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A GIGANTIC SPINACH INDUSTRY POSSIBLE

One concern is asking for contracts for 500 or more tons of spinach to be supplied by Salem district growers the coming season—

This for dehydration at the Salem plant—

And the King's Food Products Company managers say they have never yet had enough spinach; that it has been sold out every year within 60 days after the price was announced.

There is no telling how far this thing may go. It may extend to gigantic proportions. And, because better quality of spinach can be produced here than elsewhere, Salem is due to become the world center of a great spinach industry.

For the iron in it, and for the vitamines and other requisites in dietary schemes, spinach is coming into more and more general use not only in the hospitals but also in the homes of this country; of the whole world.

There should be no question whatever of the supplying here by our growers of all the spinach that the manufacturers and packers will take and pay for. It is one of our best crops, taking into account that it may be followed by another profitable vegetable crop; or even a third, on the same land the same year.

It is no longer necessary to say to the majority of the readers of The Statesman that the eating of spinach freely is a very important requisite for health. Every kitchen or home garden should have some spinach, and two crops should be raised, and some of it should be canned at home, or the commercially canned or dehydrated article should be used when it cannot be had in the fresh form.

Spinach is nearly as important in the dietary as milk; and every up-to-date man and woman now knows that a verile race cannot be sustained without milk, nor healthy children raised, nor old people kept in proper condition.

One of the greatest arguments in favor of spinach growing commercially in the Salem district is the fact that the spring crop furnishes a cash return early in the season when money is needed for the cultivation of other crops. And, in the same way, it adds materially to the net returns from any given number of acres of land under cultivation.

The story of the $50,000 strawberry plant, published in The Statesman this morning, is an interesting one. It is of especial interest in this great strawberry center. W. H. Weeks and Lester I. Pearmine (Weeks & Pearmine), the big strawberry plant growers of Route 8, Salem, have been making inquiry, and they find that no plants of the $50,000 Strawberry will be available for the present season. But these enterprising plant growers are up on their toes in expectancy, and they will get the very first plants of the new wonder berry that can be had. There are hundreds of anxious strawberry growers in the Salem district who will be ready to try out the new "king of kings," as soon as they can get supplies of plants.

RADIO AND ROMANCE

If the young Lochinvar should come out of the west tomorrow and steal somebody else's bride right off the altar steps he probably would be stopped by radio within 20 minutes and, instead of becoming a hero of song, would be lucky if he escaped facing a Mann act charge.

If Leander were to start one of his famous aquatic jaunts tonight some mean sneak would flash the tidings across the Hellespont and he would be nabbed by his enemies just as he reached the other side.

If Paul Revere were all set to start his ride through a thousand years of history he would get the horse laugh as a bearer of stale news, at the first middlesex, village or farm he started through and be informed that he'd better turn around and start back with the already-assembled minute men.

And so on and on and on.

For, though radio holds first place in the romance of achievement today, it is a good thing for a lot of historic romances that it wasn't discovered before, when it could and would have put the kibosh on them for keeps.

There is no danger that it will put an end to legal and proper elopements, however. The cost of formal weddings is such that there is a lot of parental collusion about some elopements, and radio will never be widely invoked to interfere with them. There may be even quite a few husbands and wives who won't ever seek its aid to stop eloping spouses. But the man who tries to elope with somebody else's money is already beginning to find it a mighty serious handicap.

Radio is doing so much good in the world that we're all glad to give up a few romantic escapades, if necessary, to enjoy its benefits. After all, so long as there are human beings in the world there will be romance, so there is really nothing serious to fear on that score. But a friend at the writer's elbow declares that we ought to congratulate Lochinvar, Leander, Revere, et al., on living when they did.

The Oregonian of a day or two ago was bragging about messages and music broadcasted from the tower of its office building being heard in far Samoa; where above the sacred resting place of Robert Louis Stevenson in his loved Pacific island one might listen to the patter of the rain on the roofs of the Mistland country.

Several years ago Edison startled a doubting world by declaring that the time was coming when a man might stand in the center of the Sahara desert and take from his pocket an instrument through which he could talk to any one in all the world. Wise people have quit doubting. Doubters are growing out of style. The impossible has happened so often that one may expect it to happen again any day.

INCOME TAX POLITICS

That certain radical leaders will rejoice should the Oregon legislature fail to pass a state income tax bill is becoming more and more evident. These radicals will oppose a conservative income tax bill. They want a measure that hits hard in the upper brackets and exempts liberally in the lower brackets. They do not seem to care whether the legislature passes their kind of a measure. Should it fail to pass it—well, the Nonpartisan League is ready to come in and run the state. Or if a conservative income tax measure is enacted, the Nonpartisan League is still ready.

