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THE CONSTITUTION IS NOT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

There has been a little idle talk about the soldier loan measure to be voted on at next Tuesday's election being unconstitutional.

As though the constitution itself could be unconstitutional.

The measure is a proposition to amend the constitution itself, in the only way in which the constitution can be amended, excepting by the ratification of the work of a constitutional convention.

By a vote of the people of the state.

The real question is as to whether the Legislature had a right to pass a law to become effective contingent upon the adoption by the people of this proposed amendment; and the Attorney General says that body did have that right. There can be no doubt of this.

So the whole "unconstitutional" idea becomes silly twaddle; an alibi for a few seeking an excuse for casting their votes against the amendment.

Thus proposing to put themselves in the attitude of aiding in an act of commonwealth witching; in the state of Oregon repudiating its pledges to the men who helped to save world democracy.

It cannot be that there are many men and women in Oregon who will knowingly lend their votes to this proposed witching and repudiation.

Who will be willing for the word to go out that Oregon as a state is a dishonest state; that a majority of its people, or any great number of its people, are willing to stamp themselves as slackers to the obligations they assumed when they sent their sons marching away to war; 34,500 of them; 1000 of whom died in the service, and 1000 more of whom were wounded but survived.

It will be a small part of the gratitude the state owes to these men in placing behind them the credit of their state in order that they may borrow money to build homes and improve farms; paying all the money back with interest.

In the old days when a great deal was said about "unconstitutional" matters, as plying to states' rights and slavery, George H. Williams was making a political speech in Reed's opera house in Salem, and he was frequently annoyed by a man in the audience who was under the influence of booze, and who kept yelling, "Unconstitutional, unconstitutional!" Finally the speaker paused and pulled out a twenty-dollar gold piece, and, directing his attention to the disturber, offered to bet the \$20 that he did not know the meaning of the word unconstitutional.

The alibi seekers of the present occasion would be stumped by the same challenge; and they surely subject themselves to the suspicion that they are under the spell of the silly season when they talk about the constitution itself, or an amendment to the same, being unconstitutional.

Even if the law passed by the Legislature were declared to be of no effect, this could be remedied at the next session.

But a solemn referendum of a constitutional amendment, which is to be taken on Tuesday next, could not be remedied, and its failure would stand as a blot upon the whole state—a state that in every other test has stood in the forefront with respect to all the war activities.

So it is unthinkable that even a suspicion of the slacker taint should be raised now.

Some of the Salem street railway men say the editorial statement made in this column yesterday that the motormen receive "around" \$150 a month is not true; that, working nine hours a day for six days a week, the average is less than \$125. The correction is gladly made; for the idea of the writer was merely to state facts, and not to raise issues.

Two hundred and fifty-one years ago the historic Hudson's Bay Company was incorporated by royal charter, and to celebrate the occasion the company is going after the Siberian trade. The steamship "Cascos" will leave Vancouver, B. C., about the middle of this month for Siberia. She will carry two large launches and two barges for river service that will enable the traders to penetrate several hundreds of miles inland, where fur trading posts will be established.

A dish of strawberries and cream these days does much to reconcile us to the vagaries of a vain world.

Col. Bryan, in an address delivered in Columbus the other day, said he expected to see a new

FUTURE DATES

- June 7, Tuesday—Dramatic Debut most Williamson University presents Julia Caesar in full cast.
- June 7, Tuesday—Auction sale of blooded Jersey at state fair grounds.
- June 8, Friday—Annual student retreat of School of Music of Willamette university at First Methodist church.
- June 8, 9 and 10.—Portland Rose festival.
- June 14, Tuesday—Elks annual flag day program.
- June 15, Wednesday—Minnesota as assistant picnic, state fair grounds.
- June 15 to 19—Oregon National grand encampment at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens.
- June 16, Thursday—19th Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association.
- June 16, Thursday—Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Portland.
- June 17, Friday—High school graduation exercises.
- June 17, Friday—Annual Iowa picnic, state fair grounds.
- June 20, Monday—School picnic, state fair grounds.
- June 25, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic, state fair grounds.

the surplus strawberries! And, a little later, all the cherries. That would guarantee their sale at remunerative prices.

