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## SALEM OUGHT TO BE A GREAT ONION CENTER

Marion is the leading onion county in Oregon. Salem is already an onion center.

But this city should be a great onion center.

There are many hundreds of acres of land in this district that are especially adapted to the production of onions of high commercial quality. There is always a market for good onions.

And in some years they have been and they will be in some years in the future a bonanza crop.

The Statesman, in its yearly round of the fifty-two most important basic industries and interests for Salem and the Salem district, has included the onion industry.

In its Slogan campaigns.

There is every reason to keep this industry in the list. The symposium of articles in this morning's paper make a very good showing for the industry. There are several good suggestions.

One of them calls attention to the need for a cooperative organization of the onion growers, to insure an average higher marketable quality of the product, to secure a larger production to the acre, and to guarantee more advantageous marketing conditions.

There is money in onions here. This is a stable crop, and larger profits may be obtained by intelligent cooperation.

The onion has helped to nourish the human race since the times before the dawn of history. No doubt King Tut, whose mummy is about to be brought to light, ate onions. No one can say where the growing of onions first began. It was cultivated in Egypt and Asia from time immemorial, and its cultivation was extended to all lands before the recording of history began.

The essential thing, however, in this series of Salem Slogan articles, is to show that this is one of the fifty-two most important basic industries and interests here; and the writer believes this is established.

## THEY ARE FOR SENATE BILL 39

The isolated districts of Central and Eastern Oregon are for Senate Bill 39.

And, from their standpoint, they think it is the most important matter before the legislature.

It is the first practical plan for railroad relief they have seen—and they have been looking for relief these many years.

It is merely an enabling act authorizing them to bond their districts to build cheap motor or other railroads to connect them with main lines, in order to get their products to the markets at all seasons.

They ask nothing in the way of money.

They want merely the authority to get relief at their own risk and their own cost.

They should have it—just the same as an irrigation or drainage or port district should have the power to get relief; to help themselves; to develop their own districts.

There should be no man to say them nay.

## THE ICONOCLAST

Anybody wish to collect spots of historic interest? The government is putting a lot of them on the junk pile and advertising

them for sale at auction. Among them is the site of old Fort Jackson, near Savannah. This was bought by Thomas Jefferson when he was president. There are eight

or ten other offerings of the war department—sites that were once supposed to possess some strategic importance, but are mere burdens under present plans and policies. Uncle Sam wants to cut out the dead wood and may be auctioning off a lot of battered forts before the year is over. Anybody want to buy a well preserved trading post with John Quincy Adams's initials carved in the same?

## IN A PIG'S EYE

The miracle men are still at work. The other day a man lost an eye. Instead of putting in the usual dummy orb of glass the skilled surgeon fitted the patient with a Poland China one—the real thing. The eye was grafted in from a lusty porker of that breed and now it is said that the patient can see things with the new optic. Possibly it will give him a barnyard vision. He may overlook the pearls for the corn, but in these feverish, modern days a man who can spot the trough for miles is not a bad sort to have around the house. He at least might get a job as garbage inspector on the municipal payroll. The Poland China point of view may be quite interesting—in a pig's eye.

## A VALUABLE MONARCH

Having discovered a lucrative side show at Luxor, in the shape of the best preserved tomb extant, the Egyptians have no intention of allowing their newly unearthed treasure to be removed from its original sepulcher. The preserved monarch, placed on exhibit in the British museum or the Smithsonian Institution would deprive the Egyptians of very valuable tourist travel and they are going to hang on to their treasure trove. They would rather take the tourist to the mummy than the mummy to the tourist, which, of course, is good business.

Old King Tut little thought that 3000 years after his demise he would be boosting hotel rates and restaurant prices and camel drivers' wages and the sale of manufactured antiques in the little town of Luxor or that it might some day be said of him that he was more impressive dead than he was living.

## AMERICANS STUDY SPANISH

Forward looking American students and instructors are giving increased attention to study of the Spanish language. This notably is the case in New England. Vermont, never laggard in educational matters, is well to the front in appreciation of the value to Americans of ability to read, write and speak the noble language of Spain. For the benefit of its own students, approximately 500 in number, Middlebury college, one of the oldest of the Green Mountain state's educational institutions, has arranged to open a summer school at Gran-

ada, Spain, where those who wish to improve their knowledge of Spanish may do so under advantageous conditions.

