

Poverty in Texas Seen by John Williamson

John Williamson of Salem has returned to the city after spending two months vacation in California.

On his trip he visited Phoenix, Ariz., El Paso, Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex. He is glad to be home again and reports that business in California along the highway routes is booming. A vast amount of

building is going on and an extension of electricity is being made to a great many parts of the state.

Mr. Williamson reports that when visiting friends in east Texas he was much surprised at the poverty that was evident among many people. He says they really do not now what prosperity means, and one of his observations was that many men whom he visited had not had new suits of clothes for over 10 years, and many women had not been able to purchase new dresses for more than 10 years. In view of this condition a great many people in the middle west have their eyes on the Pacific northwest, and it is likely that the stream of immigration which has started to come this way will continue to gain momentum.

SPECIAL MUSIC WILL BE HEARD

Hawley Offers Notable Program Accompanying "The Christian."

The exceptional photodrama, "The Christian," from the great novel by Sir Hall Caine, will be given special musical attention by Chas. W. Hawley, Jr., organist at the Oregon theater. This massive production carries a number of notable settings, and the monastic rituals of the Church of England. These and the deep religious theme offer great musical possibilities, and Mr. Hawley will play from Wagner, Rossini, Mozart, Mendelssohn and others of the

great musical celebrities of the past. His special organ number today will be "The Palms," in honor of Palm Sunday.

"The Christian" is almost perfectly produced in its details, a large American company going to London for that purpose. The plot, which centers about the struggle of John Storm in his love for Gloria Quayle and his religious vow creates a never-to-be-forgotten drama of human emotion.

In the course of its exhibition Mr. Hawley will render Handel's "Largo" and Massenet's "Elegie." He plans many fine musical numbers in the future programs at the Oregon theater, among which will be "Robin Hood."

Mr. Hawley will direct a large orchestra at the Grand next Saturday and Sunday on "Robin Hood," but will be heard Monday and Tuesday at the Oregon, where the same great photoplay will be shown.

NO NEW SUIT OR DRESS IN 10 YEARS

People in Cotton Belt of East Texas Would Grow Rich in Salem District

John Williamson, the Salem contractor, who lives at 1810 North Summer street, has just returned from a trip to the eastern part of Texas, by auto. He was gone a couple of months, visiting relatives and friends in that section, in Van Sant county, where he resided before coming to Salem. Mr. Williamson has been no small factor in helping to make Salem a larger city. He erected 18 residences in Salem last year. He has been a contractor in this district 20 years.

Poverty Stricken

Mr. Williamson says that part of Texas is a very backward country. Cotton growing and picking are the principal occupations, and owing to the ravages of the boll weevil and for other reasons the crops have been very poor in the past few years. There are men and women in that section of Texas who have not had new suits or dresses for ten years—the section 75 to 100 miles east of the city of Dallas. There are no roads worthy of the name in that district. Mr. Williamson had to store his car 50 miles from his old home and go in by rail.

Fighting the Pests

The cotton pickers of that section of Texas go annually in large numbers to the Imperial valley cotton district in California. They take their cotton sacks with them; but they are met by government inspectors who burn their sacks and inspect all baggage, attempting to keep the boll weevil out of California. The same men inspect all fruit, such as oranges and lemons, in their attempt to keep out fruit pests.

Would Like to Get Away

Mr. Williamson says thousands of people in east Texas would like to get away. But they do not know how, or where to go. They are almost like the peasants of old Russia, bound to the land, which does not furnish them with even a decent living. There are few colored people in that part of Texas. They are mostly white Americans of good stock, willing to work hard. Thousands of them, if they could get a foothold in such a land flowing with milk and honey as the Salem district; would aid wonderfully in developing the country. They would think they had found the next door to paradise, and they would add steadily to the wealth of the country and themselves grow independent, and many of them rich.

FARMERS FAVOR CARLOAD BUYING

Better Method of Purchasing Grain Sacks and Twine Is Discussed

The regular March meeting of the Marion County Farm bureau was held Saturday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. No very important business was completed, though the bureau took up the matter of buying grain sacks and binding twine in

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carload lots for the coming grain season. It was the consensus of opinion that the offer should be made to take in any farmers, whether members of the bureau or not, and give to all the same benefits in price.

