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## THE INDEPENDENT VOTE OF WOMEN

Governor Allen of Kansas, Republican in politics, but independently so, and independent in many ways, has raised a new issue with respect to the votes of women—

And he calls attention to this independent vote—  
And he wants to keep it independent—  
For the good of the country; if not for the good of partisan politicians who think in terms of selfishness when they think of patriotism; twice for themselves and once for their country.

Full participation of women in politics is a new factor which emphasizes the reasons given by Governor Allen as justifying his action in vetoing the bill in the Kansas Legislature to enforce strict party registration in primaries.

Governor Allen argues in giving reasons for his veto that undoubtedly complete women's enfranchisement must for some time at least have the effect of increasing the proportion of independent voters; that they are a valuable asset to that state, or to any state, since they constitute a distinct body that cannot be controlled or herded.

While such a body of voters exists parties must direct their appeal to them and this necessity is a wholesome restraint in politics. All parties want to get the ear of the independent voter and ordinarily the party that wins him wins elections. There will be sharp criticism of Governor Allen's veto by radical partisanship, but the courage of his action deserves the highest credit.

The men who are behind the \$10,000,000 cannery merger for Oregon and Washington are confident of the consummation of the great project. Work is now being done in the Salem district. The complete success of this movement will insure a market for all the fruit grown here—and there is little doubt that in this case the operations of the big concern will affect Salem in ways that will surprise many of the people of this city. Hon. W. H. Paulhamus and his associates, who are now squarely and wholeheartedly behind the big merger, are used to thinking of things and to doing things in a big way; and they are now thinking of this merger enterprise in terms of world markets for the fruits of Oregon and Washington.

The man who now thwarts the law by buying whisky knows that it has either been obtained under false pretenses or that it has been stolen. He is deliberately encouraging the breaking of many more laws than the Volstead law. The nation cannot survive the moral degeneration of its own citizens, which is what open defiance of the laws made under it would mean eventually.

The Japanese loggers in the camps of British Columbia have been stripping and destroying the cascara trees, until the authorities have become alarmed, and they are proposing to protect this valuable tree. There are also projects being formed over there for the cultivation of cascara forests or orchards. Western Oregon is coming to this very thing. It is a wonder it has not been undertaken before this. There is nothing "just as good" in the world, and there is no section where it does well, outside of western Oregon and Washington and northern California and British Columbia.

Isn't it wonderful how Europe manages to bear up under the dire distress of owing us a lot of money?

Professor Einstein says there are only 12 men in the world who were capable of understanding his theory of relativity—that the universe and space are limited, and that both time and space will disappear finally. Wonder if the learned professor includes himself in the dozen? There is a well known Salem woman who declares that she thinks Einstein himself is outside the pale of the knowing 12.

At this time France is trembling under a budget that is twice the amount of its possible revenues. If Germany fails to make its initial reparation payment on May 1 there is much concern as to the effect of such failure upon the

economic situation in France by reason of such default. Possibly M. Viviani has been trying to arrange a method by which Germany can secure American credits enabling her to make the required payment.

Asparagus should be grown on every farm in the Salem district. That is the Salem slogan subject tomorrow, and the slogan editor craves your help, if you can help.

The broccoli growers are still coming to the front. And this is what they should do, as long as there is an ounce of good seed to be had. An ounce will plant an acre, if it all germinates, and the plants all live.

One of the reasons for the recent jump in rents in this city is the increasing number of successful bootleggers. Their money comes easy and they can outbid the ordinary man who has to work for a living.—Los Angeles Times.

It has been figured out that the planter of hops these prohibition days has made \$24 for every \$1 made by the planter of corn. Home brew is responsible for many things.—Los Angeles Times. This may be all right, but a lot of growers up in this world hop center would like to see what the \$24 looks like.

Vilhjalmer Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, says that the north is not the frozen wilderness that has generally been supposed. The coldest weather recorded within the Arctic circle has been 54 below. Stefansson says he has often walked to school as a boy in North Dakota when the thermometer marked 50 degrees below. He says that the stories of the "frozen north" are the most widely-read bits of fiction in the United States.

