

# The Oregon Statesman

Issued Daily Except Monday by THE STATESMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY 215 S. Commercial St., Salem, Oregon (Portland Office, 627 Board of Trade Building. Phone Automatic 527-59)

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for publication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also the local news published herein.

R. J. Hendricks ..... Manager Stephen A. Stone ..... Managing Editor Ralph Glover ..... Cashier Frank Jaskoski ..... Manager Job Dept.

TELEPHONES: Business Office, 33 Circulation Department, 588 Job Department, 583 Society Editor, 106

Entered at the Postoffice in Salem, Oregon, as second class matter

## LET US BANISH FEAR

(Copyrighted by the San Jose Mercury)

Superstition is but the natural expression of ignorance. With the dawn of the light of knowledge the ghosts, hobgoblins and demons which people the imaginary dark world of superstition disappear, even as the terrors of night vanish with the coming of the great orb of day. Not only have men woven superstition about things of which they knew absolutely nothing, but they have supplemented their imperfect knowledge of many things with superstitions having no foundation whatever in truth or fact. Thus have come all the superstitions and foolish conceptions that have fastened themselves upon religion, many of which still persist in spite of the great increase of knowledge.

For example, there has always been, there still is, a great mystery about the death of the body for most people. Connected with this perfectly natural phenomenon there has come down to us from the past many childish and superstitious ideas. When the body suddenly ceases its activity; when the life, the personality, that animated it is gone; when the soul that smiled its love into our hearts and the eyes of compassion for our frailties and pains are but a sweet memory, it is hard for us not to still connect these things with the silent form lying before us.

Many most intelligent religious people are coming to understand, however, that there is not, that there never can be, any more union or connection between the soul that has gone on and this inanimate garment that it has cast off than there is between you and the worn out coat that you laid aside last year. As soon as it has served its purpose, when its usefulness is gone, it drops out of sight; and as you come forth clothed in the new coat to go on with your work, so the soul clothed in the new garment goes forth in the new life better equipped for the tasks it is called to perform in working out its destiny. The soul once out of its physical tenement could no more go back into it than the chicken once hatched could return to its shell.

Death is as natural as birth. Indeed, birth is even a more wonderful phenomenon than death. Why should the one be clothed in mystery more than the other? Why should superstition obscure the meaning of physical dissolution, or undertake to surround death with terrors any more than birth?

When the Bible speaks of death it does not, as a rule, mean death of the body. It usually refers to this in some such words as "He was gathered to his fathers" or "He gave up the ghost." The "death" of the Bible is a condition of spiritual torpor, of ignorance of truth and purity, a state of animalism and sin, whereby the life of the spirit in man is, for the time being, stifled or destroyed.

In the past superstition filled the life after death with such uncertainties and terrors that the stoutest heart was overcome with horrible, undefined fears at the mere thought of facing it. According to the old teaching the soul as it slipped out of the body would, either immediately or after the long sleep, be consigned to unlimited bliss or to everlasting torment, its status already fixed forever. Most people, being conscious of their own imperfections, were filled with

doubt and uncertainty as to their future, and became wretched. Many minds were unbalanced by these fears. Cheerfulness almost disappeared from some parts of the earth, and solemnity and piety became synonymous terms.

Such unfortunate people could wake up on a spring morning and hear the birds singing as if their throats would burst trying to express their joy; see the sun shining, the flowers blooming gloriously, and all nature alive with joy and light and beauty, without changing their attitude. They would still feel that they were walking "through a vale of tears." Why should religion be such a somber and forbidding thing amidst all this riot of song, color and cheerful beauty? Why should men fear their God if He be a God of love, as Jesus declared? And it would seem that no word of Holy Writ should be necessary to make them know that He is love when they think even of the physical blessings He is constantly showering upon them. Being a God of love and wisdom, He knows and has charity for our imperfections and weaknesses. He has made all of His universe glorious and created it for life and joy and happiness, no matter where His laws may bring us. There is nothing in the future, not of our own making, of which we need be afraid.

Then why not banish all these fears, superstitions, horrors and uncertainties with which the ignorance of the past has filled the future? More, why not let the God of love reveal Himself and His love and truth to us, not only through the words of the New Testament and His beautiful physical universe, but out of His spiritual universe which is today just as real as it ever was? Let our souls live and think and see so that we may hear His voice today, every day, instead of blindly groping in the darkens of the past. Let us rise in aspiration, prayer and life where we may claim our Divine relationship, our spiritual sonship with the Father. This is the hope of the world.

