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EIGHT CENT STREET CAR FARES IN SALEM

The writer does not intend to take sides on the matter of the justice of the proposition of raising the street car fare in Salem to eight cents.

But there are a few facts in this connection that the people of Salem ought to know.

First, the Salem street railway lines are owned and operated by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and they have been run at a loss for a long time; for five or six years or more.

Notwithstanding this annual loss, the lines have been well kept up, and the service has been good; and the writer knows that the officials of this company have taken a pride in this matter, and that they have hoped all along that they might avoid the raising of the prices of fares.

Last year, the company paid out \$28,000, for four new cars, and has kept all the old cars for emergency cases, like Decoration Day, etc., and it pays out \$600 to \$1000 each year at State fair times in the rental and transportation of still more cars, in order to accommodate the crowds.

The company has kept its cars in good condition, with new paint and frequent repairs, and it is just now preparing to republish and repaint them all; or all that need such treatment.

There are 28 motormen in Salem; and they receive 42 1/2 cents an hour for the first six months, 50 cents an hour for the next six, and 53 cents an hour thereafter; and most of the men are receiving the 53 cents an hour—for they persist and retain their jobs; and they are drawing around \$150 a month each.

There are seven shop men, who receive from 52 1/2 to 68 cents an hour, and there are two line men who receive 50 and 58 cents an hour. There are a number of track men, who receive 48 1/2 cents an hour.

The company pays \$10,300 a year taxes on the Salem street railway lines, and \$500 a year franchise tax to the city, which is increasing; will be \$600, then on up to \$1000.

Some of the materials have gone up in price more than 400 per cent, and they will average 100 per cent increase; though the power is furnished under a long time contract, and remains the same.

The proposition is to raise the single fare rate to 8 cents, and to sell six tickets for 45 cents, or 7 1/2 cents each, and 100 tickets at \$3.65, or 7 1-3 cents a ride. That is the Portland scale of rates. The same schedule is proposed to be applied to the Eugene lines. The only other line of the kind of the Southern Pacific company in Oregon is the one from Oregon City, on the west side of the river, running out eight miles; used partly as a logging road.

It would be a fine thing for Salem if 5 cent street car fares could be continued. But it is obvious that this cannot be done, excepting at a loss, with the present wage scales and other increased costs. Have the patrons of the street railway lines a right to expect that the business should be continued at a loss? How long would the company be willing to continue it at a loss, charging the loss to other departments of its service? Will the increased fares really bring an increased revenue? Ought the wages to be cut? Can they be cut? These are all pertinent questions.

"Honesty exalteth a nation." In the long run, it will pay to be honest with the 34,500 Oregon men who were told, as they marched away with flags flying, that nothing would be too good for them if they came back. Now, the proposition is to redeem this pledge in part, by putting the credit of the state behind them in order that they may build homes and buy or improve farms, paying back the loans in full under an amortization plan.

Yes; a big crop of strawberries is coming on. But there will be efforts to take care of them all, if they can all be picked and hulled; though the prices may be low, and though the growers in some cases may be obliged to run part of the risk of finding an ultimate market.

The swat-the-fly drive is late in getting started. It is as important as some of the rest, too.

When you imagine that your worries are enough to distract you, think of David Lloyd George.

Astronomers tell us there are spots on the sun. Possibly one of the spots that the former Kaiser had his eyes on for Germany.

If some of the investigating committees would get together, get somewhere and get through it would afford substantial ground for encouragement.

The Salem slogan editor has to prove, next week, that land in the Salem district is cheaper than any where else in the world, in proportion to its potential value. You are invited to help.

It is once more reported that Japan is considering withdrawing from Shantung. The position of the United States in this matter is slowly making its way into the heads of the orientals.

The Chinese are an imitative race, as evidenced by the clever race of blacking up their faces and trying to get across the boundary line disguised as negroes. It was a new turn in the enforcement of the immigration law that has offered a series of surprises.

Why is it that more evidence is required by a jury in trying the issues in a cheap, local bootlegging case than would be necessary to convict a man of murder?—Los Angeles Times. Marion county is obviously not alone in the distinction complained of.