The League has friends, many friends, in Oregon, and several of them are active in the statehouse. Some of these have not lost faith but that they can swing Governor Pierce back into line, and anything that might tend to create a rift between governor and legislature is quietly fostered. So far governor and legislature are in harmony, each trying if possible to work out a program that will be acceptable to the other without too great a concession on principle. But the breach is predicted, and with it goes the prediction that the legislature will triumph temporarily, that the people will repudiate the legislature wrathfully, that Pierce will be elected United States senator four years from now on the strength of a breach with the legislature and that Charles E. Spence will succeed him as governor—the Nonpartisan League being the main factor in bringing all these about.

This sounds pretty wild at first, but there are some close observers who think that something equivalent to this is likely to happen. Only a tax reduction by the legislature—an actual, visible reduction—can save the situation politically. Can the legislature do it?—Oregon Voter.

Strange things have happened in the world and in Oregon before now. Strange things may happen again.

But, as the face of events look now, the above sounds much like a brainstorm. From present appearances, Oregon is as likely to go Bolshevist or crazy as to be captured by the Nonpartisan League, which wrecked North Dakota and would in full control make a wilderness of any commonwealth or country.

THE SELF-MADE MAN

(Written for The Statesman.)

Look not where Fortune's favorites dwell at ease,
But in the ranks of those fed with a wooden spoon;
His humble room is dim, but little does he care—
His great ambition permeates the gloom.

Nor does he linger where the footlights' glow
Attract the pleasure seekers of mankind;
Moments of idleness are a mortal dread
To him who would be master of his mind.

He whimpers not because his lot in life does not compare
With others he has known;
He drinks the knowledge every book contains
And claims each gem of wisdom as his own.

For what is education to a man
Whose aim in life is yet a thing unborn?
His life becomes a mockery of the wise,
A book of empty words and empty deeds the intellectual well may scorn.

How gruesome is the story of his past,
How Fate served many a blow, and Fortune frowned
Discovering to her folly tempered steel
Built for endurance, never to be downed.

A harvest bountiful he gleans
Among the husks that sons of luxury would cast aside;
His teachers are life and the universe,
Naught save ambition in his walls abide.

Short is the span of life to him who finds
A revelation lurking in each written line;
Who hears a sermon in the skylark's note,
And in the heavens' broad expanse a thought divine.

A universal question haunts us all:
What ails humanity? When will the turmoil end?
The lack is this: We need more Lincoln minds,
In other words we need: More Self-Made Men.

—By Emma Niemeyer.
Salem, Or., Jan. 29, 1923.

SON RETURNS AFTER YEARS OF ABSENCE

Boy Who Ran Away When He Was Sixteen Returns a Man and Finds Sister

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 31.—George Toplet returned to his mother's home here today after an absence of 17 years. He ran away from home when he was 16 and enlisted in the navy. During the late war the mother received word that George had been killed in a naval engagement.

Toplet found a 16-year-old sister at his home here whom he had never seen. She met him in response to his ring of the doorbell and was so doubtful of his tale that he was her brother that she went to a neighbor where the mother was calling to call her before admitting him. Toplet has a wife and baby in England and is going back to them shortly, he said.

PIERCE LAUDS THE FLAX INDUSTRY

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priation, put in some machinery and make the flax industry pay our taxes. Don't let's wait two years, do it now. I don't want to make any mistakes, but this industry looks good. I am going to do the very best I can for a debt-ridden, tax-burdened state. We'd like a pledge from you to raise enough flax to run the machinery at the institution. We'll all work together and we'll start the ball a-rolling!"

The association has pledged, through Secretary A. C. Bohrnstedt, the 1000 acres already contracted, and another 500 acres or more for sure, and still another 1000 if necessary to make the business secure.

Many Speakers

A number of speakers gave brief but strong addresses at the meeting. One speaker was Mrs. Elizabeth Lord, "The Mother of Oregon Flax," who has been interested in the industry for 30 years. C. P. Bishop of Salem told of having visited a great industrial editor in the East last summer, who listened patiently and uninterestedly to what he said about fruit but when the Oregonian began to tell of the flax of the Pacific coast the editor broke loose on this as the one greatest product to distinguish this section. "You have one of the greatest industrial possibilities in the United States," he said, "and your state should get back of it."

