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## SHALL SALEM GO INTO THE WATER AND POWER BUSINESS?

The Salem city council has a committee working on the idea of going to the Cascades for a municipal water supply—And this idea implies the purchase of the present Salem water system— And it contemplates still more. It embraces the idea of developing water power in the Cascades; to be brought down along with the water for municipal purposes, as is done by Los Angeles and Seattle and Tacoma, which cities supply a great deal of hydroelectric power.

Or it may contemplate the development of water power in the Cascades, to be transmitted by wires to Salem, and in addition a water supply for domestic purposes. Already one filing has been made in the name of the city of Salem, and there is contemplated a general examination of the sources of supply for both power and domestic purposes.

The bringing of water from any source of adequate supply in the Cascades, from a point where a pure supply may be guaranteed for the future Salem, for the prospective city of 100,000 or a half million population, looks like a large order for the present city of 20,000 to 25,000.

It costs the city of Portland two to three millions of dollars for each pipe line from the Bull Run river. A third pipe line is now projected for the metropolis. Salem would have to go further than Portland is obliged to go. For the Salem of the present, the project looks too large. The water charges that would have to be paid by the present residents of Salem, merely to keep up the interest on the bonds that would have to be sold to secure the necessary money, would have to be higher than the present rates; to say nothing of providing for the depreciation on the proposed pipe line.

But the members of the council committee realize that they have a duty to the future Salem of 50,000 or 100,000 or 500,000 people; and they see the available water being filed upon by private parties and companies— Hence their concern and activity.

Several years ago, the people of Salem were ready to take over the water system of this city. The movement was blocked by the veto of the then mayor of Salem, Louis Lachmund.

The whole matter is bound to be gone over again, now, on account of the move of the council committee. The members of this committee are in favor of taking some action to safeguard the interests of the future Salem.

So the discussion of the matter ought to be full and open. Every person in any way concerned with Salem as it now stands or as the city is to grow and develop, is vitally interested in this matter. Every one who desires to have a word concerning this matter is hereby invited to speak up, through the columns of The Statesman.

If we could pay the interest on the bonds to raise the money to buy the present water system, and build a pipe line to a mountain supply that would be adequate for a city five or twenty-five times the sizes of the present Salem, without raising the water rates now being paid, it would surely look like a good thing to do.

This fact must be considered: At the time the people of Salem were ready, a few years ago, to take over the present water system, and extend a pipe line to a mountain supply, the idea of treating the water to make it pure had not been advanced; or at least it had not been tried out and perfected on a large scale. Since that time, this kind of treatment has come into general practice, and it is being employed in the cases even of numerous cities whose supplies come from mountain sources, in order to make assurance of safety doubly sure.

But the whole question is now up again, and there can at least be no harm done by a general and thorough discussion of it. This is invited. And it would seem to be most desirable. If the people of Salem are to be asked to take any action, they must have all the arguments for and against the project.

The idea has been advanced that perhaps the state of Oregon, for its institutions here, may be interested in sharing the cost of securing a mountain water supply; or at least in helping to guarantee the payment of the bonds that would have to be issued to secure the necessary money.

**TAPS** At twelve o'clock today the final obsequies of President Harding will be held, after a week of intense mourning, a week of national introspection. We have come to know the late president more intimately in the last ten days than ever before. True, the west made his personal acquaintance in the famous trip which cost him his life, but Harding, the man, has made an appeal the like of which was entirely unexpected. We knew he was human, we knew he was "just folks," but we did not know that large, pleasing personality which Washington has enjoyed the last two years. President Harding was elected president largely as a politician. He could unite the factions in a nominating convention, and in consequence was the nominee of the republican party.

The country generally failed to take the proper measure of the president the first two years. It failed to see that he had met the challenge of the great hour and grown constantly in intellectual strength. Washington knew that Harding had become a statesman. The country has only found this out in the last month, and most of the information has come since the dead chief left us.

President Harding will take a place in history as a man who please them, who devoted his every thought to making a successful administration. Harding, the man, has been revealed and henceforth, his memory will be loved whereas in life, he was only highly respected. His party came near losing the election last year because the voters did not understand and appreciate the magnitude of the work that was being done in the executive offices at Washington. The western trip revealed the real Harding to the people, and had he lived, the west would have rallied strongly to his support. There would have been no question as to his nomination, and we know now very little as to his election. The nation is burying a great man in Marin, Ohio, today. Peace to his ashes and good will to the country that he loved and served.

**THE GIRLS AND THE SHEIKS** The mayor of Portland said a wise thing when he declared that too many mothers were expecting the police to rear their children. How any sane girl can take up with a poor, miserable, painted effigy and then be dominated by that thing, is beyond comprehension. They do it, however, which indicates that the state must exercise parental authority.

The sheik disclosures lend color to the charge that home influences are breaking down. This in-

not general. It just means that there are a certain number of mothers who fail to respond to the spirit of motherhood. The fact that every instance attracts so much attention only proves the rarity of such occurrences. There are mothers who must tighten up on their home influences. There are thousands of mothers who are following the even tenor of their beautiful lives. We must lend a hand to educating these derelict mothers. We must understand that the brotherhood of the world is real, and while it is not your child who is caught on the streets after midnight, it is your brothers or sisters' child. The state cannot act in the capacity of a parent without publicity. Society, which is in reality neighborliness, can do so. Good women must respond to the larger motherhood and help the weaker mothers with their problems.