Of course, as a general thing, we are in favor of nonpartisanship on the United States supreme bench and we are of the opinion that President Harding will be amply justified in following the example of Woodrow Wilson in eschewing politics when making a selection of the successor of the late Chief Justice Edward D. White. Does anybody call to mind just now the name of any Republican named for that high court by the former president? Don't all speak at once.—Los Angeles Times.

A FREE PRESS.

The new postmaster general has reversed the attitude of his department and decided that the postoffice is no place for a censor. So far as he is concerned, there is freedom of the press. If a publication is dangerous or unlawful it can be headed off in some other department. Under a continuance of war-time censorship Postmaster General Bursleson had the habit of denying the second-class mail privilege to papers that displeased him or were considered unpatriotic. They could circulate at higher rates of postage, but the ordinary rights of the regular press were refused. But Postmaster General Hays is of a different mind. If a publication can get by the police and the department of justice it will be all right with him. There is freedom of the press in his shop.

WHAT DO THEY THINK?

The United States senate refuses to permit America to participate in any disarmament conference sponsored by the League of Nations or called by the nations parties thereto. Congress is going ahead with a construction program that is expected to give this country the largest navy in the world. The war department is strenuously urging plans and appropriations for a much larger army than had originally been provided for. Societies have been formed to stimulate racial opposition to the Japanese; to fight for the freedom of Ireland and to boycott Great Britain. We are writing notes to this nation, and that, telling them what to do in case of fire or how to behave at a turnfest. The question is, how far does this go in assuring the world that our ideals are all of peace and brotherly love? One wing of the senate is clamoring for national isolation, but does this program sound like it?

FUTURE DATES

June 3, Friday—Annual senior play by June 7, Tuesday—Dramatic Department Willamette University presents Julius Caesar in full cast. June 7, Tuesday—Auction sale of blooded Jerseys at state fair grounds. June 8, Friday—Annual student festival of School of Music at Willamette University at First Methodist church. June 8, 9 and 10.—Portland Rose-festival. June 14, Tuesday—Elks annual flag day program. June 15 to 29—Oregon National guard encampments at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens. June 16, Thursday—49th Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association. June 16, Thursday—Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Portland. June 17, Friday—High school graduation exercises. High School. June 17, Friday—Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds. June 20, Monday—School election. July 23, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic, state fair grounds.

CHEMAWA WORK GIVEN PRAISE

McCroskey Says Every Public Spirited Citizen Should See Display

CULINARY ART FEATURE

Exhibits Open to Public Inspection Each Afternoon Throughout Week

"Whoever does not go out to see the industrial demonstrations at Chemawa this week is doing himself, his community and the school an injustice," is the testimony of Manager T. E. McCroskey, of the Salem Commercial club, who visited the school one day this week.

"You wouldn't believe the progress they have made in the domestic and industrial arts," said Mr. McCroskey. "It doesn't seem like a mere job, but a work of real love, what they have put into the leather, and silk, and fruit, and steel, and wood, and whatever else they work with there in the school."

Work Not Mediocre "I've been interested in Indian work for a long time, and have become somewhat hardened to the ordinary display of mediocre stuff in these as well as other schools. But what they're doing at Chemawa is of a different stripe, and I'm glad I went, as well as of the chance to urge others to attend. I'll say this, that Superintendent Hall is certainly one of the greatest managers of his class of school that there is in the country. He has my vote every time."

Exhibit All Week The industrial display lasts through this week, each afternoon being open to the general public. The girls prepare a fresh culinary display each day, which is not ready until well along towards noon, so their department is not on exhibition during the forenoon. In the absence of definite information, the inference is plain that since they make things that look "good enough to eat," the 700 pupils in the school actually do eat each day's blooming, and the fairy-like pies and the angel-cakes and the humming bird and larks-song confections of every kind are prepared for one glorious day's display, and then seized by the gleaming students who require a fresh display every day.

Progress is Shown A number of Salem people who have already attended the display, report it far beyond anything they have heretofore seen. In every department of industrial work, for both boys and girls, each year has shown an appreciable progress. Especially in the ideals and ambitions of the students, has the growth been manifest, say close observers of the school. Visitors will be welcomed this afternoon to all the industrial and educational displays.