No aid of any kind, great or small, that will help in disposing of the great crop of strawberries now ripening in the Salem district should be despised. Hat 'em, can 'em, preserve 'em, buy 'em, ship 'em, and boost strawberries in every possible way.

Speed up if you would live long. The crawl is the pace that kills. The amount of work that a man does will not hurt him if he does it in the right way. A watch will rust out, unused, quicker than it will wear out if carried and used steadily and sensibly.

It seems mighty hard to pry the clerks from their jobs in the Federal service. Two hundred thousand more now hold these positions than before the war. The process of reduction is very slow, especially at the national capital, where the clerks have members of congress who intercede for them. But really the only way to reduce expenses is to reduce.

President Harding is one of the most democratic of men. He is a golf enthusiast and often goes to the city links in Washington, mingling with players of every grade, instead of patronizing exclusively the White House grounds. Warren G. Harding has never forgotten that he used to pitch horseshoes behind the blacksmith shop in Marion.

CRUELTY TO HUSBANDS.

It is cruelly to deprive a husband of his proper and normal ration of sleep. The question is before a divorce court in Philadelphia. The husband declares that the wife denies him slumber. Every time he dozes off she jabs him with a hairpin, kicks him in the slats or pours water over his face. On more than one occasion she has dumped him out of bed on the floor or slapped his face because he persisted in his slumberous efforts. This is alleged to be cruelty to husbands within the meaning of the law. It would appear to be the high point in cruelty to deprive a Philadelphia husband of his sleep. In a city where the inhabitants are said to give the larger half of their lives to slumber it is a mean wife who would refuse her husband even a small portion of his wonted refreshment. Nothing could be more distressing than being shut off from one's sleep in Philadelphia. The circumstances that the husband snores like a planing mill can hardly be offered in extenuation. Man must have his beauty sleep—in Philadelphia anyhow.

KNOCKING THE DANCE.

The W. C. T. U. convention at Pomona, claiming to represent 6000 women of California, passed resolutions denouncing the dance and urging the state superintendent of schools and all other educational authorities to abolish any and all forms of dancing in the public schools and colleges of the state. They declare that even the folk dances in the kindergartens are sensual and that therefore no steps are safe. The surmount salvation is to abolish 'em all.

The classic posing of the ancient Greeks was but the prelude of the maddening St. Vitus dance of today. Knock 'em all in the head, say the good ladies of the W. C. T. U. If our young people must dissipate, let them flatten their noses against the window pane and watch the geraniums grow. The public schools must not and shall not be used as a junction point for all the roads that lead to perdition. Certainly those who would dance their way should not receive their training in the schools provided by our taxpayers. It was certain that this jazz business would stir the temperate women in time. Los Angeles Times.

Demagogue leader arise—and then he looked straight into the mirror.

Bempsey says he hopes to win for his mother's sake. Jack ought to think well of her—she saved him from going to France—Exchange.

The latest crisis to be faced by David Lloyd George bears an Egyptian date. And the unrest in the land of the Pharaohs has been a subject of concern in England for a long time.

Land, Salem slogan subject next week. The slogan editor wants your help in proving that we have the cheapest land in the world; based on what it can be made to earn.

What a great boon would be, just now, a cold storage plant in Salem big enough to take in all

ment, but Paris does little to stimulate the masculine fancy.

OVER A POWDER MINE.

The world is quite explosive when an international incident arises from a little scrap between an American and a Japanese sailor or in a movie theater in China. Likewise we are told that a war might have resulted from a dog fight in Tokio. The humble pup of a Japanese fishmonger attacked the blooded terrier of a physician of the American embassy. It was almost necessary for the Mikado to put on his plumed hat and go down to the embassy and apologize. The fisherman was fined and sent to jail. This may help to postpone the war. But it looks to be quite a job to keep the peace.

