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"ONE TOWN THAT'S SHACKLING TAXGATHERERS"

"At least one Western town is prospering on rube methods not at all in accord with usual tax boosting and bond inflation methods. Its levy for city expenses is less than during the first year of the war. In 1915 it was fifteen mills and for two years it has been 13.8. This city of twenty thousand people has only \$474,000 bonded debt almost entirely for streets and sewers. It pays off \$40,000 annually. This rubberneck town has shamelessly disregarded official privileges and has abolished some offices and reduced salaries in several instances. To the general surprise of many no one has resigned office and the city is not falling behind by misering on taxes. Other Western cities and states are shouting for increased expenses to meet their growth, but Salem, Ore., is thriving on its penuriousness. People are actually leaving other more progressive tax collecting communities and flocking to Salem where taxgathering has been shackled."—Salt Lake Tribune.

The above is a very good boost, albeit a rather left-handed one.

For we Salemites are not willing to admit that ours is a rubberneck town; or that Salem employs rube methods, or is addicted to penuriousness.

All city salaries have been raised in Salem; and the forces of municipal officers and employes have been increased, on account of the growth of business and the general spreading out of necessary facilities for taking care of the interests of a constantly augmenting population and business.

The levy for city expenses in 1917 was 14 mills, and for 1918 and 1919 it was 12 1/2 mills for each of those years, and for 1920 and 1921 13.7 and 13.9 mills respectively.

And, outside of \$242,856.63 for bonds for street improvements under the Bancroft act, the general liability bonds of the city of Salem have been reduced since the Salt Lake Tribune secured its figures; they have been reduced from the \$474,000 mentioned to \$413,000.

Reduced by the payments on serial bonds.

So Salem is doing very well, thank you. Due credit should be given to a careful city council and economical city officials, who try to render good service at the least possible cost, and along strictly business lines.

With the same general policies in the future, and with some improvements in methods, and with the constant growth in population and consequent increase of taxable property in Salem, even lower levies may be confidently looked for in the years to come; and that without neglecting the increasing facilities that will necessarily be required to keep Salem in the forefront as a progressive city.

For be it known that Salem is a progressive city, and proposes to continue; in order to keep up with and be worthy of the great and growing country that surrounds this city, demanding constantly increased manufacturing and merchandising and shipping and banking facilities to take care of the raw products that are taken from the land each year.

Jack Dempsey has gone to Europe, so the war must be ended.

Air is a light thing to talk about, but the professor tells us that the quantity of air that passes through a pair of human lungs every day would weigh more than thirty pounds if it were herded on the hay scales. Hot air is

lighter than cold. That is why so many campaign speeches carry so little weight.

Forest protection week. There is more reason for its observance in Oregon than in any other state in the Union.

Bergdoll will be brought from Germany within a year, a congressman predicts, but he does not explain the reason for the unseemly haste.

Having despaired of proving he had red hair, a southern newspaper now says George Washington was a Democrat. But those southerners have not yet claimed that Abe Lincoln was president of the Confederacy.

The Democrats and Assistant Democrats of Oregon are not going to forgive George A. White for getting into the gubernatorial race. The more they think about it the more disturbed and the madder they get, and they are not going to be comforted.

With Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison on a fishing trip together for a week it would seem that fish would be mighty scarce in that locality for some time to come. Yet they do say that the twain would sometimes sit for hours without a nibble. Genius and efficiency sometimes falter when there is a fishpole in hand.

The vanguard of 2000 Russians from the United States and Canada have arrived at Sebezh, Russia, with 400 tons of American agricultural implements with which they propose to introduce modern farming methods. The incident illustrates a useful by-product of immigration.

Mrs. Margot Asquith, it is reported, made \$35,000 from her American tour, being only second to Sir Oliver Lodge among recent English visitors in respect to financial success. Will her forthcoming "American Diary" record the American as appreciative of real merit or show him up as an "easy mark"?

