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OUR POTATO INDUSTRY DEPENDS ON QUALITY

This is the fourth Salem Slogan issue of The Statesman on the potato industry.

And the conclusion of the whole matter, using a very high authority for the expression—

Is that the Salem district may become the leading potato growing section of the United States, and of the whole world, for that matter, if our growers will pay the price—

And the price is intelligent care in the selection of the seed and in the growing of the crop, and in the standardizing of the product for the markets—

And in the doing of this a very few varieties should be used, and those, as the merchant says in his advertisement, the "wanted" varieties; the varieties that will produce the potatoes that the consumer wants.

We should grow principally the Burbank type, for the commercial demand.

Then let our growers produce such potatoes in larger quantities, and with a view to producing the very best specimens, and to getting them into the markets in the best possible condition—

And let our potatoes be standardized, and let the sacks in which they go to the market be branded with the proper name, and be sure that nothing goes into one of those sacks that is not up to standard.

So, in a little while, there will be such a demand for the Matted Gems of the Salem district that all of our growers will not be able to produce enough potatoes to fill the demand.

This will establish remunerative prices.

Then let our growers produce certified seed, and sell it to the California, Washington and Idaho potato growers who cannot raise their own seed.

In these ways there will be built up such a reputation that there will be a constantly increasing demand, in order to make room for more acreage and more growers.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars a year can thus be added to the value of our potato crop, and there will be pride, profit and pleasure in potato planting and production in this district.

THE EMPIRE BUILDER

Many of our big stock and timber companies are heavily mortgaged and are unable to finance railroads necessary for their proper development.

Senate bill 39 provides a bond issue which will come ahead of such mortgage.

Thus providing the means for converting this stagnant, overburdened, non-producing property into an operating and productive enterprise. This additional life giving capital thus not only secures itself, but also all other debts against the property.

It enables the large land owner to join with his neighbor for many miles around in financing and operating this road.

Thus reducing the bond and operating cost to a minimum, and insures the required diversity and permanency of traffic to guarantee success and safety of investment.

The mere fact that a vehicle exists whereby transportation can be provided by local property interests if desired, makes their property at once salable and attractive to east-

ern investors. Whether such roads are built now or not, this bill will stimulate new life and interest, with property changing hands anticipating new advantages which the outside investor may see or think he sees.

New settlers will again enter central Oregon, for if transportation is not provided by private capital, soon they will have the assurance that they can organize and secure it on their own resources whenever the time is ripe.

Timber sales will be stimulated, as the investor can put practically all his money into property without reserving a large amount for the construction of a railroad.

Senate bill 39 will get the money by offering security of investment.

It overcomes the fear of destructive competition by auto trucks after the line is built, which is the main reason why private capital refuses to invest in short branch lines.

Transportation will bring the people.

Our waste spaces will begin to fill up, and our lands, farms, forests, and mines will begin to produce and get out from under their existing burden.

Senate bill 39 will be to Oregon what Jim Hill was to the Dakotas—The Empire Builder.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Pity the poor solons—

It is night and day work for them now.

But if they will stick to the measures for economy and the bills for constructive development, and let every thing else slide, they may get through Saturday night—by stopping the clock extending the day through Sunday.

"A bill is in the hands of a committee of the legislature. It authorizes the formation of districts similar to irrigation districts, for the purpose of issuing bonds for building transportation lines. IF THE PEOPLE NEED THE LINES AND WANT TO BUILD THEM, WHY SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE STAND IN THE WAY?"

The above is the conclusion of an editorial in the Portland Journal of last evening, referring to senate bill 39. There can be no good reason for opposing the bill. There is every reason why the bill should pass—NOW. It will mean great development. It is properly safeguarded, and no district will be obliged to take advantage of the law, if it becomes a law, except upon its own option. And none will be allowed to take advantage of it without passing the scrutiny of the county courts and the public service commission.

Raise better potatoes, and you will raise more of them. Thus Salem will become a great potato center; for potatoes of quality. Then we will have starch and potato flour factories, and there will be extensive dehydration of potatoes.

If Oregon is to have an income tax law, it should be one

COMING EVENTS

- March 1, 2, and 3, Flying Squadron, in interest of Prohibition enforcement. Afternoon and evening meetings in Presbyterian church.

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY

Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills for pains in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, biliousness, headaches and sluggish bowels. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BOND PROGRAM GIVEN CHAMBER SUPPORT

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The present crowding and so vastly reduce the present fire risks. Supt. George Hug presented a surprising new fact, the increasing registration of the high school. They had counted on an increase of only 100 pupils for the second semester, just begun. This including the 35 promotions from the junior high school. But the actual increase is 124, and it brings the present high school registration up to 941. The registration has more than doubled in the past five years, with no increase in building capacity.

It was reported that there are about 350 pupils now attending the high school from outside districts; they pay in about \$27,000 tuition a year. They pay their own way, and Supt. Hug spoke of them as one of the finest assets the city has; a number of outside pupils equal to the outside students in Willamette university.