President Harding proposes taking the people into his confidence. Whatever proposals may be made by the president as a result of the world war will be debated in the open. Hitherto proceedings of this character have been secret. The air of mystery which has surrounded the White House (for so long a time has been dissipated. Never before within the memory of the veteran newspaper correspondents at Washington has everything been so wide open at the White House. President Harding has nothing to hide.

Greater Gotham complains of the treatment it receives at the hands of "up-state" officials. The country solons have a grudge against the city and, although the metropolis has a greater population than the rest of the state, it cannot control matters after the old-time manner of Tammany majorities. As a result there is a well defined movement for a divorce. It is proposed to set off a separate state to be formed of New York and Westchester counties and Long Island. This would still have an area as great as Rhode Island and would be about the most densely populated state on the globe. Whether it should be called New York or New Jerusalem would be a matter for controversy. Probably the rest of the state would call itself West New York, anyhow. Possibly Charlie Murphy would want to call the new state Tammany; but the tigers are not as omnipotent as they used to be. But it will be some time before the details of the separation are completed.

MEAT AGAIN. The war department has over 80,000,000 pounds of canned beef on hand and nobody seems to want the stuff. The American people are not very passionate for tinned meats when fresh ones are obtainable. If the army could dispose of its surplus in Poland or other suffering countries of Europe it would do more good than at home. Eventually—why not now? The packers need no relief.

TEAMWORK. In spite of all the efforts of Henry Ford and other industrial giants there are still nearly three

FUTURE DATES. April 22, Friday—Duel Debate between Williams and Whittam. 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 24, 27 and 28—Baseball, Williams vs. Whittam, at Walla Walla. June 18, Thursday—Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Poreen. June 17, Friday—Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds. October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Williams vs. O. A. C. at Corvallis. November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day, football, Williams vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

RECOGNITION OF IRELAND ASKED. American Association Adopt Resolutions at Convention

CHICAGO, April 19.—Immediate recognition by the United States of Ireland as a free and sovereign state was asked in resolutions adopted tonight at the closing session of the first annual convention of the American association for the recognition of the Irish republic. Declaring that the association was composed of more than 500,000 members who were represented by 4100 delegates, the resolution said: "The president is also hereby respectfully urged to notify the president of the Irish republic to appoint duly accredited commissioners or ambassadors to negotiate with the president of the United States such treaty or treaties as may be in existence between the government of the United States and the governments of the most favored nations."

Another resolution extended "hearty sympathy and assurances of support to the cause of the Indian independence and the just national aspiration of all other peoples," after declaring that "the Indian people are struggling to attain absolute independence and establish a federated republic of the United States of India by overthrowing British rule in India."

This resolution was adopted after Tarak Nath Das, who as an American citizen is general organizer for the Friends of Freedom in India, had addressed the delegates and pledged them the support of many millions of my kindred in the cause of freedom from British rule.

Victory of Communists Growing in Moscow

RIGA, April 19.—Moscow dispatches say that the victory of the communists is growing as the voting in the Moscow soviet elections progresses. Returns for the first day in the balloting show that out of 433 delegates chosen, 398 were communists and 44 members of the non-party workmen groups.

## LLOYD GEORGE AND BRIAND TO CONFER

Proceedings Expected to Be Confined to Action Toward Germany

LONDON, April 19.—Aristide Briand, French premier will come Saturday for a preliminary conference with Premier Lloyd-George at Hythe, prior to a discussion of the allied plans on German reparation. Italy and Belgium have been invited to send delegates.

The proceedings are expected to be confined to what the allied action shall be in the face of the failure of Germany to carry out by May 1 the reparation terms of the treaty.

M. Briand will explain plans decided on in Paris. It is thought Germany may present new proposals which the German cabinet is said to be formulating.

The question whether a full meeting of the supreme council shall be summoned before the new sanctions are enforced will be decided.

There is an inclination, especially in liberal and labor circles in England to watch any new movement by France against Germany, not so much, it is said, because they do not desire to see Germany made to pay full reparations but because of what the further occupation of German territory is likely to cost the already over-burdened British taxpayers.

A statement from a French source was issued tonight that the occupation of the Ruhr region could be accomplished solely by French troops.