It had been expected that the March meeting would have a report from the state officers, covering a lot of important work on the state bureau, but this was delayed, and is not yet ready for distribution.

The Marion bureau meets regularly the fourth Saturday of each month. Special meetings can be called at any time, and it is expected that a meeting will be asked Saturday.

The officers of the league are Cyril G. Brownell, president; W. M. McConnell, vice president, and J. D. M. Crockett, secretary, all of Portland.

Another Referendum Begun Against State Income Tax

The State Income Tax Referendum league has entered the field to invoke the referendum of the state income tax that was enacted by the 1923 legislature, and submitted a copy of its proposed petition form to Secretary of State Sam A. Kozier

for before the next regular session, which will be on April 28, five weeks from yesterday.

This is the second effort to start the referendum against the income tax act, the first being the Oregon Justice League.

PUBLIC SALE Wednesday, March 29 1 p. m. Sharp. Located on Highway 1-4 Mile North of Brooks on the old Ramp Place, consisting of: HORSES—COWS—SHEEP. One black horse, age 13, weight 1400 lbs.; 1 black horse, age 11, weight 1300 lbs.; 1 black horse, age 9 weight 1200 lbs.; 1 Jersey cow, age 7, milking; 1 Jersey cow, age 8, fresh time of sale; 1 Jersey calf, age 1 year; 13 Cotswold ewes and 1 buck and 6 early lambs. HARNESS—MACHINERY—TOOLS—HAY. One Deering binder, 7-ft., complete with trucks, almost new; 1 McCormick mower, 5-ft.; 1 McCormick hay rake, 10-ft.; 1 New Peoria single disk drill; 1 Oliver No. 50 plow; 1 Oliver No. 40 plow; 1 steel beam plow, 10-inch; 1 Oliver 8-inch plow; 1 iron wheel, wagon and box; 1 berry reversible disc harrow; 1 berry pulverizer; 1 berry 2-section lever harrow; 1 Kimball harrow; 1 fanning mill; 1 pair scales; 1 set double work harness; good; 1 set plow harness; 2 hay forks, ropes and pulleys; 2 1-2 tons oat hay; sleds, forks, shovels, log chain, hoes, scalding kettle, and many other articles. TERMS: All sums of \$20 and under cash; over that amount time will be given to October 1, 1923, to parties furnishing approved bankable notes, bearing interest at 8 per cent per annum. S. V. RAMP, Owner. F. N. WOODRY, Auctioneer. Phone 35F22, Salem. If you want an Auction see Woodry at 1610 N. Summer Street, or Phone 511

DON'T FAIL TODAY TO HEAR HUNDERUP. First Baptist Church. 11:00 A. M. "Seeing a Vision and Hearing a Voice." 7:30 P. M. "God's Bone Yard." At the request of the congregation Mr. Hunderup will continue the meetings through the coming week.

