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CITY, COUNTY AND SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

Editor Statesman:

The incoming legislature and the new state administration might take few ideas from a successful and well managed local government like the city of Salem, Salem school district and the county of Marion. Many parts of the state will call us mossbacks because we have uniformly voted down tax-boosting propositions, but Salem is today the most prosperous inland city in the west. It has a greater and more prosperous future, and is growing faster than any town of 20,000 this side of the Rocky mountains. We can all take pride in the local records as shown in the following figures gathered in half an hour yesterday from the three departments referred to.

Salem city government acts under general budget law of state and all officials are under bond, but the aldermen are under the provisions of a charter enacted by the people in December, 1909, which has never been repealed:

"Any councilman voting to incur indebtedness in excess of the amount estimated or authorized (in the budget) shall, upon trial and conviction, be declared guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and shall forfeit his office."

Under the provisions of the supreme court decisions a charter enactment takes precedence over a state law. This section has had the desired influence to keep down deficits. There has been some shifting of unused funds, but no direct deficits created in any department since that was enacted. It has also kept down levies and operating expenses, the average city levy for the past five years standing at 13 1/5

millions, and this in spite of wages and salaries of officials and city employees and labor having gone up 50 per cent over the war period. There is a bonding debt for bridges across the Willamette, city hall and sewers, of about \$350,000, but the city is kept on a cash basis and does not owe a dollar and has money to run until April 1, when new taxes come in. New street construction, paving and grading, sewers and alleys are done by the street department at cost to the owners, with 20 per cent added for overhead administration, such as engineers, collecting, book-keeping, etc. Bridges are built by the same department at cost of labor and material. Bids are taken on all supplies and machinery for all departments and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. City has paid off debt in 1922.

It might interest you to know that our school district is on a cash basis. It operates under the general budget law and cannot exceed its appropriations over 6 per cent without a vote of the people. The clerk-treasurer, one official, is under bonds. It has a bonded debt of \$104,275, having paid off \$45,000 in ten years besides building new schoolhouses. Two years ago the district had \$75,000 floating debt and today it has \$40,000 surplus cash on hand, and without exceeding the 6 per cent limitation plans to pay off \$10,000 a year of bonded debt. New schoolhouses are built without bond issues but by spreading the levy for the same over three years. The district is growing fast and to relieve the suburban schools \$100,000 may be spent on two wings for the high school, \$50,000 to double the capacity of the Gar-

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The Statesman is proud to print the above communication. It shows that, while we are growing and expanding in every material way, and keeping up to date in every progressive particular, we are keeping our feet on the ground—Keeping in condition to continue the growth.

We can confidently invite new people and new capital in the hands of men of vision and initiative and genius, to come and participate in the safe development of the surrounding country of wonderful resources and possibilities—the country of diversity—the land of opportunity—and in the solid rearing here of a greater and ever greater Salem, supplying the manufacturing, marketing, shipping, banking and other facilities of the potentially richest district of this state, this nation, or of this world.

Even a Republican ought to be able to be thankful the last Thursday of November. Everything might be a lot worse.—Los Angeles Times.

Premier Mussolini writes that he hopes for the best of feeling between the United States and Italy. They all coddle up to Uncle Sam.

"I should hate to give up the West for the White House," said ex-Secretary McAdoo the other day, but he had his fingers crossed when he said it.—Exchange.

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must be admitted that Barney has done fairly well in that role.

It is claimed there is enough energy falling on one square mile of the Sahara desert to operate every machine in the world today. Which Sahara do the scientists mean, the one in Africa or the one in these dear old United States?—Exchange.

A number of statesmen who are in their graves but who assisted in the births of third parties have turned over several times since the announcement of Senator Borah that there ought to be a third party in this country.

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I was surprised when mother took my part. "Yes, Charles," she said, "now that Jeannette is in high school I believe it would be a good thing to give her an allowance."

"All right," Dada agreed, "I guess maybe she is old enough now. I'll give her five dollars a week."

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Dad only said, "We'll see," and looked at mother. He paid me my first week's allowance right away. I had never had a whole five dollar bill to spend in any way I choose before. I called up Lillian and we decided to go down town. Lillian asked her father for the price of a movie—she doesn't have an allowance yet.