CUPID IN COMMAND.

The new chief of police in Kansas City has sent out the word through his department that lovers in the parks and public places are to be let alone. If a swain would kiss his sweetheart at the mouth of the Kaw he may do so and crow about it afterwards. The town will be made a spooner's paradise, if possible. It will be fine if Kansas City can be put to some use aside from separating sheep from goats.

THE BUILDER.

It is reported that ex-President Wilson is about to build a house of his own in Washington. After his experience in rearing a temple for the League of Nations he will possibly give more attention to the kitchen and living room and less to the conservatory and solarium—Exchange.

SOUTH FOR TAFT.

The Louisiana constitutional convention, mainly made up of southern attorneys, has adopted resolutions urging the appointment of William Howard Taft as chief justice of the supreme court to succeed Justice Edward D. White. With the southern Democrats for Taft as well as the Republicans, the sentiment appears to be unanimous. Justice White was the representative of the north on the bench. Now, if the south wants Taft, so say we, all of us.

WHOLESALEERS ALL.

A couple of dozen handits got together in an eastern city and held up and robbed a freight train of six truckloads of merchandise with which they gaily and proudly drove away. It would be perfectly safe to call his wholesale robbery. This is getting to be a great country.

STRIPPED.

The government has taken Grover Cleveland Bergdoll's money and property away from him that was about all that gave him the chance to disgrace himself in his first place. Had he had neither money nor property he might have behaved. Certainly he would not have been given no-riety.

HELPS SOME.

Eggs were more than 100 per cent higher a year ago than they are today. The American hen has an important part in making existence endurable.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST.

Vote 'er straight. Vote for a live 'em.

Keep Oregon's record clear; a record for going over the top, right down the line.

Back the soldiers boys with the state credit, so they may build homes and improve farms. They will pay all the money back, and they will improve the whole state, and increase its prosperity and its taxable property.

There is just about nine ounces of broccoli seed left in Salem. It is in the hands of J. J. Lehman, secretary of the Salem Broccoli association, 267 South Church street. It should be taken today, and planted. The Oregon Growers Cooperative association has none left; there is none left in the seed stores.

There will be a good deal over 500 acres of broccoli in the Salem district this year, and the last seed should be sown.

NOT INSURGENTS.

LONDON, June 2.—An Oppenheimer message forwarded by the Berlin correspondent of the Central News says the anti-allied committee has decided that the German defense corps is not to be considered an insurgent body.

SALEM BANKS KEEP PLACES

City Still at Top in Deposits Outside of Portland, Report Proves

EIGHT MILLION BEATEN

Marion County Has Four Towns Embraced in Half-Million or More Class

According to the latest report of the state banking department, Salem maintains its place as the second city in the state in bank deposits, only Portland being ahead of it. Salem's bank deposits total \$8,119,418.19. Astoria is third with \$6,674,104.19; Eugene fourth with \$5,679,167.12 and Pendleton fifth with \$5,046,348.44.

Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, has compiled a list of all the cities in the state that have bank deposits of \$500,000 or more, and out of the list of 50, Marion county has four—Salem, Silverton, Woodburn and Mt. Angel. The two former are in the million-or-more class, and the two latter in the half-million class.

Portland's deposits total \$128,930,859.12. The total of all the 50 cities having deposits of \$500,000 or more is \$2,810,418.19. The total of all the other towns, each having less than \$500,000, is \$22,052,109.40, and the total for all the banks of the state is \$249,556,813.41.

