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"THE GOOD OLD DAYS" IN SALEM

The other evening there was a meeting in New York's Town Hall, where six venerable and representative citizens of that community gathered to discuss "Old Times and New" from different points of view. Regarding what they said the New York World gives this brief summary:

"Dr. Lyman Abbott, 85, maintained that New York today is more sanitary and less vicious than it used to be. Dr. Stephen Smith, 98, related the ravages of smallpox and cholera when he was a young physician and told of the incapacity of health officers and inspectors. Major Putnam, 77, contrasted the rapid transit of today with the Broadway sleighs of olden times. Dr. Simon Baruch, 81, pointed out the remarkable improvement in the death rate, and Henry Holt, 81, and Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, 78, bore witness to the more tolerable conditions of life in New York today."

If a similar symposium should be held in Salem, an equally favorable judgment would be passed—

Say, with Geo. F. Litchfield, Ray L. Farmer, H. Pohle, E. C. Cross, Joe Baker, F. S. Craig, Fred W. Steusloff and a hundred other youngsters present.

By comparing notes, they would find that the first concrete sidewalk was built in Salem less than forty years ago.

That the first telephone came several years later— That for a long time after 1884 the streets were lighted by oil lamps—

That the first pavement here was laid only about fifteen years ago—

That there were no street railway lines till in the nineties—

That the first automobile came to Salem about twenty years ago—

That we had no hospitals till about twenty years ago—

That there were no sewers worth mentioning twenty years ago—

That, twenty years ago, there were many open saloons in which there was open gambling, and there were numerous bawdy houses—

That there was no high school till about twenty years ago.

In many other ways the comparison of notes would show that the idea of "the good old days" is a myth; a dream.

The present is the best time the world has ever seen; in morals, in progress of scores of kinds; in opportunities for the young.

There are many myths that persist; for instance, that the morals of the larger cities are lower than those of the small towns and villages. It is not true, and the same may be said as to many country districts.

The golden age is now. It is not as good an age as it should be; but it is better than any in the past.

South Dakota leads all the states in what may be called automobile saturation. That is to say, that purely farmer state has one car to every 5.2 persons of its total population, beating even Iowa which has a car to every 5.5 persons.

Lady Astor seems to take the dry or rather the dryer side in the House of Commons. She attacked the other day a bill increasing the hours of sale for alcoholic liquors. She isn't that way because she is an American-born woman. This country was tolerably wet when she lived in it. Virginia was almost sousing wet in its aristocratic mint julep period.

By figures given out by the census bureau the chief elements in our foreign-born population come from the following countries, the figures representing millions: Germany, 1.7, Italy 1.6, Russia 1.3, Poland 1.1, Ireland 1.0. Can-

ada is put under two heads, 300,000 French Canadians bringing up the total to 1.1. Taken together the British empire has a long lead, its total coming to 3.3.

Tell the slogan editor what you know about crude drugs. There is a big future in our drug gardens.

There are some enjoyable things in this life. For instance, the low cost of sugar is sweetening things up.

It is not at all certain that the United States wants Kamchatka for a war base. It might serve as a site for an all-year-round ice factory.

The worst of the depression is over. The traveling men going out of Los Angeles are whistling and have a new line of stories.—Los Angeles Times.

Whenever it can be settled as to what crowd is the best one to tackle the job, and what crowd should get the credit or blame, the round-up of bootleggers and moonshiners in Marion county ought to be resumed. Things must not be allowed to run wild. There must be no more Yoder murders.

They are learning to think over in Russia. In the days of the white father they allowed him to do it all.—Exchange. And there was a great deal of trouble on account of the fact that the quality of his thinking was bum—very bum. And it will take some time for the kind they are learning now to qualify in highly enlightened circles.

PIE AND PROGRESS.

The regulation pie which has been selling at 40 to 60 cents as the penalty of war, has been put back to the old time figure of 25 cents in some cities—notably Portland. The town had to do something to compete with Seattle and this is it. With luscious apple pies going at 25 cents per each, Portland will soon regain her prestige and put Seattle off the map. If Los Angeles could get back to selling a full-fledged pie for a dime—as was done in the olden days—it would soon become the largest city west of Manhattan.—Los Angeles Times.

ROMANCE AND FINANCE

Any man with a fair sized bank roll can now acquire a slightly damaged European princess or duchess for the asking. It used to be the doddering dukes of the old world who were after our damsels—and dollars; but now the princesses themselves are donning their war paint and coming after our men.

