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THE WEALTHIEST PEOPLE

The great English economist, Alfred Marshall, in speaking of wealth, says: "Other things being equal, one person has more wealth in its broadest sense than another, if the place in which the former lives has a better climate, better roads, better water, more wholesome drainage; and again better newspapers, books and places of amusement and instruction."

Judging by the above standards the residents of Salem are among the wealthiest in the world. Year in and year out, our climate is the best; and season in and season out. There is no city of Salem's size any where with as many miles of paved streets; no district of equal population with as many miles of paved highways as are found in the Salem district; either built, being built or projected.

We have a public school system and facilities comparable with the best; and our people have provided by a vote of \$500,000 of bonds to keep adding to the facilities as demanded by the growth of population.

As for better newspapers, the writer begs to be excused

from the standpoint of modesty, admitting, however, that there is vast room and high ambition for improvement—but inviting comparison with any newspaper published any where in a city and field of the same size.

BEAUTY AND STRENGTH

Sir William Orpen, the famous English portrait painter, maintains a low opinion of the pulchritude of women. Those of former ages, he states, were lovely enough, but the present generation is much less beautiful, and what attractions the girls possess are constantly diminishing.

He blames the automobile. The use of this is responsible for the "bony shoulders and skinny legs" that the painter particularly objects to. His criticism has aroused the ire of Chicago artists and clubwomen, who have issued a defi to the renowned painter whose especial talent appears to be walking on the toes of his own countrymen and the nationals of other lands as well.

Should he come to Salem, however, a real treat would be in store for him. Joaquin Miller, who had an artistic eye as well as poetic genius, said the women of western Oregon are the most beautiful in the world—and especially that they have the most beautiful complexions; on account of the absence of alkali and our freedom from the extremes of glaring summer heat and biting winter cold; and for other reasons connected with our mild, soft climate—the qualities in our climate that develop the tulip to even greater perfection than it may attain in Holland.

And the use of the automobile here in no way curtails the development of the strength that the artist so much admires. Our main roads are paved. Even our outlying market towns are connected or are being connected by paved county market roads, and the paved state highways lead to the larger cities all up and down the coast. We have many women who drive automobiles, and they average well in point of pulchritude, even from the standpoints of the knighted portrait painter, with their sisters who do not thread the traffic congested streets and main arteries of travel or glide over the less frequented highways and byways with their cars or go bumping abroad with their flivvers.

Sir William is invited to come to Salem. This is the city of welcome.

Petaluma, Cal., sells 17 millions of poultry products annually. Salem has to go some, but she will one day sell more.

Postmaster General New is in charge of the Harding campaign for 1924 and he is remaining silent in any number of languages.

Who are the three prettiest

GASOLINE TAX MUST BE PAID

Municipalities Not Exempt, Says Supreme Court, in Portland Case

Municipalities are not exempt from the gasoline tax laws, according to an opinion of the supreme court, written by Justice Bean, and handed down yesterday in the case of the city of Portland against Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state. The case was an injunction proceeding to prevent the secretary of state from collecting the gasoline tax.

It involved the legislative acts of 1919 and 1921, the former imposing a general tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline and one-half cent on distillate, and the latter imposing an additional one cent tax on gasoline used in motor vehicles operated on the public roads. The case was instituted prior to the legislative act of 1923 which again imposed an additional one-cent tax on gasoline in the same manner as the act of 1921.

In the opinion the court cites the fact that "it is a general rule that in the absence of a constitutional inhibition the right to make reasonable exemptions from taxation rests with the legislature but where there is a doubt in regard to a statute attempting to make an exception, the uncertainty will be resolved in favor of the state and against the exemption."

The court concludes "that the statutes in question do not provide for levying the tax upon the municipalities of the state, but against the seller or dealer prior to the purchase of the gasoline made by the city."

The opinion affirms Judge George G. Bingham of the lower court for Marion county. Other opinions were: Schiller B. Herman vs. John T. Clark, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; controversy over exchange of property. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge W. N. Gatens reversed.

Western States Finance company, appellant, vs. Fannie E. Ruff; appeal from Hood River county. Petition for rehearing denied in opinion by Justice McCourt.