## GUSTAFSON HEADS GRAIN DIRECTORS

Plans Will Be Perfected For Disposal of Crops By Own Agents

CHICAGO, April 19.—C. H. Gustafson of Lincoln, Neb., was elected chairman of the board of directors of the United States Grain Growers' association at a meeting today.

The directors are in session to perfect plans for the disposal of their grain crops through their own agents. According to Mr. Gustafson the plan has been in effect in far western states for some years and has proved successful.

"By selling our own crops we will be able to eliminate the middleman and make more money for ourselves and sell our products cheaper," said Mr. Gustafson. "We hope to have every grain grower join our ranks within two years."

## DAUGHERTY WILL INVESTIGATE CASE

Murder Charge Against Rosenbluth Will Not Be Passed at Once

NEW YORK, April 19.—Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty tonight declared he would make a personal investigation into the shooting of Major Alexander P. Cronkite at Camp Lewis, Wash., three years ago.

Action on a charge of murder against former Captain Robert Rosenbluth will not be pressed until the charges have been thoroughly sifted, he promised. Nor will Captain Rosenbluth be sent west to testify, he added, unless there is revealed some real evidence of guilt.

Rosenbluth, who was implicated by an alleged confession, in having directed the killing, had offered to testify at Tacoma to testify.

## Body Believed That of Lost American Aviator

MEXICO CITY, April 19.—A body believed to be that of a lost American aviator has been found

at Vega de Los Ladrones, state of Coahuila, within ten miles of the international boundary. This information was transmitted today to the war office by General Amaro, chief of military operations in the northern zone.

## Four Percent Butterfat In Milk for Schools

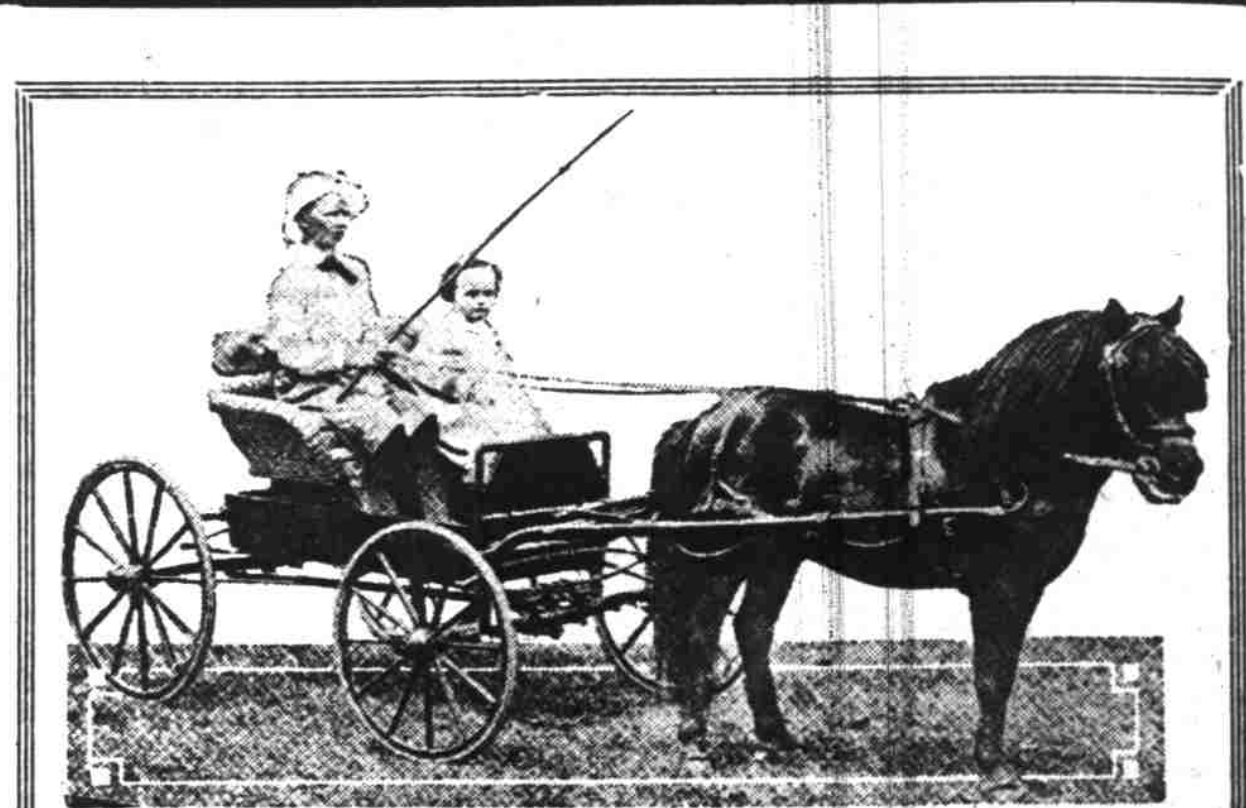
PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—Four per cent butterfat content in all milk supplied to the public schools of Portland was agreed upon today by representatives of the various dairies' interests at a meeting called by William F.