Senator Moser Speaks

August Huckestein presented the matter of adequate support for a Salem baseball team as one desirable activity for the Chamber of Commerce to promote. Harry Wenderoth also spoke on the subject, and Col. Hofer urged the sale of season tickets that would insure the maintenance of a team. The club took no immediate action on baseball.

Senator Gus Moser of Portland was the principal speaker of the evening, on his own chosen subject of "Politics." He took up the work of the legislature, discussing clearly, logically the manner in which legislative work is done.

"They begin to holler at the legislature for not beginning to pass bills the very first week," he said. "But here are 90 men, most of them new to the job and to each other, and with little precedent to say how those other 80 are going to stand, or vote. They have to get some kind of agreement in their committees; it would be physically impossible to handle the whole legislative work at all intelligently in open session inside of four months instead of the 40 days that the sessions now last. The seeming clog at the latter part of the session is a physical necessity."

Wants Consolidation

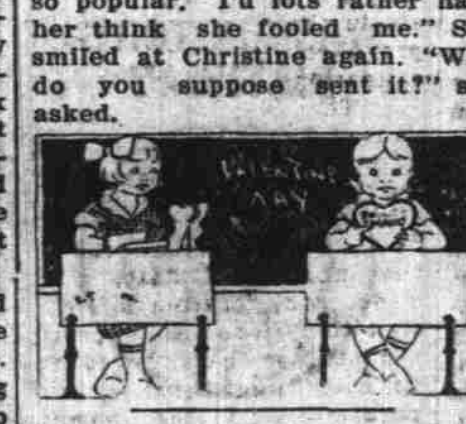
The speaker talked at some length on consolidation, pointing out the impossibility of its ever accomplishing all the miracles some of its friends have hoped. Many departments are self-sustaining, costing the state nothing. "But, if 20 executive departments are consolidated under one head it still requires a skillful official to handle each department, and the ultimate cost of maintenance to the right standard will run much the same," according to Senator Moser. But he is for a consolidation bill, since it was demanded in the last election, and they are trying to make the best bill humanly possible. They have had a wide range of choice; 10 such bills in the senate and six in the house, show that the consolidationists have been active. A public hearing on all the bills is to be held today at 11 o'clock.

Tribute Is Paid

Senator Moser believes that an income tax bill of some kind will be passed; that whether it is or is not a good thing to impose at this time, before our neighbor states, it is promised, and the legislature must agree on some kind of an income tax measure, as well prepared as they can possibly make it, or face an initiative bill in the next election that might ruin the state. He spoke highly of the governor, saying that since he is governor he ought to have every good working tool he asks for in the way of efficient legislation.

The state is not in for any vast tax reduction, according to the speaker, except as the small subdivisions and local units make the real cuts—school districts, cities, counties. The state expenditures could be cut a little, but the whole state tax is small compared with the other local taxes. He paid a high tribute to the honest, faithful work being done by the current legislature.

Picture Puzzle



WHAT LINE OFTEN FOUND ON VALENTINES IS THIS?



Answer to yesterday's: French, German

SEATTLE DEATH TOLL NOW FOUR

Man Drops Dead While Shoveling Snow in Front of His Residence.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—A severe storm area, moving over western Washington from off the west coast of British Columbia brought rising temperatures generally throughout the section late today and snow, which at most points had fallen steadily since last night, turned to rain. Strong southeasterly gales with heavy rains, or possibly more snow, were on the program for tonight and tomorrow according to the weather bureau forecast here.

Transcontinental rail service across the Cascade mountains blocked in some instances this morning by an unprecedented snow storm, was being resumed tonight, with trains still running late. A temporary tieup of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line between Cedar Falls and Rockdale, east of here, was broken this afternoon and east-bound train No. 18, which had been stalled at Garcia, resumed its trip. Northern Pacific trains halted at Eagle Gorge, on the west slope of the Cascades, were expected to get through to the east tonight.

In Seattle, street car service, interrupted by a snowfall of 18 inches during last night and this morning, was still demoralized on all but a few lines. The death of Marshall L. Flowers, 47, who dropped dead while shoveling snow from the sidewalk in front of his house, brought the list of dead indirectly traced to the storm, to four.

The snowstorm and gale following it which swept across British Columbia waters today were said by shipping officials to have been the worst experienced in that section in years. Two ships went ashore and a third, the Princess Alice, after trying vainly for more than 12 hours to reach Puget Sound, was forced to return to harbor at Vancouver. A whole gale, sweeping across the Straits of Georgia, made navigation perilous, according to the master of the steamer.

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The Chamber of Commerce gave Senator Moser a rising vote of thanks for his address.

SOLONS' ORATIONS SAID EXPENSIVE

Unless Debate Cut Down House Will Be Long in Session, Says Kubli.