AUCTION SALE Friday, March 30, 9 a. m. Located 3 Miles Southwest of Turner on the Old Benson Place, near the Cloverdale School House. HORSES—COWS—HOGS—CHICKENS. One black mare, 8 years old, weight 1300 lbs.; 1 sorrel mare, 9 years old, weight 1400 lbs.; 1 bay mare, 11 years old weight 1250 lbs.; 1 Jersey cow, 5 years old, giving 2 gallons per day; 1 Jersey cow, 6 years old, giving 2 gallons per day; 1 Jersey heifer, 1 year old; 1 registered Poland China sow, 1 year old; 50 mixed hens. TRACTOR—THRESHING MACHINE—MACHINERY—HARNESS. One Deering binder, 8 ft. cut complete, good; 1 Osborne mower, 5 ft. cut, good; 1 Osborne hay rake, 10-inch; 4 wagons with boxes and hay racks; 1 P. O. sulky plow, 16-inch; 2 Oliver plows, Nos. 40 and 50; 2 two-section lever harrow; 1 two-section spring tooth harrow; 1 two-horse corn cultivator; 1 one-horse cultivator; 1 fanning mill with bagger attachment; 1 platform scale, 400 lbs. capacity; 1 Hawk manure spreader; 1 twelve-double disc Monitor drill; 1 wheelbarrow grass seeder; one-fourth interest in corrugated roller; one-half interest in ensilage cutter; 1 International 8-16 tractor, nearly new; 1 tandem disc, 8-ft. cut, with 18-inch blades; 1 J. I. Case 20-28 threshing machine; 1 International Primrose cream separator; 1 top buggy; 2 sets double work harness; 2 sets single buggy harness. GRAIN—STRAW—FURNITURE—TOOLS, ETC. Fifty bushels spring wheat; 20 bushels wheat and oats, mixed; 2 bushels seed corn; 1 ton straw; some household furniture, forks, shovels, chains, garden tools, cream cans, and many other articles. TERMS: All sums of \$20 and under cash; over that amount time will be given to October 1, 1923, to parties furnishing approved bankable notes, bearing interest at 8 per cent per annum. Free Lunch at Noon. F. A. WOOD, Owner. F. N. WOODRY, Auctioneer. Phone Farmer 526 Turner Salem. If you want an Auction see Woodry at 1610 N. Summer Street, or Phone 511.

Colored Silk Umbrellas for Easter. New shipment just received comprising all the latest style handles. Silk taffetas in assorted colors: Navy, Cardinal, Black, Green, Taupe, Purple and Brown. Specially Priced \$4.75 and \$5.75 Each. GALE & CO. Commercial and Court Streets

RUG SALE 160 Fine Rugs for One Week More Patterns Just from the Looms. Make Selection of Them Now. Have the pleasure of Them While You Are Paying. Genuine 9x12 Wilton \$78.50 9x12 Axminster \$34.75. Genuine 8.3x10.6 Wilton \$69.75 8.3x10.6 Axminster \$33.00. Genuine 6x9 Wilton \$49.00 7.6x9 Axminster \$28.00. 6x9 Axminster \$25.00. These prices are at least One-Third lower than the regular prices. See them in our windows. 9x12 Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs \$26.75. 9x12 Wilton Velvet (beautiful patterns) \$39.75. Very Special for Monday. 9x12 Grass Rugs (large selection) \$5.85. 8x10 Grass Rugs \$4.85. 6x9 Grass Rugs \$3.85. \$5 Covers Your Floor With Any Linoleum Balance \$1 Weekly. Inlaid, Print Linoleum, Pabcolin and Congoleum All on Sale. Trade in Your Old Goods. Sale on at both Salem and Silverton. H.L. Cliff Furniture Co. COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHING. "Your Credit is Good"

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BUSICK'S Baking Contest WITH CROWN FLOUR Thursday, March 29. Bring in your entries between 9 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. next Thursday. The store will be open in the evening and coffee and cookies will be served. COME—Be the guest of Busick's and the Crown Mills. CONDITIONS—All bread, cake and pie must be made with the Crown Flour. All being agreeable the bread and cake will be sold for charitable benefit. Every entry will be given something. PRIZES. BREAD: 1st—1 barrel Crown Flour, 2nd—1/2 barrel Crown Flour, 3rd—1/4 barrel Crown Flour and 1 ten-lb Crown Pastry. CAKE: 1st—One 49-lb sack Pastry and 49-lb sack Crown Best Patent flour, 2nd—24 1/2 lbs. Crown Pastry, 24 1/2 lbs. Crown Best Patent, 3rd—24 1/2 lbs. Crown Pastry, 10 lbs. Crown Pancake. PIES: 1st—One 49 lb. Crown Best Patent, 24 1/2 Crown Pastry, 2nd—One 24 1/2 lb. Crown Best Patent, 24 1/2 Crown Pastry, 3rd—One 24 1/2 lb. Crown Best Patent, 10 lbs. Crown Pastry. Ladies using Swift's Silver Leaf Lard in their pie crust will be given—FIRST 15 lbs. Silver Leaf Lard, SECOND 10 lbs. Silver Leaf Lard, THIRD 5 lbs. Silver Leaf Lard.