilbertian and humorous in the wild coup d'etat Emperor Charles of Austria has been trying to put over to reinstate himself upon the throne. Time was when exiled kings considered mightier and more glamorous effort necessary to such an undertaking. They raised great armies and marched upon their erstwhile capital with thunderous assertion, made clarion demands, exhorted the populace and generally staged a historic drama. Whether they succeeded or failed, the incident was a mighty one, throwing the country into hectic spasms and mobilizing wild emotions and counter-revolutions.

But the great war must have used up all the glamour and ferocity. Today we have the mild spectacle of an ex-monarch hopping into his automobile with a handful of supporters, not even exceeding the speed limit in his rush for renewed power and glory, halting the modern little caucade in a small prosperous town and telephoning to the "usurper" begging him politely to consider abdication.

This is the way a writer in the Los Angeles Times cooks up the phone conversation on such occasions:

"Oh, but really, old chap. I wish you would, don't you know. Hello, Hello! Oh, I was afraid you had hung up. Rotten service, isn't it? Well, as I was saying, I need the job, you know; I can provide excellent references. Yes, really. How's that? Oh, you must not hold that against me. Want to keep it yourself? Oh, but, dash it all, it was mine first. The people? Oh, quite a lot of them think I am quite all right. Well, you get out for a while and let me have a shot at it. Oh, confound it, they have cut us off. Central! Central!"

If it can be done that way in future the duties of the League of Nations won't prove very onerous. Article X—phew—will be entirely superfluous. What a lot of trouble it would have saved Napoleon III and Eugenie if they had adopted these simple methods! We are assured we shall soon be able to telephone to any part of the world as easily as we now telephone the neighbors. Had Sir Edward Grey and the kaiser, President Wilson and General Foch only done effectual telephoning in the days gone by, think of the liberty bond campaigns we might have been spared!

And, of course, when you come to think of it, although Charles probably won't make a go of it, neither did the kaiser, and it all comes to the same in the end. And violence is so unpleasant.

A BAD COMBINATION.

The negro messenger boy who takes President Harding's Alreadale terrier out airine is named Wilson Jackson. It is suggested that another boy be given this duty, one named Lincoln McKinley, for example. That Republican terrier is liable to bite young Wilson Jackson any old day.—Sioux City Tribune.

ONE EXCEPTION.

In a certain Hot Springs apartment house they don't allow their occupants to raise children, kittens, puppies nor parrots. Nothing is permitted to be raised there except the rent.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

SOME GOOD IDEAS.

The new postmaster general is trying to put pep into the department. He wants the postoffices run the same as any other business and he wishes to put modern merchandising methods into effect. Go to it, Bill. After while we may be advertising bargain sales on shelf-worn three-cent stamps. Postmaster General Hays has already made progress in "humanizing" his department. The local postmaster is expected to be a part of the daily life of his community and not merely a

remote and self centered politician. He is to carry comfort and common sense into the postoffice and not leave it merely as a clearing house for souvenir postal cards. Los Angeles Times.

A REAL REPUBLICAN PRAYER

On March 4 the school children of Terre Haute were instructed to utter a two-minute prayer for Mr. Harding. One primary teacher told her children all about Mr. Harding; the position he was taking and all the responsibilities he was to have. So at 11 o'clock she said: "Now children, fold your hands and bow your heads. This is the time we're going to pray."

But up went the hand of a very ardent little Methodist Sunday school scholar. "Please, teacher, may I lead in prayer?" he asked. His teacher nodded, and he uttered his earnest little prayer: "Dear Mr. Harding—please bless us and keep us forever and forever. Amen."—Indianapolis News.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

A great rain.
Doing a lot of good.
Now let congress speed up.

The road is marked out; the things that must be done are plain to all; so the steam roller should be put to work.

The Santiam district is bound to feel the beneficial effects of the mining camp at Portland; it is already beginning to feel them. Ore shipments in June is the program. That sounds good.

Salem has doubled the weekly payments of the local building and loan association in about a year; from \$500 to \$1,000 a week. Double them several more times, and there will be plenty of homes constructed in Salem to keep up with the increase in population.

Remember, if you are going to grow broccoli, and expect the Salem Broccoli association to look out for your seed, to enroll this week.

There will be a number of growers who will get their seed in other ways. The more the better.

Be sure to clean up and paint up, for the blossom day crowds of next Sunday—and for the good of your health and the general health of the city.

Teacher was bawling out a blundering youth. "Such carelessness!" she scolded. "Here you've come to school again with your pencils. What would you say if a soldier had gone to France without his gun?" "Please, miss, I'd say he was an officer."

STARTS SUNDAY

Special Children's Matinee Saturday 11 a. m.