Editor Quotes Figures

R. J. endricks, of The Statesman, spoke briefly of the possibilities of making the penitentiary flax industry pay the whole cost of the prison, as well as regenerating the men themselves through work and pay. He quoted figures from the Stillwater, Minn. prison, where they have paid all the prison expenses since 1905 and have laid up a surplus of $4,000,000 besides on their flax and sisal works.

A wonderful basket dinner with more kinds of fried chicken and cream cake and every country dainty was served by the lady members of the Flax association.

SOLONS VISIT OREGON UNIVERSITY AT EUGENE

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raise, or a vote to cast," he said, "no worthy student will ever be deprived of the privilege of having an education and the doors of the colleges shall not be closed to those who do not happen to be wealthy."

"Anything worth having is worth working for," was one of the striking assertions of Mr. Brownell. He called attention to the serious financial condition of the state but averred that institutions of learning should not bear the sacrifices that are necessary for the state to get back to a condition of normalcy.

Woman Regent Heard

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, member of the board of regents of the university and who was one of the hardest workers to raise money for the women's building, addressed the assembly, thanking the legislators for the part they had had in raising the needed money.

President P. L. Campbell of the university addressed the assembly at some length on the condition of and the problems confronting the university. Among other things he told the members of the legislature that the millage tax by which the university benefits will produce $50,000 less this year than last year because of the lower assessed valuation in the state.

Dinner Served

The university glee club and other student organizations furnished music for the occasion. Col. W. G. D. Mercer, chaplain of the state senate, delivered the invocation at the assembly and also at the dinner in Hendricks hall at 1 o'clock.

The dinner was served immediately after the program in the gymnasium. The students were well organized for this event. Colin V. Dyment, dean of the college of arts and sciences and an instructor in the college of journalism, served as toastmaster. He called upon a number of the members of both senate and house.

Buildings Inspected

Following the dinner more than an hour was given to inspection of buildings, and then a reception was given at the Chamber of Commerce down town, Eugene citizens escorting the visitors to the chamber in automobiles.

The returning train left at 5 o'clock for Salem. Boxed lunches were distributed among all the visitors as the train left Eugene. As the visitors went aboard extra edition of the University of Oregon Emerald, containing a complete account of the events of the day, was placed into their hands.

INFLUENZA FROM NEGLECTED COLDS

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Out in Los Angeles, basing our opinion on the news reports from that section, no holiday stock is considered quite complete without a goodly assortment of ladies' pearl-handled revolvers.—Columbus Dispatch.

Yesterday in Legislature

While nearly all of the legislators went to Eugene yesterday to visit and inspect the University of Oregon, many remained in Salem to catch up with committee work.

The proposal of the state audit committee to have a state finance commission created by the legislature has been abandoned and the amended bill to be submitted by the joint committee on assessment and taxation will, if passed, place the supervision of bond issues of municipal corporations, drainage districts and the like under the control of the corporation commissioner.

Representative Hurd's bill to prohibit the fixing of admission prices for motion pictures by the producers and distributors has been favorably reported by the committee on revision of laws. It will probably be on third reading and final passage today.

The report of the house judiciary committee will probably be divided on Representative Beals' bill to add insanity as a ground for divorce.

The bill will come out of committee today with a majority report favoring its passage with some amendments including a provision that all brothers, sisters, children and the father and mother of the defendant shall be served with summons; that the defendant must be confined in an Oregon institution for the insane, and that the head of the institution be served with a summons. It is further provided that insanity caused by the plaintiff shall not be a ground for divorce.

The judiciary committee of the house has prepared an unfavorable report on Representative Lovejoy's bill to provide a penalty for hunters who shoot other hunters. The report will be filed today.

Society

By MARGUERITE GLEESON

The American Association of University Women will hold a luncheon Saturday at noon in the Spa. This is the regular meeting day of the organization and guests for the occasion will be Mrs. W. S. Kinney, senator from Clatsop county; Mrs. C. B. Simmons, representative from Multnomah county, and Dr. Owens-Adair. Each will speak on legislative bills in which they are interested.

The national convention of the association will be in Portland in June and the local branch will assist in entertaining the large group of women from all parts of the nation who will be in attendance.

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Mrs. Alice H. Dodd will be in charge of the missionary program at the First Congregational church Friday afternoon. The missionary department of the woman's union is in charge of the meeting.

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The Piety Hill club will meet today with Mrs. E. T. Barnes. Mrs. W. E. Kirk will be assistant hostess.