This instance is indicative of a movement that is gaining impetus. The tendency on the part of public school pupils to substitute Spanish for German, or even French, is becoming marked. It may be the prestige which German once had in our courses of study will never be regained.—New York Herald.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

They talked sense—

And they talked business—

And they talked humanity and economy—

Governor Pierce and Superintendent Smith of the penitentiary talked that way before the ways and means committee last night.

They told of their ambitions to make the Oregon penitentiary self supporting; to take its cost off the backs of the taxpayers; to give every inmate employment; to pay every worker a small wage; to render them in a measure independent and self respecting. In supporting their dependents on the outside.

They want to place the Oregon prison in a class with the model institutions of the kind in the world; like the one at Stillwater, Minn., where 85 per cent of the men are returned to society reformed.

All they need to enter upon the program to bring these things to pass is the amount of money that was spent there the past two years—and authority to borrow temporarily money from the revolving fund, to pay for raw materials and labor in working them into manufactured articles.

These accomplishments will reflect everlasting credit upon these men, and upon the members of the ways and means committee, and upon the members of this session of the legislature. There is no other one accomplishment that could possibly reflect more credit, or do more good, all down through the years.

## All Invited to Attend Marion Realtors Luncheon

A general invitation is extended to all loganberry growers and others interested in the loganberry industry, to attend the Marion-Polk County Realtors' luncheon at the Marion today noon.

H. H. Mumford and others representing the loganberry association that is moving for a living price for their fruit this year, will be present to tell of their progress. The luncheon usually cover some vital industrial subjects that interests farmers, stock men, business men, and the association is hospitably opening its doors to any guests who wish to attend any or all of its programs. The berry program today is expected to be especially valuable, as the loganberry business of Salem runs up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, and the industry is just now debating whether to quit or go on.

## MINE FIRES BURN YEARS

### Walled up Years Ago, Coal Conflagrations Eat Way Slowly Underground

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 7.—(By The Associated Press)—Fires burning for years in coal mines, deep beneath the ground, are one of the unsolved problems of coal mining in Illinois.

Many of the fires, walled up years ago, recently have caused trouble in southern Illinois mines, according to Robert M. Medill, director of the state department of mines and minerals.

The Donk Brothers mine at Collinsville, the North Mine of the Illinois and Indiana Coal corporation at Witt, and several mines near Springfield have been compelled recently to seal up portions of their workings to prevent the spread of these smouldering furnaces, which burn without stopping in the hidden chambers underground. One mine was ordered closed entirely.

The fires start in the refuse which is left after the coal is dug and are caused by a process, similar to spontaneous combustion, according to Mr. Medill. The miners call them "cob fires," from the word applied by coal diggers to the debris in the mine.

Water is useless. They do not flare up in flame, but burn slowly, smouldering away for years—until they eat themselves out of fuel. Chambers where these fires start become a mass of live red coals and must be sealed up to keep the air from them.

The trouble is caused when a fire eats its way through a wall and threatens to break through into the mine workings. Some times the smouldering coals eat up the supporting coal pillars resulting in weakening the support for the ground above.

These fires cannot be extinguished by water, Mr. Medill stated. Water only makes them worse. It is the chemicalization resulting from the mixing of water and the refuse that causes the original combustion. The only way to stop the fires is to remove the burning coals from the mine.

Many such fires may be seen on black piles on the surface in this section of the state. These can be flooded with water and extinguished, Mr. Medill stated.

## BRUSH COLLEGE

Brush College Grange held a chicken pie supper after the usual Friday evening business meeting. Two hundred members and guests were present. After the supper all adjourned to the assembly hall where a program was presented by the women of the Grange. "The Hoosier School" first number, was given in costume of "ye olden times" and consisted of recitations, original songs highly amusing.

A reading by Mrs. Wright was well received. Next "The Current Events club" written by one of the members scintillated with wit and humor and brought forth many laughs from the audience. A playlet, "Turn about is fair play," was appreciated by all. A hint to the gentlemen of the district was next given by the Electrical Supply Co. Women dressed as automatons demonstrated housekeeping made easy by pressing a button and have the piano play, the washer work, the sawyer saw, etc.

In the near future the Grange will give another entertainment by the gentlemen exclusively. Honors will go to the best program presented, three judges having been chosen to make the decision.