The list of cities having deposits of \$500,000 or more follows:

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Portland	\$128,930,859.12
Salem	8,119,418.19
Astoria	6,674,104.19
Eugene	5,679,167.12
Pendleton	5,046,348.44
Oregon City	2,903,943.91
Albany	2,639,207.80
Medford	2,215,056.88
Corvallis	2,119,235.75
Faker	3,024,349.28
Klamath Falls	2,825,083.24
The Dalles	2,657,525.83
Roseburg	2,486,672.42
McMinville	2,456,546.92
La Grande	2,286,283.41
Marshfield	2,052,103.46
Hillsboro	1,870,102.50
Hood River	1,746,587.12
Grants Pass	1,702,561.83
Ashland	1,628,914.00
Tillamook	1,487,212.82
Bend	1,460,703.69
Lakeview	1,442,890.19
Silverton	1,327,361.55
Newberg	1,052,920.04
Ontario	1,082,894.69
Forest Grove	1,052,659.55
Milton	1,001,636.91
Woodburn	981,922.42
Lebanon	908,211.95
Burns	897,904.88
St. Helens	875,898.79
Jalilas	870,609.51
Gresham	863,451.02
Oakland	842,894.05
Cottage Grove	801,283.86
Heppner	739,275.18
Condon	691,065.75
North Bend	683,904.45
Enterprise	660,919.96
Clatskanie	632,048.69
Vale	631,579.29
Independence	627,823.69
Oquille	625,822.22
Nandon	615,552.28
Athens	601,929.99
Prineville	601,484.50
Myrtle Point	549,859.79
Canby	539,846.11
Mt. Angel	505,531.98
Total	\$218,804,704.61
123 other towns	22,052,109.40
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Old Mrs. Highstrung asked a porter at a railway station where she could get her ticket. The man pointed in the direction of the ticket office. "You can get it there," he said, "through the pigeon-hole."

"Get away with you, idiot!" she exclaimed. "How can I get through that little hole? I'm no pigeon!"—Houston Post.

SIGNS OPERA SCRAPNO FOUND IN CABARET

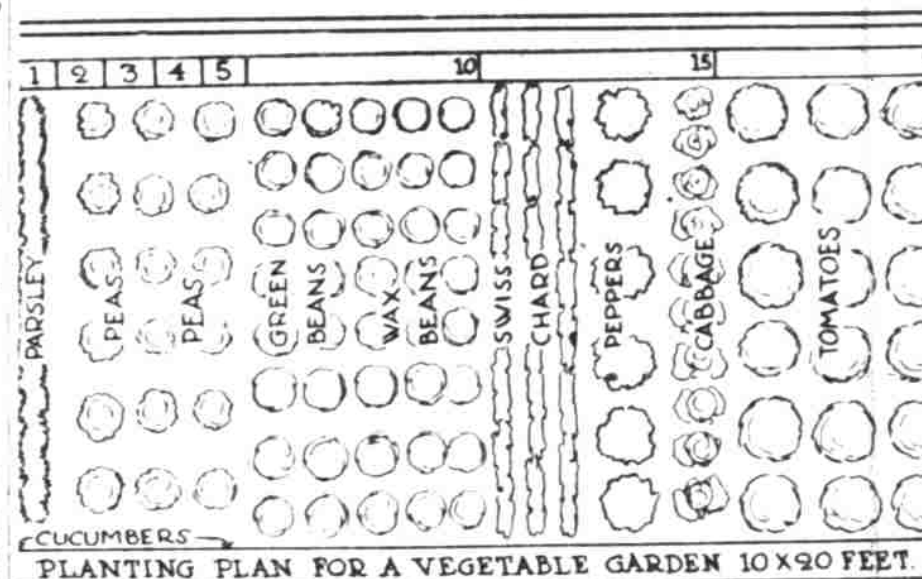
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THE HOME GARDEN

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PLANTING PLAN FOR A VEGETABLE GARDEN 10X90 FEET.

Liquid Fertilizers.

Application of liquid fertilizer at the right time is one of the great secrets of successful gardening. A dose of liquid food often starts a vegetable or flower along when it is lagging and means a good yield where otherwise there might have been none.

Set aside some obscure corner of the garden and if there isn't any obscure corner, plan obscurity for it by planting castor beans or some brush to act as a permanent screen, or cover it with a trellis for pole beans, morning glories or some other vine, and behind this ornamental screen place a barrel to contain liquid fertilizer right handy to the spot where it is needed.