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Mrs. U. G. Shipley is spending a short time in Portland.

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Miss Anne Lang, state regent of the DAR, whose home is in The Dalles, will be unable to attend the state conference next month in McMinnville, according to latest reports. Miss Lang began an inspection of the chapters of the state early last fall but her health broke down and she was forced to abandon the trip. It is considered unlikely that she will be sufficiently recovered to attend the meeting in McMinnville.

It had been the hope of the local chapter to have Miss Lang here for the dedication of the boulder on the state house grounds. This will be dedicated, according to present plans, February 22.

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A silver tea will besponsored by the American War Mothers next Tuesday in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. War Mothers in the legislature and others attending the sessions will be special guests for the afternoon.

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A number from Salem were among those attending the Shrine dance last night in Portland. This is considered one of the important social affairs given by the Al Kader temple.

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Mrs. H. R. White and Mrs. J. E. Maddison were hostesses Saturday evening at a surprise birthday parties for Mr. White and Mr. Maddison. Five hundred was played during the evening, and dainty refreshments served later by the hostesses.

Two great birthday cakes were part of the table decorations. These were ornamented with yellow and white candles and this color scheme was carried out in other decorative notes in the living rooms.

Guests for the evening included Mr. and Mrs. William Yarnell, Mr. and Mrs. T. Claggett, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Simeral, Mr. and Mrs. Homer English, Mr. and Mrs. George Viesko, Miss Mary Follrich and John F. White.

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Tuesday evening Miss Mirpah Blair, president of the Westminster guild of the First Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Laura Blair entertained the guild members in their new and attractive home on Marion street.

The topic under discussion was "The Trend of the Negro World." Mrs. Bertha Junk Darby took up the musicians of the race, and played two of Burleigh's compositions; Miss Laura Grant played the lilting strains of "Lindy," by Rosamond Johnson, and Mrs. Merle Rosencrans sang "Jean" and "Perhaps," the former accompanied by Miss Grant and the latter by Mrs. Darby, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

Miss Allie Chandler spoke of the loyalty of the race, Miss Clara Albert on the growing race consciousness, which was supplemented by remarks by Miss Flora Case. Miss Angie McCalloch gave a brief biography of Phillis Wheatly, a poet, also extracts from some of Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poems, and something of Braithwaite and his work.

Refreshments followed, and an informal chat, which ended a most enjoyable evening.

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A clever little play called "The Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" was presented recently by the younger pupils of Miss Lena Dotson. The children appeared in costume representing the various Mother Goose characters.

The piano numbers and songs provided an evening of enjoyment for the guests who were the parents and friends of the children. The children taking part were: Robert Zelsdorf, Ruth Roberts, Lucile Mosher, Fern Shelton, Eileen Moore, Esther Elliot, Donald Chapel, Edward Schunke, Gerold Simpson, Betty Dotson, Virginia Alderson, Meda Harden, Marjorie McDonough, Eleanor Wright, Helen Ralph, Hazel McElroy, Helen McElroy, Pauline Orey, Marie Hunsaker, Ruby Orey and Gladys Shelton.

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New Books at the Library

"The Golden Bough," a study of magic and religion by Sir James George Frazer. A new 1-volume edition treating of many forms of superstition and religion among primitive races, folklore, anthropology and comparative religion.

"Contempory One-Act Plays," with outline study of the one-act plays and bibliography, edited by B. R. Lewis. Among the authors represented are Barrie, Mackaye, Tchekov, Sudermann and Stringberg.

"American Music and Musicians," by Waldo Seldon Pratt, is an American supplement to the Grove dictionary of music and contains a compact historical introduction followed by sketches of leading individuals, organizations, institutions and interests, arranged in alphabetical order.

Yesterday in Washington

The federal radio control bill was passed by the house and sent to the senate.

Peru, it became known, has been asked whether the appointment of Senator Poindexter of Washington as American ambassador at Lima would be acceptable.

Investigation by the federal trade commission into all phases of the cotton industry, including production, marketing and mill operations, was ordered by the senate.

The federal reserve board in a review of conditions, reported renewed indications of recovery in the agricultural industry from months of depression.

The Bursum pension bill, recently vetoed was reported by the senate pensions committee after some of the provisions objected to by President Harding had been eliminated.

The house military committee tabled the Bursum bill to authorize retirement of volunteer officers, disabled during the world war on the same basis as regular army officers.

Railroads were directed by the interstate comomerce commission to resume the sale of interchangeable mileage books at a 20 per cent reduction from regular passenger rates.