Before entering the Genoa parlays France signified her intention of maintaining an army of 665,000 on the Rhine. She declares that Germany is already repudiating her treaties, and that a force of that size is necessary to her protection. Regardless of the merits of the French contention, the fact remains that the huge army is there and likely to remain, with all its huge financial burdens. Europe as a whole is militaristic, whether special fault attaches to one nation or another. Until the nations are Europe are ready to end their quarrels and devote their substance to economic rehabilitation instead of waste in

the upkeep of armies, the United States can lend no effective aid.

MARINE BILL CERTAIN

Chairman Lasker of the shipping board declares the government is spending \$50,000,000 more than it receives each year in the operation of its ships. He says that the direct and indirect federal aid proposed in the administration merchant marine bill now pending in congress would amount to about \$40,000,000 a year. The passage of the bill would thus mean a cash saving of \$10,000,000 annually and, in addition, the country would get better service on the ocean than it has ever enjoyed. Probably the merchant marine bill will be amended in some minor details before it becomes a law, but no serious opposition to its principles has been manifested, and it will not be long before the country begins to reap the advantages of the legislation.

NORMALCY DAWNS, SAYS GOVERNORS

Affairs in this country continue on the mend. That the farmers are now started on the road to normally prosperous conditions was the view of the governors of the leading agricultural states recently made public in New York City.

Governor Harry L. Davis, of Ohio, advises: "Our department of agriculture has made a survey of farm conditions in Ohio. Glad to advise that agriculturally farmers are on the upgrade. Improvement in price of farm products and improved marketing conditions have given Ohio farmers renewed hope and 1922 gives every indication of being a more prosperous year than the past. Ohio is in as sound condition as any state in the Union. We have turned the corner and are going forward agriculturally and commercially."

Governor McCray, of Indiana, exclaims: "Conditions are improved and prospects brighter in Indiana. On the whole the outlook is good for an early return to normalcy."

Governor Sprout, of Pennsylvania, opines: "I feel that all conditions point to better times for agriculture in Pennsylvania. There may be some delay due to disturbance incident to the coal strike, etc., but I feel that much better industrial conditions are imminent and that our farmers, being so close to the markets, will benefit."

Governor Hyde, of Missouri, declares: "The corner has definitely been turned. Missouri farmers, being close to three great terminal markets, Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph, have been more fortunate than farmers more remote from terminal markets."

Governor Trinkle, of Virginia, admits: "Agricultural conditions are recovering from deflation to some extent. Farmers are looking forward now as prices advance. The wholesome effect of the late disastrous conditions is shown in the farmers' determination to organize and practise business principles in production and marketing."

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Of course it may rain all summer, or careless people may burn up their homes and themselves before getting into the woods. Otherwise we may expect the usual forest fire news, chronicling the loss of sums sufficient to endow all our schools and hospitals or pay our taxes for a lifetime. Or shall we do better this year?

If riot or invasion should sweep our western states, plundering our people of millions in homes, savings and business capital, and destroying our principal industries, the catastrophe would startle the world. If it should recur every year, the situation would be intolerable. Everything else would be forgotten in preparation for defense. Except in sensation and defensive preparation, the forest fire evil is a close parallel.

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tribution and are unwilling that it should be sent in cash form to the committee in Philadelphia, please let me know by letter, phone or in person before April 25 and it will be refunded to you. On the other hand, contributions will still be received, subject to the above conditions, until April 25."

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By E. T. Allen Smokeless summers bring appreciative tourists.

A few months rebuilt San Francisco. It takes a lifetime to regrow a forest.

With forest fires prevented, nature will grow new forest crops on our deforested land.

The forest payroll pays nearly two-thirds of the Northwest's wages. We cannot afford to burn it up.

Our fathers' patriotism made this country worth defending. Don't let forest fires make it worthless.

Fish and game need forest and stream. The man responsible for forest fire is worse than the game hog.

Timber pays heavy taxes. Forest fire prevention helps us all meet the taxation problem.

The woods are our recreation grounds. The careless camper, smoker or motorist who sets fire to them destroys the pleasure of his own return as well as of ours.