Apparently Billy Leeds, the youthful scion of the tin-plate family, has been rounded up by the Grand Duchess Xenia—not Xenia, O., but Xenia of Russia and Greece. The prospective bridegroom is but 19 years old and the match was evidently made by his socially ambitious mother, who is now Princess Anastasia of Greece and a possible future queen. Princess Xenia is the daughter of the late Grand Duke George of Russia and had the time of her life dodging the Bolsheviks and escaping from the Red republic after the assassination of the czar. After her escape she shared the exile of King Constantine of Greece, whose niece she is. She shared also in her uncle's triumphant return to Athens, and there she is now at home. The Greeks will be glad to have her marry young Leeds. The Greeks are a thrifty race and the ties royalty has made to the Leeds fortune have seemed proper and popular to them.

There are other international alliances in the offing. No less than 36 reigning houses were put out of commission by the late unpleasantness. There are a hundred princesses who have nothing to princess at. Unless they marry a bunch of coin they will have to take up stenography or laundry work. Some of them are rather pretty; all of them are fairly well educated; a few are talented. But most of them are shy on income and do not know where next year's Christmas presents are coming from. The prospect of an alliance with a handsome American

FUTURE DATES

May 2, Monday — Rally of Marion county Women's Study club at home of Mrs. C. P. Bishop on North Liberty street. May 3 to 7 — Audobon exhibit with lectures, at Public Library. May 4, Wednesday — Inno club in concert with Irene Pavlovka, mezzo-soprano, at Armory. May 5 to 8 inclusive — Annual conference of Transient Association. May 7, Saturday — Celebration of Founders' day at Champoug. May 7, Saturday — Marion County track meet and baseball tournament. May 16 to 19 — State Rebekah assembly in Albany. May 26, 27 and 28 — Baseball, Williamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla. June 16, Thursday — Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Portland. June 17, Friday — High school graduation exercises. June 3, Friday — Annual senior play by High School. June 17, Friday — Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds.

having a fat bank account is very appealing to them. Any American who goes abroad with a couple of thousand dollars in his vest is apt to find himself booked up with a Balkan princess before he knows what really happened. When you add several hundreds of duchesses and countesses to the available list, the hazards of a wealthy American taking a wife from the nobility of Europe are vastly enhanced. The dukes and princelings are after our girls and now the princesses and duchesses want our men.

It looks like a hard summer for somebody.

IDLENESS A DISEASE.

In Switzerland they are learning to treat men out of work as if they were suffering from disease. It is found that a man out of work is likely to get the habit. When a man begins to dodge and avoid employment or shirk his normal tasks he is infected with the germ of sloth. He has an ailment or disease that threatens to become chronic.

So the authorities step in, much as a doctor would. They diagnose the case, study the symptoms and endeavor to place the man in some employment where his capacities can be of service to himself and his fellows. The germ of laziness is stunted with an ax and the patient is given a treatment in industry and thrift. A paternal government is not to be highly commended, but a country which could provide that all citizens should work—and at tasks to which they were best fitted—would never have to worry much about its future. Why not vaccinate against idleness?

SECTS AND INSECTS.

Our distinguished English visitor, Chesterton, profoundly remarks that in the world quest for a creedless creed each sectarian is more sectarian in his unsectarianism than he is in his sect. Possibly that is why, if not whom. When one becomes sectarian in his unsectarianism he is little better than an insect. Instead of boring after creedless creeds he might better grease his mandibles with bacon and joust with some lady bug. But maybe Gilbert is spoofing us.

ONE-SIDED AFFAIR.

Every now and then the United States has to send a note to some nation telling it where to head in or get off. Uncle Sam is kept busy with his fountain pen explaining his objection to entangling alliances and his resolution to be an exclusive home body. At the same time his typewriter is violating the speed limit in grinding out notes setting forth our national views on mundane matters. For a country determined to keep out of a League of Nations we are behaving in rather eccentric fashion. We are everybody's brother-in-arms, but don't want our name in the directory. We want the privilege of chiding, but not the responsibility of association.

RUNS WELL.

Outside of Warren G. Harding, this young Paddock person seems to be the best runner in the country.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Fair and fine— And hoping it may not be frosty.

President Harding has guessed right many times. But he is up against in trying to hurry congress. It just can't be did.

All will be forgiven if Big Bill Haywood will only take out citizenship papers in Russia.

No, Madge, Einstein's relativity has nothing to do with uncles and aunts and cousins.

Have you secured your broccoli seed?

We will have an election on June 7th, on the five measures. The campaign will have to start soon.

Germany has got to go down into its old stocking, rummage in the bureau drawers, and dig up that loose brick in the hearth.

We ought to avoid the friendship of the bad and the enmity of the good.—Epictetus.