LIBERTY—4 Days

DR. O'NEILL'S EYE TALKS

THERE ARE FEW NORMAL EYES IN THE WORLD

EMMETROPIC eyes meaning those that are normal in youth are rare. Most eyes have not the proper focusing accommodation. When these defects make themselves apparent no time should be lost in consulting a competent authority. Our optometrist will search out for you in scientific fashion the eye troubles that are interfering with your vision and we will make glasses to correct them.

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MARCH PROVES RECORD MONTH

Circulation of Salem Public Library Shows Increase Of One-Fourth

NEW APPOINTMENT MADE

Miss Crockett Named Children's Librarian Succeeding Miss Gibson

According to a report submitted to the Salem library board Monday night was another record month in the business of the library. A total of 7,773 books were loaned during the month, and 492 of these were circulated through the North Salem branch. This is the largest number of books which the library has ever circulated in one month. It exceeds the record of any previous March by 25 per cent. An average of 291 books were loaned each day.

The library contains a total of 16,361 books, 232 having been added during the month. Six thousand seven hundred ninety-nine registered patrons hold library cards. There were 40 appointments for the use of the basement club rooms. The library collection on has been supplemented by the use of 121 books from other libraries, 125 came from the Oregon state library, five from the University of Oregon library, and one from the Portland library association.

The request from the North Salem branch for financial assistance could not be granted at this time. The budget adopted for the year is barely carrying the running expenses. This is the first report since the beginning of the year when the treasury has not shown a deficit, and the balance of \$179.94 on April 1 is already mortgaged to pay some particularly large bills for the current month.

H. W. Meyers reported for the insurance committee that an inventory which he has just completed with the assistance of Fred Brock shows the library to have furniture and fixtures to the value of \$12,546. When \$16,000 is added to this for books, estimating at \$1 per volume, the value of the total contents of the library is valued at \$28,546.

The selection by the employees

committee, Mrs. F. H. Spears, chairman, of Miss Lucile Crockett as children's librarian to begin work on September 1, was approved. Miss Crockett is now studying in the library school of Syracuse university. She will take the position which Miss Annie Gibson leaves vacant in June. Miss Gibson's resignation was accepted at this time.

The collection of confederate money which is the gift of C. A. Huston was inspected by the members of the board. The book committee, under the chairmanship of W. H. Burkhardt, Jr., has in charge its arrangement for a permanent exhibit in the library.

Happy Family Lives in Window at Hauser Bros.

The newspaper reporter who was detailed to report a great fire and returned with a dog story of such human interest as to make him famous would find a wonderful field for his ability if he were to peep into Hauser Brothers' display window and watch the happy family of English setters—mother and eight puppies—which attracted crowds all day yesterday. The mother is a registered English setter, the property of John Brophy of Ladd & Bush bank, and from all accounts he is as proud of the new arrivals as the mother who guards them so jealously.

FIVE CASH REWARDS

The Statesman offers five cash rewards for the cleverest, neatest and most accurate solutions of the Business Chart page which appears in this issue.

Anyone is qualified to win these rewards: First reward, \$5.00, second reward, \$2.00, third reward, \$1.50, fourth reward \$1.00, fifth reward 50 cents.

We have received some wonderfully clever solutions during the three months this contest has

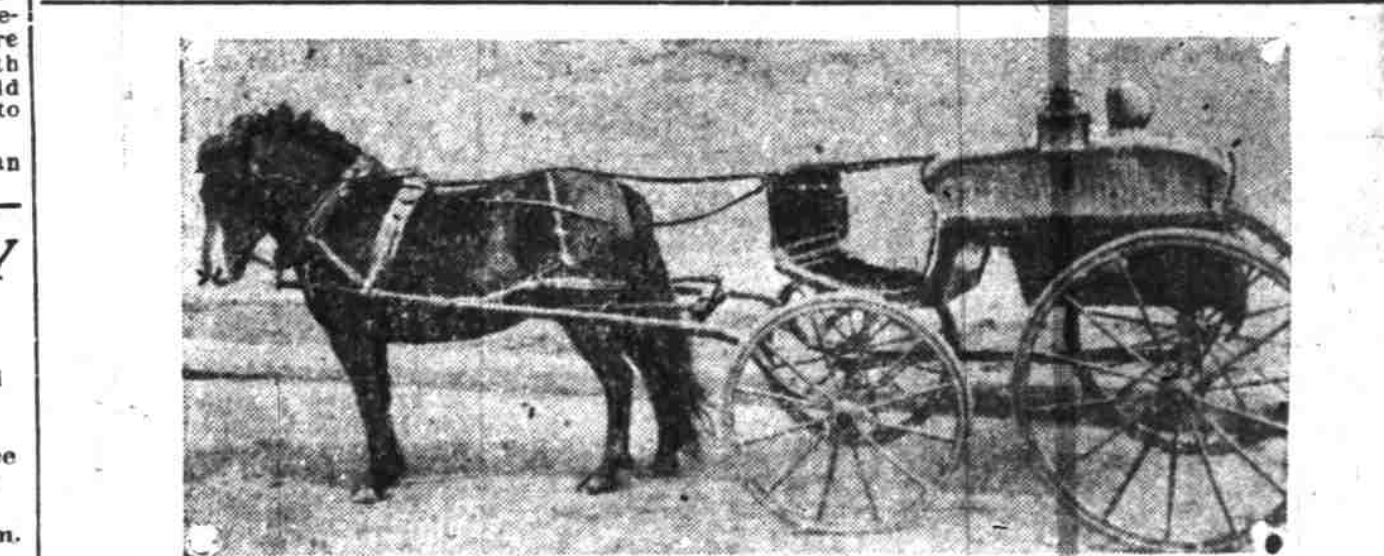
Hear MONTE AUSTIN With Cole McElroy's Orchestra Next Friday Night