Emma G. Robinson, appellant, vs. E. E. Cable et al; appeal from Multnomah county; suit to recover money. Opinion by Justice Rand. Judge George W. Stapleton affirmed.

R. H. Coker and P. K. Bellamy, known as Eastern Oregon Music company, vs. G. M. Rice, appellant; appeal from Union county; appeal from decree overruling objections to cost bill. Opinion by Justice Harris. Judge Gilbert W. Phelps affirmed.

Herman F. Rhode vs. State Industrial Accident Commission, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; suit for compensation. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge Walter H. Evans, reversed.

State of Oregon vs. Dan Casey.

NATURE FILMS

The largest theater in New York is just now running a program of three pictures in none of which the human actors dominate the story. All the films are foreign—and as the house seems to have a grudge against Hollywood this month. One of the plays is based upon a ski race in the Alps and is a fox-and-hounds affair. Another is a film of English bird life called "The Cuckoo's Secret" and is the life story of a lazy and selfish bird. The third is called "Ivan the Great" and is the story of a huge brown bear. All the plays are full of action and also furnish much interesting scenery. The program is attracting crowds and is said to furnish a touch of excitement for all classes of spectators. In Europe they have made more progress than we have in this country in the matter of making films without the use of high-priced actors. The salary list for the performer in these pictures would not exceed \$100 a week. Some of these \$2000 birds of paradise are not as essential to the movie game as they would have us believe.

THE FALSE ALARM

One of the leading railroad officials of the country demonstrates that the cost of making a complete survey of the valuation of the railway systems of the country has exceeded \$85,000,000. Of this the government has paid \$23,000,000, while the roads have contributed \$62,000,000. Senator LaFollette was responsible for the valuation act and he solemnly assured Congress at the time of its adoption that all the railways of the nation could be valued at a cost not exceeding \$2,400,000. It was his idea that the valuation would show that the American railways were overcapitalized and were paying dividends on watered stock. He promised that an of-

FUTURE DATES

July 25, Wednesday—Annual Wisconsin picnic, fair grounds. July 26, Thursday—Printers and publishers of the Willamette valley to picnic at Silverton city park. July 27, Friday—Union church services, Willamette park. July 28, Monday—Second term of Willamette university summer school to open. July 31, Tuesday—Annual picnic of Marion Community Club federation, state fair grounds. August 1, Wednesday—Annual encampment of Boy Scouts at Cananda. August 5, Sunday—162nd Oregon infantry to picnic at Clackamas. August 16-19—National guard rifle matches at Clackamas rifle range. September 18, Wednesday—Willamette university opens. September 24 to 29—Oregon state fair.

MEN OF YEARS DEVELOP LAND

Two Willamette Valley Octogenarians Still Building For Future

ENGINEER MAKES GOOD PREACHER

Rev. M. E. Lewis Thrills Audiences at Fair Grounds With Messages

The annual camp meeting of the Marion County Holiness association which began last week in the state fair grounds has grown in interest and attendance each day. The crowds of Sunday were large and taxed the seating capacity of the large tabernacle on the grounds.

Rev. M. E. Lewis the "engineer evangelist" has given some powerful sermons which are enjoyed by the large congregation which greet him from time to time. Sunday morning he gave his great message on the "super Hoater" the type of engine known among railroad men as the hundred per cent engine. He made many telling applications of this truth in saying that it is the hundred per cent Christian who is needed in the world today.

In the afternoon Mrs. Lewis spoke to the congregation. She is a forceful speaker and her message was well received. At the close of her strong appeal a large number came forward to the altar. In the evening Rev. Mr. Lewis gave another of his characteristic sermons on the subject "A Successful Run; Getting In to the Central Station on Time." He described a trip that he made at the request of the railroad officials in taking a special train from Terra Haute, Ind. to the Central station in Chicago, a record run. This message sparked with truth and fairly swept the congregation off its feet as he described the successful run, reaching the grand Central station three minutes ahead of time and was congratulated personally by the general superintendent and other big officials of the road.

The meetings will continue all this week. There is preaching each morning at 10:30 and in the afternoon at 2:30 and in the evening at 7:30. The number of tents on the grounds is increasing. The meeting will close next Sunday evening. Next Thursday will be missionary day. A number of missionaries will be present and will give addresses.