A NEW 'IN-LAW

They were looking at the kangaroo at the zoo when an Irishman said: "Beg pardon, sir! Phwat kind of a creature is that?" "That," replied the guard, "Oh that's a native of Australia." "Good hivins!" exclaimed Pat. "An my sister married wam of thim."—(Cartoons Magazine.)



The Al G. Barnes Trained Sea Lions do everything but talk, according to the press agent for the big wild animal circus which comes to Salem Saturday, May 7.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED BY O.A.C.

Four \$100 Awards Are Open to High School Students of Oregon

Chemawa Indians Beat Willamette

The Chemawa Indians took Coach Mathews' Bearcats of Willamette university into camp here today by a 1 to 0 score. Bettles pitched a fine game for Chemawa striking out 15 men and holding Willamette to a scoreless game. Irvine managed to fan seven of the Redskins but the Indian batsmen clouted him for three safe hits in the niche of time.

In the seventh inning Marlow slammed one over second base for a single and scored on Choate's double through right field. The Indians will battle

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The principal of the school will determine the students rating highest in the contest, and will forward their papers to the college. The committee on awards will announce the winners soon after the close of the contest.

The first contest will be conducted in the various high schools of Oregon in the next two weeks. Any high school student who has been graduated within the last year may also enter the contest, provided he or she has never attended college.

"The small town student has an equal chance with the large town student in this competition," says one member of the committee. Printed rules governing the contest are being sent to every four-year high school in Oregon by the committee on awards and honors at the college.

"What makes you think Dauber will succeed as a painter?" "He has the soul of an artist and the perseverance of a book agent."—New Haven Register.

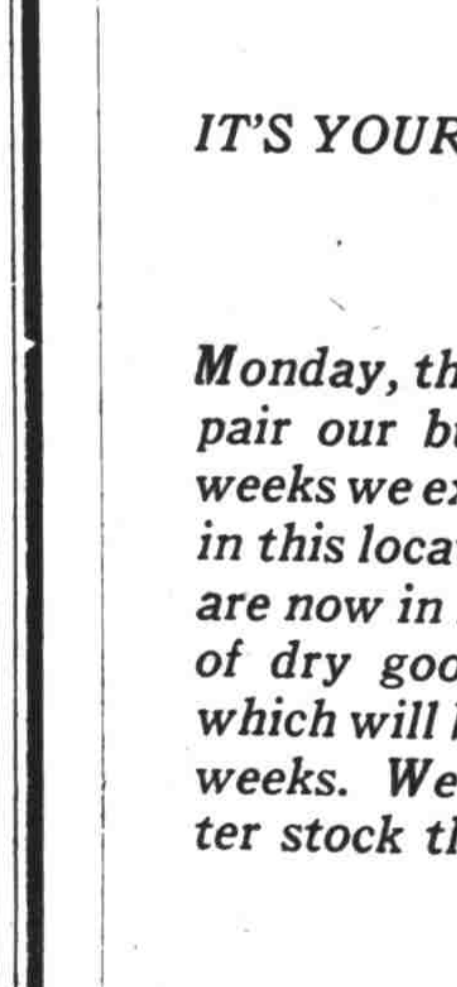
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THE INSIDE OF THE CUP

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Winston Churchill's powerful romance of plain worth and gilded hypocrisy. A story of love that startled the churches and toppled over the gods of "high society." Starting Next Wednesday GRAND Where The Big Shows Play

against Pacific college at Chemawa. Newspaper stories from Washington are telling what is to be-

come of the members of the Wilson cabinet, but not a word about the future whereabouts of Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer's white apats.

LADD & BUSH, BANKERS Established 1868 General Banking Business Office Hours from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Galli-Curci Sings Great Aria "TRAVIATA"—ADDIO DEL PASSATO "CANZONETTA" Tchaikowsky Melody played by Heifetz Edward Johnson in a Memory Song "JUST THAT ONE HOUR" NEW VICTOR RECORDS FOR MAY 446 Court Street

YOU SHOULD HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW IN THESE days it is only the ignorant, the suspicious, the uneducated, who look with distrust on all banks. Progressive, business-like men and women expect as a matter of course to keep up bank accounts—savings or checking. The United States National Bank, with its liberal interest on savings, invites you to become one of its headed-toward-prosperity customers.

KAFOURY'S FIRE SALE Ends Saturday (TODAY) APRIL 30 IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY AT A BIG SAVING Monday, the workmen will get busy and repair our building and within four or five weeks we expect to be doing regular business in this location. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Kafoury are now in New York City buying big stocks of dry goods and women's ready-to-wear which will be coming on within the next few weeks. We expect to have a bigger and better stock than ever. Kafoury Bros THE STORE FOR THE PEOPLE 466 State Street