Another dry season is near. Unless good citizenship keeps fire out of the woods, millions of dollars which every family should share will vanish, leaving nothing more enduring than a pall of wind-blown smoke.

Pacific Coast lumbering normally brings nearly \$300,000,000 a year, more than \$800,000 a day, to be distributed through every artery of community support and shared by every family. Forest fires strike straight at community welfare.

To every citizen of the Pacific Northwest, and his children as well, forest fire means handicap in industry, health and pleasure—harder conditions of life. There is no way he can dodge personal loss whenever an acre of forest is

destroyed or prevented from growing where it might grow on deforested land.

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TRAINING FOR TRACK THE RUNNER



In sprint running probably the thing of greatest importance is the start. Twenty-five or thirty years ago, runners started from a standing position, but this start has practically disappeared and today the popular form of starting is from the crouch. While waiting for the "take your marks" command, dig two small shallow holes in the cinders near the starting line, one hole for each foot. The holes are dug one in back of the other with the rear one slightly to one side. They are far enough apart so that the sprinter, kneeling with the toe of a shoe 1 inch hole, is not in a cramped position. A good way to get the holes the proper distance apart is to dig the front hole first, and then kneel down with the toe of the left foot in the hole so that the right knee comes even with the instep of the left foot. The rear hole is dug where the toe of your right foot touches the ground. When you are commanded to "take your marks," kneel with your feet in the holes, and place your hands, fingers spread, on the ground about four inches in front of your left foot. Relax your body. Allow your right knee to

rest on the ground. This position is shown on the left side of the picture printed here. At "get set" raise your body to the position shown on the right side of the picture. Every muscle is tense as you wait for the command to "go." At "go," bring your right leg forward quickly and follow with a short step with the left. Get into your stride immediately. So much for the all-important start which every sprinter should master. And now for the finish of the race. In a close race, about six or eight feet from the tape, some sprinters employ what is known to some as "the Morton finish" to get them across the tape. The Morton finish is so named because J. W. Morton, an English sprinter, used it in winning races. When you get within the proper distance of the tape, which, as I say, is six to eight feet, give yourself an extra hard shove with your right leg. Turn your trunk so that you strike the tape with the left side of the chest. This, of course, is done vice versa if your stride should leave you on your left foot when you decide to throw yourself into the tape.

ONE REEL YARNS

THE PANTRY WINDOW Hugh Cross came running down the alley behind the big gray stone house. His hat was gone and the wind whipped through his hair and cut through the torn, mud-stained sweater he was wearing. At the corner of the house he almost ran into a ragged boy of about his own age.

"Look out where you're going," said the boy, with a sullen look at Hugh. Hugh looked back at him with a friendly grin. The boy's look became less sullen and suspicious. "Whatcha doin'?" inquired Hugh.

The boy looked at him hesitantly for a minute, as though afraid to speak, then he seemed satisfied and said confidentially: "I'm tryin' to get in that window there, but it's too high for me to reach." "Whatcha want in for?" asked Hugh.

"Cause that's the window to the pantry of that big house, and I'll bet there's a regular feed in there. There ain't nobody around the kitchen, I been watchin'. And the window's unlocked. Like to give a fellow a boost?" As Hugh did not answer at once, he went on fiercely, "I s'pose you're going to tell me it's wrong, but I don't care. I'm hungry, see? And stuck-up rich folks don't care if I starve." "All right," said Hugh, "but I want to go along." He gave the boy a boost, and then the boy reached over and helped him up. Once inside they set to work and hungrily devoured whatever they could lay their hands on.

WILLIE MOUSE HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO LOOK IN PEOPLE'S WINDOWS? COME RIGHT HERE!



TODAY'S PUZZLE

Concealed in each of these sentences is the name of a country. "Neither I nor Wayne passed the examination." "He lost his watch in a hotel." Solutions tomorrow.

How, Why, and What

Why do ducks waddle? The duck's legs and feet are swimming organs as well as limbs for walking, so they are set well to the rear of the body. This makes the balance of the bird on land ungraceful and causes the waddling action which is peculiar to ducks.