Every time a member of the legislature rises and explains his vote, waves his arms, "hums and haws" or otherwise occupies a minute of the session, he costs the state \$7.

This is on no less authority than Speaker K. K. Kubli of the house, who told the members last night that if the debate was not cut down the legislature would be in session during all of next week.

Reports are flying thick and fast and speculation is rife as to when the session, scheduled to adjourn Saturday night, will actually complete its work.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that the regular week-end vacation will be taken and the members will return next week to labor for at least two days. This is of course, entirely dependent on the amount of work accomplished today and tomorrow.

Fire Burns Out Upper Story of Salem Home

Fire which broke out about 2:45 yesterday afternoon in the second story of the residence occupied by W. R. Wilson, 1884 Commercial street, razed the interior and destroyed practically all of the household goods which were contained in the upper story.

The fire is thought to have been caused by an oil burner which was left upstairs momentarily by Mrs. Wilson. When she returned the entire upstairs was on fire. Firemen succeeded in getting the blaze under control in a short time.

Weather Bureau Sees Short Reign of Cold

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The cold wave that has spread throughout the central west and northwest since last night will not become much more severe but will continue to hold its own for another day and for possibly two days, the weather bureau here announced tonight.

Severe cold may be expected throughout this forecast district tomorrow, it was indicated but the strong winds of last night and today were expected to be less severe. Little moderation was indicated before Friday.

The crest of the cold wave continues to abide in the northwest, Professor Henry J. Cox, Chicago weather forecaster, said tonight. He added that while the cold wave was passing eastward, it was diminishing in intensity and the east need not fear as severe weather as is being experienced here. The far south, he said, seems to be about the only portion of the country exempt from winter's blast at present.

Wizard of KKK Never Heard of Burger, Claim

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Dr. W. H. Evans, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, declared here today that he had never heard of Dr. Lew Burger of New York, who in a speech at Idaho Falls, Idaho, yesterday said that he represented the Klan, that 38 members of congress belonged to it and declared that the two bodies found in Lake LaFourche near Bastrop, La., were placed there by medical students.

Dr. Burger said that Burger was not a spokesman for the Ku Klux Klan and that even if, he had been, he would not have been privileged to make statements involving membership.

MOVIE GOSSIP

OREGON Bebe Daniels in "The World's Applause." LIBERTY Jane Novak in "The Snowshoe Trail." One of the best dressers on the screen is Bebe Daniels. This is especially true as regards her costumes in "The World's Applause," featuring Miss Daniels and Lewis Stone, which is on view at the Oregon theater. In this superb offering, Miss Daniels portrays the role of Coriane d'Alys, a highly successful actress, who is not only fond of notoriety but who wears many of the finest creations of the modiste's art. In each succeeding scene, Miss Daniels wears something different from the preceding one, the whole constituting a display of fashionable gowns that will interest every woman.

ARMOUR BECOMES BOARD CHAIRMAN

Former Employee Becomes President of Company; Corporation Public. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A reported change in the management of Armour and company is true only to the extent that J. Ogden Armour, as previously announced, is retiring from the presidency of the company to become chairman of the board of directors and that P. Edson White, former employe, has become president, a statement issued at the office of Mr. Armour tonight said.

The active management of the company will be lodged as at present, the statement said, adding that three bankers are to be added to the board of directors and that "other prominent men with wide experience in business affairs" also are to be added to the board.

"This is in line with the policy of making Armour and company a public rather than a private family corporation and the financing now completed is in line with this accomplishment," the statement said.

SHERIFF KILLERS TAKEN CAPTIVES

Texas Men Captured by Posse After Gun Battle at Orgrande, N. M.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 14.—Bill Morris and Buck Selcer of Amarillo, Tex., sought today by a posse and bloodhounds in connection with the shooting of Sheriff W. L. Rutherford of Otero county, were captured late today at Orgrande, N. M., according to advices received here.

The men were captured after a gun battle in which the rifle was shot from the hands of one of the men by Deputy Sheriff Bradford of Alamogordo. None of the possemen was injured in the exchange of shots. The fugitives were surprised by a posse headed by "Bink" Hickson, a rancher,

Advertisement for SHERLOCK BROWN featuring BERT LYTELL. Text includes: "Coming Tomorrow", "A beautiful adventuress", "A Secret Government formula", "Hot Dog! No Wonder", "SHERLOCK BROWN", "BERT LYTELL", "LAST TIMES TONIGHT", "Jane Novak in 'THE SNOWSHOE TRAIL'", "LIBERTY L theatre".

Advertisement for The Junior Statesman. Text includes: "The Biggest Little Paper in the World", "Edited by John H. Miller", "Humor and Wit".

Advertisement for The Junior Statesman featuring "For Boys and Girls". Text includes: "What Are Falling Stars?", "Other Worlds", "The Short Story, Jr.", "Picture Puzzle", "What Line Often Found On Valentines Is This?".