A vinegar or molasses barrel from the grocer's forms the most convenient receptacle. If possible place it on a substantial foundation of some kind so that the bottom will be high enough from the ground to permit of the introduction of a wooden or metal faucet of good bore near the bottom of the barrel to draw off the fertilizer into a pail or sprinkling can.

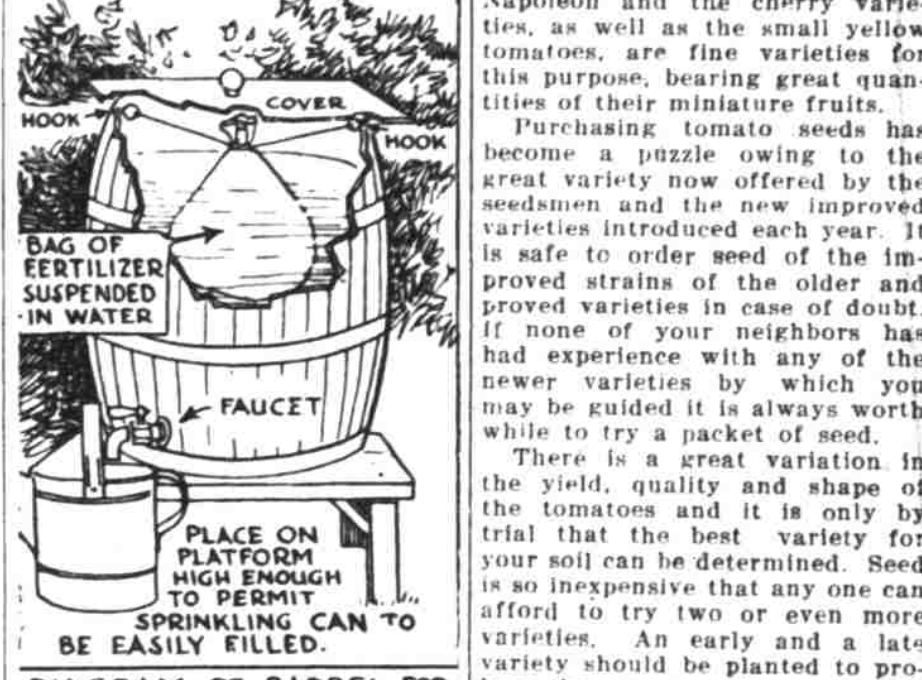


DIAGRAM OF BARREL FOR LIQUID FERTILIZER.

Poultry manure is very useful and usually available for liquid fertilizer. Two pecks to a barrel will give the proper solution. Pulverized sheep manure in its commercial form is an ideal fertilizer for liquid manure and nitrate of soda is best applied in solution which can be made readily in a barrel.

With a faucet to draw off the liquid manure of the back breaking work of bending over to dip the fertilizer out is avoided, and considerable time is saved. It becomes an easy matter to devote a few moments a day to applying the fertilizer and refilling the barrel when necessary. The fertilizer should not be applied often—than once a week to any one vegetable or flowering plant.

Underground Oysters.

If you do not know the vegetable oyster, and for a vegetable of so delicate and delicious a flavor resembling that of the oyster, it is remarkable how few people do use this easily grown plant in the fall and particularly in the early spring when it is at its best after spending the winter in the ground, try a small row in your garden this year.

It is an ideal plant for the small home garden because it takes very little room and it is one vegetable which, despite the efforts of horticulturists, has never greatly increased in size, the roots with the exception of the mammoth Sandwich Island variety remaining small. The oyster plant is also known as salsify and there are three kinds of oyster plants all with strange names, the salsify, the scorzonera, and the scolyntus. The latter, of which much was predicted when it was introduced from Spain, has not made any headway in American gardens.

Scorzonera is generally known as black salsify because the skin is dark, while the salsify, proper, is white. Salsify does not attain its best and most delicate flavor until it has been frozen by a perfectly hardy and ready to dig as soon as you can get a spade into the ground in the spring. It needs only fairly good garden soil, can be planted as close as six inches, although ten is about right in rows and about four inches apart between the rows and will yield a fine dish.