Former Phoenix Mayor Pays Dues to Club Here

Peter Carpsteln, lumberman and former mayor of Phoenix, Ariz., is in Salem looking after his farm interests south of town. He has a 200-acre farm at Sunnyside with which he is so well pleased that he plans to keep and improve it. He dropped into the Chamber of Commerce with his check for a year's active membership in the club, with the remark that every body who is benefited by these boosting organizations ought to help sustain them, and he was glad to do his part. He is said to be the farthest off member on the whole list of members.

HELP KIDNEYS BY DRINKING MORE WATER

Kidney and bladder irritation often result from acidity, says a noted authority. The kidneys help filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it may remain to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread; the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it. Bladder weakness, most folks call it because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is often one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Begin drinking lots of soft water. Also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast. Continue this for two or three days. This will help neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer are a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normal again. Jad Salts is inexpensive, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by acid irritation. Jad Salts causes no bad effects whatever. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which may quickly relieve your bladder irritation. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

Washington County Sends Annual Report on Schools

Washington county has 117 school districts and 232 school rooms, according to the annual report of the county superintendent filed with J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools. The enrollment in the elementary grades of the school during the last school year was 5058, while in the high schools it was 256. The number of teachers employed was 232, the men receiving average monthly salaries of \$144, and women \$103. Out of a total enrollment of 104 in the 12th grade in the high schools, 100 received diplomas of graduation last June. From the eighth grade 590 were graduated.

Bill Hunt and Jackson Fight Draw in Portland

Bill Hunt, who is well known in flistic circles in Salem as a heavyweight boxer, appeared in a six-round contest in Portland Friday night against Young Peter Jackson, colored battler of Portland. The two fought in Salem last winter, Hunt winning the decision by a narrow margin. In this second match, the referee declared the bout a draw. Jackson shed his ring name and appeared under what is said to be his right-hand monicker, Chester Dupree and Hunt appeared under the warlike name of Billy O'Leary. Hunt made one bad start in Portland last fall when he met a ringer pugilist from back in Ohio, and the imported slugger beat him to the start but he has come back and showed the Portlanders some of the gamest sparring the yhave seen. It is claimed by scientists that the cucumber is the oldest known vegetable. Correct. We took a trip across the Palos Verdes hills the other day and we got one of the ancient sort from a Japanese gardener.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS NEWSPAPER

The Biggest Little Paper in the World

Summertime Jewelry Making. On that lazy summer day when your hands are just itching for something to do, put up your parasol and go to town for some sealing wax. Then spend the rest of the day making lovely pieces of jewelry that will give the finishing touch to your summer outfits. Today you'll learn how to make those gay, tinkly bracelets you've been longing for. Next week you'll learn how to make bright ornaments for summer hats.

Opportunity. Jack: "Have you change for a dollar bill?" Fred: "Surely." Jack: "Fine; lend me a quarter."

Exception to Every Rule. Optimist: "I can see good in all things." Pessimist: "Can you see good in the dark?"

Answer to Today's Puzzle: Crow, brow, prow, grow.

That Would Help. "If a burglar entered the cellar would the coal chute?" "No, but perhaps the kindling wood."

THE SHORT STORY, JR. THE UNPOPULAR WASHRAG

The washrag dripped mountainous tears. How he hated to scrub bad boys' ears! Now his spirits are higher. For he insulates wire. Popularity gives him no fears. Big tears dripped from the corners of the washrag. It lopped disconsolately across the edge of the washbowl too sad to take interest in anything. Did you ever stop to think that life is very sad, indeed, for wash rags? "Nobody likes me," sobbed the poor little fellow, nearly dissolving into tears, so great was his grief. "And the boys, whose friend I would rather be than any thing in the world, just hate me. They always grumble and growl whenever their mother makes them even so much as look at me. And I just about break my back

What under the sun does he mean by that?" wondered the washrag. "I never heard the word before. Wonder if it's Latin or Greek. I wish I knew, then maybe I could help." "Well, all we need then is a rag to wrap around the wire."

An ugly cut? MENTHOLATUM is antiseptic and gently helps the healing.