The program given in the school house last Friday night was a success in every way. It was given by the women of the Grange, and was clever and humorous. Several hundred people were present to enjoy the entertainment. The men met Monday night to plan a program which will be given next month.

Russell, Shepherd of Portland spent Sunday at the John Schindler home. Regben Neff visited his brother near Salem Sunday. Milo Blume visited his mother, Mrs. Smith, in Salem Sunday. Frank Winslow, who has been so ill with pneumonia, is better. Walter Johnson was confined to his bed a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. George Van Santen of Turner spent Sunday with her brothers, Wilson and Kenneth Cook.

Mrs. A. L. Kinton has with her for several week's visit, her father from Hillsboro. Oliver Whitney and Mrs. Lee Gibson took their first hatch of baby chicks to Salem Monday. They sell Barred and White Rocks respectively.

L. A. Grote was an Albany visitor last Wednesday. M. C. Petty received word last week of the death of his sister in Portland. Glenn Addis of Ashland was a visitor at the C. C. Page home Thursday. Billie and Paul Gibson spent

the week end in Salem with their grandparents.

Andrew Jaeger left for California Sunday to be gone eight months.

Wendell Gilbert of Salem was a guest of Howard Page Saturday.

Mrs. Kenton will spend the week in Portland under the care of Dr. Hendershott. She is suffering with a severe affection of the head.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gibson, Duane and Rex Gibson and Frank Kemerer spent Sunday with V. L. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dane, of Salem, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Page last Thursday.

Brush College Helpers will Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Lehman next Thursday.

A large number from here attended the organ recital given by Prof. T. S. Roberts in Salem Sunday.

Prayer meeting will be held this week as follows: Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney; Friday evening at the A. R. Ewing home.

Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Lehman and son Bob will go to Portland next Saturday.

Virginia Page was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dane in Salem Saturday.

Miss Echo Kruger of Salem spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Whitney.

Supt. Jeshiah Wills of Dallas and state field worker, Supt. Calavan of Salem were visitors at school Thursday. Mr. Calavan organized a standard sewing club while here, and several took up various projects. The sewing club elected the following officers: Anni Singer, president; Virginia Page secretary; and Leeta Newbill vice president. Mrs. Karl Harritt is to be the club leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Buell spent the past few days in Portland.

Margaret Steiner was out of school part of last week on account of sickness.

Brush College Eighth graders are planning to spend a half-day this week visiting the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kron of Mountain View were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson last Sunday.

Miss Frances Mapes of Salem spent the week end at the W. D. Gorsline home.

Peter Krall and Ruth Newbill were both ill last week with severe colds.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Munson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis east of Salem Sunday.

A number from here with well filled baskets walked into the home of M. C. Park at Mountain View recently and surprised him with a birthday supper and a pleasant evening.

Leeta and Ruth Newbill spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Salem.

## HOUSE BILLS

Upon recommendation of the house committee on legislation, the following bills were introduced in the house yesterday:

H. B. 229, Carlin—Substitute for H. B. 88—Providing for consolidation of state departments.

H. B. 330, Overturf, (substitute for H. B. 220)—To amend chapter 141, general laws of Oregon for 1921, relating to salaries in Deschutes county.

H. B. 331, Lee (by request)—To amend section 5730, Oregon laws, relating to procedure for appropriation of water.

H. B. 332, Fletcher—To amend section 5081, Oregon laws, relating to liability of railroads for domestic animals killed or injured by trains.

H. B. 332, by Simmons—To amend section 9804, Oregon laws, pertaining to appeals from the juvenile court to the circuit court.

H. B. 334, Kirkwood—To amend section 57, chapter 153, general laws of Oregon for 1921, pertaining to sale in this state of game animals, birds or fish taken in other states than Oregon.

H. B. 335, Ewell, (substitute for H. B. 337)—To amend sections 9 and 11, chapter 265, general laws of Oregon for 1921, relating to

## OUCH! PAIN, PAIN, RUB RHEUMATIC ACHING JOINTS

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## FIRST ILLINOIS SOLDIERS DRAW BONUSES.



Mrs. Alice Vollentine, a Springfield gold star mother, is seen drawing the name of the sixth soldier to receive the Illinois bonus. To her right is Adj. Gen. Carlos Black; to her left Lieut. Charles Schlich, State commander of the American Legion.

division of school districts into zones.