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It is cooked in various ways, in stews like the oyster, creamed, breaded or dipped in batter and

Three toothed cultivator does a fine job of stirring the soil. Scuffle or shove hoe as they are sometimes called that can be pushed instead of pulled, permit hoeing rows which are too close to walk between conveniently.

Long bladed trowels are ideal for splitting off pieces from perennials which have grown so large they need dividing for their best growth. They are fine to set under a recalcitrant carrot or parsley whose leaves are so tender they part company from the root, leaving it in the ground.

There are little hand rakes which are just the thing for hand cultivation among plants which need special care and the earth kept stirred.

Sprinkling cans and sprays must be added to every well equipped garden outfit, especially a spray. The compressed air sprays which can be carried slung on the back and hold a quantity of insecticide are the best for gardens where there are extended operations but for small gardens the hand sprays, some of which utilize a mason fruit jar which will fill the bill. You can inspect a variety of spraying outfits in varying prices, but be sure to have one of some kind.

While looking over spraying outfits get in a supply of poison for the fungus that blights the seedsman will tell you what to use. Bordeaux mixture for fungous pests, paris green or some other arsenical poison for those that eat the leaves, and a tobacco poison of some kind for plant lice are standard. Often they can be bought in combination.

Many gardeners seeing vases of Shirley or silk poppies in florists' windows wonder by what trick of the trade the commercial grower of these most delicately beautiful annuals induced them to remain intact, for ordinarily it is impossible to cut poppies for bouquets when the flowers are in full bloom. They fully justify the poetical simile: "For pleasures are like poppies spread. You pluck the flower, its bloom is shed."

In nine cases, out of ten, any attempt to pick a poppy results in a shower of petals. But if properly handled they are a valuable cut flower and there are no annuals which offer such a beautiful and delicate variety of pink, salmon, roses, and scarlets with variegations of white and lighter colors in the way of edging as do the Shirley poppies. There are new strains offering beautiful salmon tones.

Here is the way to pick poppies and make them stick. It is noted that the bud of the poppy droops until it is ready to open, its green calyx when it becomes erect. The time to pick a poppy is before it has shed the green calyx or covering of the flower. It is in two parts and splits at the bottom. The right moment is easily determined because the split at the bottom of the green covering shows the color of the delicate petals crumpled within. Cut the poppy at this stage and gently pick off the green covering which will come off easily. Then place the crumpled up bud in water and it will open and the petals will not fall.

Annual poppies can be sown at any time, fall, winter or spring. The fine seed if desired can be sprinkled upon the snow and allowed to wash into the ground. The seedlings are very hardy and often the melting snow will reveal a lot of self-sown seedlings.

Seed should be mixed with sand before sowing in order not to get it too thick as poppies must be sown where they are to remain as they cannot be transplanted. They will flourish in any sunny situation and are not particular as to soil. They are of short season, particularly if allowed to seed. All seed pods with the length of stem and which they are poised should be cut off as soon as the petals drop and a succession of sowings two weeks apart extending over a month is necessary if a supply is desired for any length of time.

GOOD FOR WOMEN, TOO

Foley Cathartic Tablets have long been a favorite physic with men. Women suffer as much as men do from indigestion and constipation and they also require a stomachic remedy to keep the stomach healthy, the liver active and the bowels regular.

George P. Jones, 84 Westrop Ave., Revere, Mass., writes: "I have taken Foley's Cathartic Tablets and I recommend them to everyone." They banish biliousness, headache, bloating—Sold everywhere.—Adv.

"I notice that Agnes doesn't go around boring other people with her ailments as she used to."

"No, she met a man who cured her completely."

"A doctor?"

"Oh, no. She was telling this man some of her symptoms when he remarked, 'It's strange how many of these things afflict people as they begin to grow old.' Since then she has held her tongue about them."

"Sentimental Tommy"

is a heart full of life, that you can see in an hour and a half and won't forget—ever