Customs officials estimated that duties in imports would exceed 480,000,000 in the current fiscal year ending June 30, establishing a new record for government revenue from that source.

A resolution which would request President Harding to urge world-wide limitation of narcotic and habit forming drug productions was introduced by Chairman Porter of the house foreign affairs committee.

Rejection of the nomination of James J. McNary of New Mexico to be comptroller of the currency, was understood to be favored by two of the three members of the senate sub-committee named to consider confirmation.

Rural credits legislation made progress in both houses of congress, the senate refusing to recomit the Lenroot-Anderson bill and agreeing to vote on it Friday while the house banking committee began hearings on the Capper proposal from the senate.

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For Boys and Girls

OTHER WORLDS

Jupiter, the Great World

(This is the seventh of twelve stories about the mysteries of the skies by Dr. H. W. Hurt, National Field Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, and writer of two of their handbooks. Dr. Hurt has studied the stars for many years, and at one time was in charge of the Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, where the largest telescope in the world is located.)

How would you like a 10-hour day instead of a 24?. This is what you would have if you lived on Jupiter, our largest planet—five hours a day and five hours of night. Its year, however, is 12 times as long as our own.

If we could somehow run an aeroplane to Jupiter at 100 miles an hour, it would be 444 years before we arrived. If we reached there at night, w would have a fine time enjoying the moon light, because Jupiter has eight moons, and several of these are always shining. The largest of these eight moons was discovered by Galileo away back in 1610, when he proved that our earth was not the center of the universe.

Jupiter Very Cold

Jupiter is so far away from the sun (483 million miles) that if you held your hand out in its sunlight you would receive only one-twenty-seventh as much heat as you would on the earth. Indeed, it has been figured out that the normal temperature there would be 144 degrees below freezing (centigrade.)

We are practically certain, however, that Jupiter has below and within his heavy blanket of air some source of heat. Its clouds and atmosphere seem to be very hot and in constant motion, almost like our sun. For this reason we have come to believe that life, such as we have on our earth, would not be possible there.

It is hard to think of how really big Jupiter is. It is as large as 1390 earths put together. If these 1390 earths were strung out as beads they would reach our moon 48 times. In fact, this giant of the planets is two and a half times as large as all the other planets combined.

(Next week: "Are Comets Dangerous?")

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

THE KIDNAPER

"By George!" Mr. Bryce gave his desk a resounding bang with his fist, completely knocking over the calendar which he was regarding intently. "I almost forgot it! Tomorrow is Margaret's birthday and I haven't a thing for her." Quickly he looked at his watch. "There's just 10 minutes until the stores close, too." Grabbing his hat he hurried out of the office and down the street three steps at a time. He tore across the street to the big toy store on the corner.

"Here!" he called to the clerk, who was putting her stock away for the night. "I want a big doll, the best you have."

"Here is a very nice doll, just what you want, I am sure." The clerk held up the most expensive doll in the store, a big flaxen-haired beauty. "Any child would be pleased with this. See if you bend it down like this it says 'Mamma,' and if you lay it down it cries like a baby." She suited the actions to her words and the doll showed off beautifully.

"All right, I'll take it. Wrap it up well."

By this time the experienced wrapper was gone, so the inexperienced clerk had to wrap the doll. Consequently, it was a very bulky and queer looking package that Mr. Bryce carried out of the store a few minutes later. He felt embarrassed. "Anybody would know it was a doll," he thought. "I hope I don't meet any of my friends." He thrust the package under his arm and started quickly down the street. Immediately he was startled by a lusty cry from under his arm. Mr. Bryce turned an angry red as he noticed the smiles on the faces of the passers-by. He snatched it out and held it upright in front of him. Angry and disgusted, he stalked along, holding the big doll in his arms like a baby. Soon he discovered that people were laughing at him. Quickly he thrust the package under his other arm.

"Mamma! Mamma!" squealed the doll. Desperately he turned it over and was rewarded by loud whimpering and crying as from a baby. By this time the poor man was getting quite desperate. He dashed into a doorway and shook the offending creature roughly. "If I can only break the works!" he muttered, shaking harder.

Suddenly he felt a heavy hand on his houlder and turned to look into the eyes of a tall policeman. "You're pretty slick," he said, taking a tighter hold on Mr. Bryce's collar, "but we've got you now. Caught with the goods, you are. Kidnaping crying babies isn't so easy, is it? Come on! We've been laying for you for months."

PICTURE PUZZLE

Answer to yesterday's: Sole, open, lend, ends.