The God of love has established the law of love under which His creatures may elect to live; but they must obey this law if they are to live under it. He has given to His children something of His own life; but they must cherish and nurture this life if they are to enjoy its blessings. Under this law of love and through the quickening of this Divine life in us we may come to have a real religion, shorn of superstition and theory, that shall be a guide to our feet and a stay to our spirits now and always. Such a religion inspires courage and makes one ready to meet whatever is in store for him. Knowing that nothing, either on land or sea, either now or hereafter, can harm him who has set his face to the true "light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Congressman Simeon Fess announces himself as a candidate for the United States senate from Ohio to succeed little Atlee Pomeroy. Wonder if he is any relation to the Simeon, son of Jacob and Leah, of the old Bible story?

Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the Church of the Ascension, New York, has voluntarily reduced his salary from \$10,000 to \$5000 a year. It is evident he knows just about what he is worth.—Exchange. The foregoing, in different forms and with various comments, has been going the rounds of the press. It is a good item; and some of the comments are witty and wise. But it is not true. There is nothing in it. Rev. Grant says it is not true, and never was thought of. It is almost on a par with some of the campaign lies of the late unpleasantness in Oregon.

Having settled that there is no such thing as evolution, a friend at the writer's elbow says Col. Bryan will next dispel the misinformation abroad about the invention of the printing press by

Gutenberg, the discoveries in electricity by Franklin and Galvani, Priestly's discovery of oxygen, the smallpox preventives of Jenner, Harvey's discovery of the circula-

### FUTURE DATES

- May 15 to 21—Ella's Prosperity week in Portland.
May 22, Monday—Willamette university school of music recital by Everett Craven, baritone, and Eugenia Myer, pianist, at the First Methodist Church, 8 a.m.
May 22 to 27, Monday to Saturday—Swimming week for boys and girls at Y.M.C.A.
May 24, 25 and 26—Oregon Jersey Jubilee.
May 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday—May Festival, Oratorio Oratorio Friday in armory; Living pictures Saturday night.
May 31, Wednesday—Health week begins.
June 3, Saturday—Automobile races at state fair grounds.
June 5, Monday—Tuck meet, Willamette and Pacific University at Forest Grove.
June 6, 7, 8 and 9—Oregon State Orange convention at McMinnville.
June 14, Wednesday—Flag Day.
June 16, Friday—High school graduation.
June 20, 21, 22 and 23—Portland Rose festival.
June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marshfield.
July 8 and 9—Monday and Tuesday, State convention of Artisans at Woodburn.
September 2, 3 and 4—Lakerow Round-up, Lakeview, Or.
September 15, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem.
September 21, 22 and 23—Pandelion round-up.
September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair.
November 7, Tuesday—General election.

tion of the blood, and the Bessemer process for the manufacture of steel. There are a lot of things he must clear up. Watt's steam engines and Stephenson's railways will follow as soon as he is able to get around to them.

A New York presbytery has resolved to allow women to become deacons. If the march of improvement goes on some of these days the sex will be allowed to go to heaven. And, seriously, what would heaven be without them?

### DEFENDS FLAPPERS

The flappers have found a perfectly good defender of unimpeachable standing. She is the Rev. Maude Royden, England's most famous woman preacher. And she is in New York doing a little preaching on behalf of the flapper.

She says she likes the flappers, she approves of their cigarettes and their short skirts and their bobbed hair. She says their manners are natural and charming, not vulgar and wicked. She says they are independent and capable, not parasites and wasters. And she thinks their independence and naturalness have a particularly good effect upon the young men.

### SERMON BY YE PASTOR

"Be a good neighbor." That's the only way that the world's problems will be solved. They aren't going to be settled mainly by legislation or war or through "scientific" methods. Charity organizations are very necessary in our complex city life, but by far the best way that they work is through "good neighbors"—men and women who become responsible for a family or an individual. "Be a good neighbor." Live it and talk it. Get others to be "good neighbors." And when you succeed in getting enough people in your community and your town to assume the friendly care of somebody else—helping them to find jobs, advising them when they are in trouble, having a sincere interest in their children—we'll all be a whole lot nearer the dawn of the millennium. "Be a good neighbor." It doesn't require much money, either—mostly it needs a heart and a love for humanity, and some common sense. "Be a good neighbor." —Arkansas Thomas Cat.