Woodward and Frank L. Shull of the board of education. The legal requirement as to butterfat or cream is now 3.2 per cent.

## Community Chest Drive is Continued

PORTLAND, April 19.—Although the formal community chest drive is over, directors of the chest today decided that it will be carried on quietly until the quota of \$850,000 has been reached. The total today was \$602,019. Mayor George L. Baker will remain in charge of the work.

THE WEEK END GRAND THEATRE  
Friday and Saturday  
Use Statesman Classified Ads



## FIRST PRIZE "Grandee," Harness and Buggy

Tell Your Friends Start Today  
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.

Nominate Yourself Receive 5,000 Free Votes  
WIN A REAL LIVE PONY ALL FOR YOUR VERY OWN

## BOYS AND GIRLS ATTENTION!

THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY OF YOUR CHILDHOOD DAYS

The Oregon Statesman has decided to announce a contest that far exceeds in value of prizes offered anything yet dreamed of for boys and girls by any newspaper in this state.

Think of it! Four handsome and valuable ponies with their outfits to be awarded to four proud and happy boys or girls, just at the dawn of summer, just when the fields are turning green, when boys or girls and ponies love to roam around and enjoy one another's company. Just at a time when you can turn your pony loose on a nearby piece of land to enjoy himself when you are away to school.

Those who are fortunate enough to be boys or girls eighteen years of age or under will no doubt hail with delight the announcement of such sensational prizes as four handsome and valuable ponies and complete driving outfits, particularly when it is understood that if for any reason a pony is not won a cash commission will be paid on all subscriptions received from active candidates.

Such elaborate prizes and cash commissions are conditions heretofore unheard of and with such an opportunity available it behooves every boy and girl to take advantage of a plan to win a real live pony all for his or her very own. A glance at the prizes and the immense value of these rewards assures the Statesman of the active co-operation of every boy and girl.

It costs nothing to be a candidate and a little effort for the few weeks this contest is in vogue may win for you one of these famous Ponies of the Great West.

The best opportunity of your childhood to get one of these greatest of all childhood companions is at hand today.

Grasp it by filling out the Nomination Blank on this page and send it to the Pony Contest Editor today and be one of the boys and girls to have for your very own a pony and outfit to keep and enjoy as long as you like.

NEXT DISTRIBUTION OF PONIES JUNE 25

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.....  
Signature of Parent or Guardian.....  
This blank properly filled out brings you further information and supplies by return mail.

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THE man who is always "hard up," always depending on others, is not the most desirable resident of any community. He who has a growing bank account, makes himself financially independent.  
The United States National Bank has watched the growth of boys who open savings accounts with their earnings. Invariably, as men they are respected citizens. YOUR boy should have an account here.

Starting Sunday—Monte Blue in "The Kentuckians"

Today and Tomorrow Only Beautiful  
Doris Kenyon in "THE HARVEST MOON"  
From The Celebrated Play by Augustus Thomas  
Latest News Events—Scenic—Comedy  
Special Music Arranged by Leah Way—At The Organ  
Coming Friday Milton Sills and Marguerite Fisher in "The Week End"  
GRAND THEATRE  
Where The Big Shows Play