DREAMLAND RINK

HUGO BALLIN PRESENTS "EAST LYNNE" with EDWARD EARLE and MABEL BALLIN

At The Oregon Theatre Next Sunday



SECOND PRIZE Cinderella, Harness and Buggy

A pretty prancing pony, The greatest of chums for a boy, A real sweetheart for a girlie, To win one, oh! think of the joy

TODAY'S SHETLAND PONY STORY

A story written by a child who won a Shetland pony in a former pony contest.

MY MOST PLEASANT RECOLLECTIONS

To the Pony Contest Editor. I had very little idea of the amount of patient determination and energy it requires to be successful in any enterprise, until I became a competitor in one of the Shetland Pony Contests.

It will always be a source of gratification for me, to recall the agreeable interviews which I had with many of the most prominent and active business men of our city, and the highest representatives of our country. It seemed more than I could ever hope for to have ladies and gentlemen holding such high places in public estimation take so kind an interest in the ambitions of a little girl, and to have them so politely and sympathetically take the time to listen to my explanation of the object of my call, and their example of cour-

tesy will be of great benefit to me in the future. In fact, if I had not won the best pony of all, I would feel doubly repaid by the experiences and knowledge I have gained.

If you have never won a Shetland pony, you can have no idea of how delighted I was when the Pony Contest Editor drove up to our home, and presented me with Riverdale Brownie and his handsome Gladstone carriage and russet harness. It is a pleasure to see how eager and happy all the children, both large and small, are when I invite them for a drive. Then Brownie is such a good little driver. He surprises me every time I have him out, with the heavy loads he can pull and the long trips we make. My faithful and gentle four-footed friend is such a knowing creature, too, that I have become more attached to him every day.—Doris Menery.

Send in your nomination today and be one of the children to secure for your very own a magnificent little Shetland pony to keep and enjoy as long as you like. Nominations are free—mail yours in today.

Over one hundred ponies and outfits have already been awarded to boys and girls by the Pony Contest Editor. Next distribution June 25th.

Watch for another pony story tomorrow

NOMINATION BLANK

Pony Contest Editor, Statesman Publishing Co., Salem, Oregon.

Please register my name as a contestant in The Pony Contest and credit me with 5000 votes. I have read the rules of the contest and agree to same.

Contestant's Name..... Address..... This blank properly filled out brings you further information and supplies by return mail.

GOOD CONDITION IS THE FARM'S BEST ASSET

PERMIT a farm to run down, its buildings to become dilapidated and machinery to remain inadequate—and you take much from its value.

That's why the United States National feels it is helping the farmer keep up or increase the worth of his place by encouraging the replacement or repair of his equipment.

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SALEM OREGON

FUTURE DATES

April 13, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Commercial club.
April 15, Friday—Highland Improvement League—Spaulding building.
April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Williamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.
April 17, Sunday—Baseball, Williamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene.
April 17, Saturday—Blossom Day.
April 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Regina.
April 19, Tuesday—Highland Parent Teacher association meets at Highland school.
April 22, Friday—Deaf Debate between Williamette and Whittman.
April 28, Thursday—Marion County Children's bureau clinic at Commercial club.
May 4, Wednesday—Apollo club in concert with Virginia Rae, soprano, at Armory.
May 5 to 8 inclusive—Annual conference of Evangelical Association.
May 7, Saturday—Celebration of Founders' day at Champoux.
May 7, Saturday—Marion County track meet and baseball tournament.
May 26 and 27—Baseball, Williamette vs. Walla Walla.
June 10, Thursday—Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Portland.
June 17, Friday—Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds.
October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Williamette vs. O. A. C. at Corvallis.
November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day, football, Williamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.