### MODERN MIRACLES

What a marvel it is! Our modern miracles are so much more unbelievable than the wonders of old. Radio concerts cover thousands of square miles, the human voice carrying around the world, and one after another of the plagues of men falling before serums. A great French scientist declares that incarnate spirits

are physically ponderable. Possibly he is wrong. But why not? With the air about us filled with sounds we cannot hear until science opens our ears; with a printed page radiating music that gives forth words, and from the succession of words thoughts and from the thoughts full fellowship with all aspiring minds, what is not possible? If the air is full of things unheard, why may not space be filled with things unseen, and why may not "the forms of the departed" "enter through the open door" when science has tried it open?

What a show it is, the phantasmagoria that the curious mind of man has made out of a rather simple old world that our grandfathers knew. When we call old Ben Franklin up on the phone, how we shall jolly the old man for sending the key up on the kite to bring down the lightning from the clouds. He surely unlocked Pandora's box of grief and trouble and amazement with that old key!—William Allen White in Judge.

A Warning—to feel tired before exertion is not laziness—it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sufferers should not delay. Get rid of that tired feeling by beginning to take Hood's Sarsaparilla today.—Adv.

Dr. Lee A. Stone of Chicago says the flapper is no mystery. He thinks she is just a female who

has lived down thousands of years of hypocrisy and has become what she desired to be, a human being. Somehow or other we imagine Dock has the right "dope," as the saying goes.—Exchange.

## Back-East Round-Trip Fares

Lowest Years  
Daily May 25 to August 31  
By The  
**OREGON ELECTRIC RAILWAY**  
And Direct Connections  
Return Limit, October 31  
Choice of Routes and Liberal Stop-over arrangements on going and return trip  
Round Trip Fares from Salem:

Atlanta	\$119.60	Louisville	\$102.95
Baltimore	148.65	Memphis	92.10
Boston	150.40	Milwaukee	86.90
Buffalo	122.70	Minneapolis	74.03
Charlotte	137.40	Nashville	102.25
Chicago	88.05	New Orleans	109.03
Cincinnati	108.35	New York	149.45
Cleveland	110.65	Omaha	74.05
Denver	66.05	Philadelphia	147.99
Des Moines	79.70	Pittsburgh	121.25
Detroit	107.70	St. Louis	85.25
Indianapolis	101.30	St. Paul	74.55
Kansas City	74.05	Toronto	115.80

Washington...\$143.65

Proportional fares to certain other cities in the East, and fares one way via California will be supplied on request

Sleeping car arrangements made, baggage checked and tickets issued through from Salem. Train schedules and other details will be furnished gladly.

### OREGON ELECTRIC RAILWAY

J. W. RITCHIE, AGENT, SALEM, ORE.

## At Last!

# J. R. Radio Sets

For

# \$17.50

An excellent receiving set, thoroughly practical and complete. Enables one to "listen in" on anything broadcasted within a 50-mile radius. All you need is overhead wire. For particulars call at

## SALEM HARDWARE CO.

120 North Commercial St.  
The Winchester Store

# The Junior Statesman

Copyright, 1922, Associated Editors The Biggest Little Paper in the World Edited by John H. Miller

## THE SWIMMING CLASS—Lesson 1

BY JACK GIBON  
The Man Who Taught One Thousand and New Orleans Boys and Girls How to Swim

It is peculiar, but a fact, that all the movements of the body required in ordinary swimming may be learned on dry land more easily than in the water. Most beginning swimmers have a fear of water, and the presence of this fear retards one's progress in mastering the stroke. If the would-be swimmer accustoms himself to the stroke before he enters the water he will learn how to swim more quickly than he otherwise would.

The ordinary stroke consists of three movements: The leg movement, arm stroke and the breathing. Each of these should be learned separately and then combined.

Start with the leg movement. Stand with your heels together and your hands on your hips. Lift your right leg up, with your knee pointing out to the side, until the heel almost touches the left knee.

Kick out the right leg, until it is straight. The right foot should be about 24 inches from the left. Bring the foot down to the starting position using a quick, smart motion. Repeat this action with left leg.