If you had to buy any of these hand-painted gifts, they would cost more than most girls can make their pocketbooks cover at Christmastime, but if you like to work with paints you can make dainty presents with very little expense. The sealing wax costs about eight cents a stick, and the articles to be painted can be purchased at any variety store.

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The Junior Statesman

SCHOOL SPORTS

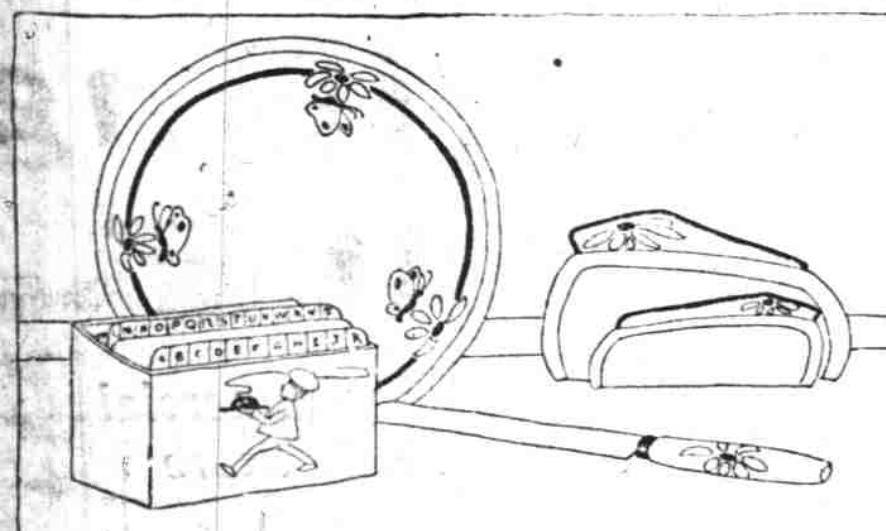
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The Biggest Little Paper in the World

HUMOR
PLAY
WORK



Paint-Brush Presents



GIFTS MOTHER WILL LIKE
A recipe box for mother will please her so much more if some of your own work has gone into the making of it. The little cabinet at the left of the picture is just an ordinary wooden file box for recipe cards. It is more attractive and much handier than a cook book.

This, as well as the other gifts, is painted with enamelac or sealing wax paints. The sealing wax paints you can make yourself by buying sealing wax sticks in yellow, blue, black and white. Break each stick into three or four pieces, place in a small cup, and cover with denatured alcohol. Let the mixture stand overnight and by morning the paints are ready to use. Make them the right thickness by adding a little more alcohol.

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THE SHORT STORY, JR.

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PICTURE PUZZLE

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Below is the name

of "the children's poet"

and one of his poems

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RIGHT YET WRONG

A baby was born in Minnesota

the other day with the heart on

the right side. This kid may run

for president some day on a

League of Nations platform.—Ex-

change.

That would have kept me going

perfectly well for the rest

of the week, but the very next

day Miss Clark announced that

we would have to have a new

history book, and the price

\$2.05. I told mother, and

Answer to yesterday's Cabin, crock,

& anchor.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 29, 1922

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Thanksgiving is late—

But better late than never.

Do you remember when Oregon

had two Thanksgiving days?

President Cleveland named the

fourth Thursday in November and

Governor Pennoyer of Oregon

named the fifth and last. There

were five Thursdays in November

of that year. Some fortunate

ones had turkey and cranberry

sauce twice. But turkeys were

cheaper in those good old days.

The wise child is already tell-

ing what it really needs for Christ-

mast.

Develop the flax industry at the

Oregon penitentiary, and it will

cease to be a penitentiary. It will

be a reformatory of the best and

most modern type.

The vaudeville season will open

with a rush in Chicago the com-

ing spring—Jim Ham Lewis is

coming back from Europe to make

the race for mayor.

Why do not those congressmen

who are pure pig iron on the

thorax up, who stand on their

hind legs and yell against the

administration ship subsidy bill,

get up one of their own—or get

some pupil from one of the Wash-

ington grade schools who has

sense enough for the task, to do

so? If the voters of the congres-

sional districts claiming these var-

ieties are satisfied with their an-

tities, they are surely patient and

long suffering. If the bunch

making the motions of statesmen

in the capitol at Washington have

not sense enough, or patriotism

enough, or vision enough, to keep

the Stars and Stripes from being

driven from the seven seas, there

should surely be a new deal of