H. B. 336, Woodward—To amend sections 6747 and 6749, Oregon laws, relating to factory inspection.

H. B. 337, by Ford—To repeal sections 3010 and 5041, Oregon laws, making it unlawful to employ a school teacher for less than \$75 a month.

H. B. 338, by Hammond—Providing relief for the widow of William Yeary.

## SENATE BILLS

S. B. 181, Staples (by request)—Defining industrial loan companies and providing for their incorporation, powers and supervision.

S. B. 182, Zimmerman—To prevent deceit and unfair prices resulting from the unrevealed presence of substitutes for virgin wool in woven fabrics purporting to contain wool.

S. B. 183, Moore—Relating to administration upon estates of persons not heard from in seven years.

## NORTH HOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickson and children and Harry Dickson, Mrs. W. H. Haughman and two children were Sunday dinner guests at James McGuffee's.

June Baughman had the misfortune of getting a shoe button in her nose one day last week. It was necessary to take her to a physician to have it removed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dunn of Laidish Center and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn of this section drove to Woodburn Sunday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. George Zurinder.

W. L. Morgan and P. Beer made a business trip to Silverton Saturday.

Mrs. Olat Gunderson and daughter Nora called on Mrs. W. H. Baughman Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dahl of Silverton visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson Sunday.

Last Friday evening Fred Dickson was pleasantly surprised when a few of his friends came to help him celebrate his birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wessner and son

Advertisement for PILES, featuring a portrait of a man and text: "A Guarantee of Complete and Permanent Cure. I HAD been suffering from PILES 25 years, but today feel like a different woman. This is one prescription out of hundreds of similar letters received from gratified patients whom I have completely and permanently cured of Piles."

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## For Boys and Girls



## OTHER WORLDS.

### Are Comets Dangerous?

(This is the eighth 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.)

The comet is the tramp of the skies. Instead of settling down quietly in one place and living in an orderly manner, it goes wandering restlessly about through space.

These comets are enormous in size, the heads sometimes being a million miles across. They are lightweight, however, almost like the gas in a balloon. We always think of the tail of the comet as streaming out behind the comet. This is what it does as it comes to the sun, but it streams ahead of the comet as it goes away, for the comet's tail always points from the sun. This means that lights acts in some manner to drive it away.

## THE SHORT STORY, JR.

The Revenge of Scotch Young Scotch is a mischievous elf who soaks all the toast on the shelf. Though gas is turned down, he'll paint toast too brown. Then chuckle too green to himself. "Whew! It's getting hot in here," said Scotch, the largest of the toast fairies. "I'll have

to get busy." Quickly he grabbed up his brush and started painting the toast black. "I'll show her," he growled between his teeth. "I'll show her to burn my whiskers like this." He dabbed more black with his brush.

"Oh, dear," cried a pretty little, light brown toast fairy, sticking her head out from behind a wire. "Now you've gone and spoiled my toast again. Here I had it all painted a lovely golden brown and you come along and make it all ugly and black."

"It's your own fault," grumbled Scotch. "I don't like to work. If you didn't make me so hot I'd never do it."

"Don't blame me, cried the little fairy. "I can't help it. It's the cook's fault. I don't like it, so hot in here either."

"Well, what are you scolding about, then?" asked Scotch, who was indeed a very disagreeable fairy. "That's what I'm trying to do. I want to keep her from making it so hot in here again."

"Goodness!" screamed the cook. "The toast is burned to a sinder! Well, I'll just have to toast some more."

"There! That's the trouble," sighed the little light brown fairy. "Now I'll have to work

hard and paint this all a light brown, just because you spoiled my other. And most likely you will spoil this, too."

"If that's all that's bothering you, don't worry," Scotch replied. "I can't see any sense in your painting it first, anyway."



I'll just dump all the rest of my black paint on this." At that he blackened the second batch of the cook's toast.

"That's very nice of you," said the little fairy, as she lay down to take a nap. "I do hate to get up so early every single morning and go right to work."

"Well, I never!" cried Scotch. "Scorched again, and in less than a minute. I surely must get the gas map to fix this stove."

"Gas man!" scoffed Scotch, as he danced a jig with his sooty feet right in the middle of the largest piece of toast. "No gas man can make me behave."

## PICTURE PUZZLE

WHAT 5 RHYMING WORDS ARE PICTURED HERE?



Answer to yesterday's "How is it?" "Under the Lid." "How is it?" "Under the Lid."