The commencement week program begins Sunday, with a dress parade of the cadet Battalion, a band concert, and the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Carl Gregg Doney of Willamette university. All the exercises are open to the public.

DEMPEY KNOCKED OUT IN BASEBALL GAME

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11, in eight innings after Dempsey was knocked out of the box.

Kearns Takes Him Out When Manager Kearns returned from New York and found Dempsey tearing around the bases he quickly called the champion out of the game because of the danger of an injury. Playing baseball was the only exercise the champion undertook today. After another day of rest, Dempsey will resume his training Saturday. As a result of his layoff the champion has built himself up to 200 pounds, and is eager for another session with the gloves.

Carpentier Rests MANHASSET, N. Y., June 2.—All heavy work was called off today at the Carpentier camp and Georges contented himself with a morning road jaunt and a long cross-country walk in the afternoon.

Trainer Gus Wilson is keeping the Frenchman to regular hours. He is in bed at 9 p. m. and arises at 6:30 a. m. Light breakfast is ready at 8:50 after which comes 15 minutes of calisthenics, then he spends two hours on the road. Before luncheon he sleeps an hour, then rests until 3, when training is resumed.

Carpentier will not be permitted to attend any more bouts or other events that might break into his training hours.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Everybody eat strawberries.

That will help some.

If there is any broccolli seed left any where, the Bits for Breakfast man will announce it tomorrow.

It rained hard in Portland yesterday afternoon, and up as far as Butteville. But, up to midnight, when this is being picked out on the Oliver, Salem has received only a promise of increased cloudiness from the weather shark.

A few showers would do the flax crop a whole lot of good; and many other crops, too.

The constructive big news for

Can You Tell the Truth Through a Full 24-Hour Heat? See Effort by Bob Bennett at Grand Tonight

Is it possible for any human being to make his way about in society for an entire day—24 hours—and tell nothing but the truth? Nine persons out of the customary 10, it is conceded, would answer the question in the affirmative—that is, before witnessing "Nothing But the Truth," which is to be presented at the Grand theater tonight by the senior class of the University of Oregon.

The play, which was originally produced with the internationally known Max Pigman in the leading role, has to do with the problems confronting a young bond broker who, in a moment of annoyance, bets his ultra-sophisticated partner he can do without a single reprobation during a 24-hour period.

Action and brilliantly funny lines advance the plot to a near-breaking point in the final act.

the Salem district is the fruit market news. Let us all hope no fruit may be allowed to go to waste.

There is a fight on between the Portland stages, and the service is being extended to 9 and 11 o'clock at night.

President Harding has a proposition to sell all the bonds of foreign governments owned by the United States to the people of this country, perhaps with a guarantee of interest; the money received to be used in retiring the United States bonds. That might help a lot to reduce taxes in this country.

FOOTBALL CONTRACT WILL GO TO EUGENE

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Eugene school in addition to terms as to the financial management of the game, absolute protection of any excursion which the Eugene school would run.

According to Mr. Nelson's statement, Salem has as yet made no official recognition of the severance of relations which the Eugene school made late last fall and is advancing on the assumption that when the Eugene school wishes actually to sever relations it will submit a statement of grievance to the state board of control of the state athletic association. Until that, he said, Salem intends to make every possible effort to secure more harmonious relations. If Eugene does accept the contract it is understood that Salem will be willing entirely to forget the controversy.

Sir James M. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy" Is Coming

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gene relations will make no effort to correspond (his late in the year with that end in view.

Salem Players Accused The controversy between the Eugene and Salem schools arose during the football season when the Eugene school charged local players with dirty playing in the game in which they defeated the Eugene team. A hot controversy followed which finally resulted in a written word battle between the two principals.

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Evidence is Vague There seems to be no very definite idea as to how the Eugene school will look upon such an offer. Officials here have scanty evidence upon which to base any opinion, although members of the debate team reported when they returned from Eugene that the Eugene debate team had been the only team in the tournament which had failed to congratulate the Salem team after it won from Eugene.

Evidently there is no possibility of the resumption of friendly relations before the end of school this June and it is understood that the special committee from the student council on the Eu-

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