Learn the arm stroke next. Stand with your feet together. Place your hands, palms down and fingers pointing forward, before your chest about ten inches below your chin. Hold the fingers of each hand close together.

Move your hands forward until your arms are extended ahead full length. Then, when you have reached out as far as possible, turn the palms outward, and with your thumbs pointing toward the ground, describe a quarter circle with each arm, bringing the arms stiffly back until they extend at right angles to your body from your shoulders. Bend the elbows slowly, bringing your hands back to the starting position. As you do, turn your hands so that the palms again are toward the ground.

The third thing to learn is the breathing.

Breathe smoothly and easily, not jerkily. Inhale through the mouth and exhale through the nose. Exhale as your arms shoot

forward at the beginning of the stroke. Inhale as they start backward in the stroke. By the time your hands have reached the chest position your lungs should be filled.

The fourth step consists of these three parts of the Arm Stroke stroke combined. Stretch your arms out in front of you. Bring them back in the quarter circles, at the same time taking a deep breath. As your hands come to the chest position, raise your right leg. Start your hands forward at the same time straightening out the right leg. When the arms are almost fully extended to the front, bring your right foot down to the ground with considerable force. When the hands again reach the chest, raise the left leg, and so on, using one leg and then the other for each stroke.

Jack Gibon is one of the best swimming teachers in America. If you don't know how to swim, here's your chance to learn. If you do know he will teach you diving, fancy swimming, and speed strokes.

There are eleven more articles in the series.

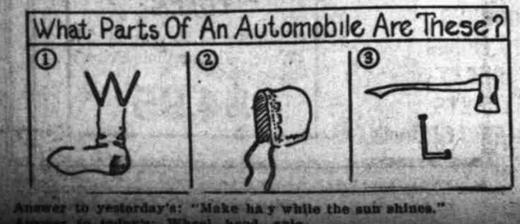
## THE SHORT STORY, JR.

Glen Garden

"How many times," said old Sandy, flourishing his hoe threateningly, "have I told ye to stay away!" The son of the assistant gardener drew back. "Out of here, out of here!" shouted Sandy.

Walted walked slowly out of the beautiful and closed the gate behind him. Much as he wanted to stay, he dared not for fear of getting his father into trouble with

## DAILY PICTURE PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's: "Make hay while the sun shines."  
Answer to today's: Wheel, hood, axle.

## Make Your Porch a Summer Time Outdoor Living Room

With a few comfortable chairs—a rocker or two—a table—and a luxurious swing—you can turn your veranda into an ideal outdoor living room and enjoy the summer breezes to your heart's content. We are showing a splendid variety of furniture for this purpose—chairs, rockers, tables, settees, etc., in reed, grass, fiber and old hickory. Strong comfortable swings of canvas make your porch a real living room and our moderate prices on this class of furniture are an added inducement for you to enjoy this summer to the fullest extent.

### Look Beyond the Cost When You Buy a Refrigerator

## HOOSIER Kitchen Cabinets

The HOOSIER Cabinet is the kitchen cabinet that is represented in over two million homes. There is a reason why. Let us show you. \$1.00 puts this labor saver in your home.

### THE GIBSON

A Refrigerator has more than one price. The price you pay is only the beginning of expense. The ice cost is the big cost that will equal or exceed the first cost every year if you buy a cheap ice eating refrigerator. Food costs too much to let it spoil from the want of a good refrigerator. Our prices are from \$14.40 to \$85 on the best line of refrigerators in Oregon. Let us show you

## Beautiful Three-Piece Living Room Suite, Upholstered in Tapestry

Consists of one fine overstuffed Davenport with spring arms and two chairs to match. Just the suite for your living room. Special price this week only.....\$133.85

## Three-Piece Leather Set

Consists of one all over leather Davenport Chair and rocker to match, only.....\$219.75

## Baby Buggies and Go-Carts

Our showing of good dependable Baby Buggies and Go Carts was never more complete than today. We have a full line of Sturgis and Lloyd Buggies, priced from \$8.50 and up.

## C. S. HAMILTON GOOD FURNITURE

340 Court St.

## Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases

It matters little what you have in mind in traveling goods or what price you want to pay, we have it—Suit cases, special.....\$1.95 and up Hand Bags, genuine leather.....\$4.85 and up Trunks, 3 ply.....\$8.50 and up