### MAKING WAR ILLEGAL

Bishop Jones has applied for the Edward Bok offer of \$100,000 for a solution for abolishing war, by proposing that all war be made illegal. The good bishop means well, but his formula is academic. More outlawing of war means only the raising of a big stick. There must be back of it a sentiment against all war. There is just one way to effectively outlaw war and that is for the citizens of the country to realize that war is murder. In the last analysis, all of these panaceas resolve themselves into what the people want. When the people no longer thirst for blood, when the people recognize the hideousness of war, public sentiment will very quickly outlaw it. In the last analysis all of these questions are up to the people.

### A GOOD PLAN

The chamber of commerce has issued a thumb-nail mimeograph setting forth the advantages of Salem and distributing these leaflets to the tourist in camp each evening. One cannot visit this camp without being impressed by the fact that touring by auto has made an effective appeal to the very best citizens of the country. These are the people who have opportunity to go over our city. They have their machines and can easily visit the points of interest. It was a happy thought to give

### A NEW GENIUS

The Oregon Statesman trusts that all of its readers are each morning reading the strips "Tempus Todd." This is based on the stories of Octavius Roy Cohen which have created such a literary

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#### The Salt Shaker's Story

"Common Salt" is my name. Everybody knows me. But there was a time in the history of the world when I was a luxury of such value that it is said the Chinese even had me made into small cakes with the Emperor's picture stamped on the front and used me as money!

You eat salt without realizing how necessary it is to your diet. Cattle, you know, must be fed salt occasionally and wild animals are known to find salt spots in the ground where they may lick up their portion.

The ocean is full of salt that the water cannot be used for drinking. The reason is that for centuries the streams and rivers which enter it have been carrying amounts of salt washed from the soil. Salt which is deposited in the ocean does not evaporate as does the water.

People place ocean brine in great vats, evaporate the water, and refine the resulting salt crystals. An even simpler method is to scoop up the salt crust which forms after little ponds along the seashore have dried up. In the state of New York, there is a layer of salt in the ground into which wells are drilled and the salt is pumped up with water. In some places it is mined in lumps, like coal and iron, and called rock salt.

#### THE SHORT STORY, JR.

##### AN OLD-FASHIONED BOUQUET

The flowers were quarreling away.

"I'm the prettiest!" each one would say;

Then to settle their doubt - Miss Priscilla came out, And cut them all for a bouquet.

Something terrible must have happened in Miss Priscilla's sweet peaceful, old flower garden. Judging from the noises that floated through the picket fence it was anything but sweet and peaceful there at present.

"You aren't either!" Poppy shrieked at the top of her voice. "People like me the best."

"Well, that's no sign you're the most beautiful. Besides, I doubt if they do." Rose was very superior in her manner. "I'm sure I'm the most beautiful flower in the whole garden."

"Oh, you all make me tired," Daisy tossed her proud head in the sun. "I guess it isn't so hard to tell who is the most beautiful flower." There was not the least doubt in Daisy's mind but that it was herself.

"Come, come, let's don't quarrel," Pansy begged. "I'll tell you how we can settle this question and find out which of us is the most beautiful." Pansy stroked her soft, yellow, velvet dress, very well satisfied. Secretly, of course, she believed that she was the prettiest flower, but Pansy was not the bragging kind.

"When Miss Priscilla comes into the garden she will naturally pick the most beautiful flower. We will watch her and then we will know that the one she picks is the prettiest one of all."

Larkspur smiled secretly. She was perfectly aware that Miss

Priscilla had a secret fondness for her. "That's a good idea," she said.

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### HIS PILOT'S CALL

Ah, one short space of time, and he was here; Walked, talked and felt life's warm pulse throb; Today, he sleeps, and lo,

We feel the tremor of a swelling sob.

Bright dawn, high noon, fair even of life have flown On fleeting wings,

Naught but the tone of sorrow fills our land, As in the afterglow of his rare life

We, quite bewildered stand.

He rose as our immortal Lincoln rose,

He heart to heart with common labor grew; Then blossomed into manhood, tried and true:

A kindly, genial, patient gentleman, True type of trust, true America.

Lo, now we hear the somber, solemn tread

Of those who pay last homage to his hier;

We sense the heart throb of our nation's grief,

And on its brow behold the weeping tear.

'Twas yesterday, as pilot of her ship,

Old Glory welcomed him in gay array;

Today, she sadly drooping at half mast,

For he has gone forever, gone away.

Just as day's afterglow enwrap the Golden Gate,

His Pilot called—

He could no longer wait,

But sailed far out upon a higher, nobler Ship of State.

Ah, Pilot of the blue, ethereal sea,

Where sun and moon and stars bow down to Thee;

Inclined, Things ear and heart today,

The burden of our nation's prayer:

Thy will be done.

—EUNICE KNOX HOWARD

Salem Ore., Aug. 10, 1923.

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fore for the past few years. It was a happy idea to put the humorous sketches into a strip. The artist, H. Weston Taylor, has caught the Cohen spirit with the result that the strips are irresistible. The Oregon Statesman, through this strip alone is putting into the homes of Salem and vicinity a laugh a day. Nothing in this world is so wholesome as a laugh. You miss something if you fail to read this strip every morning.

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#### How to Give a Puppet Show

(This is the third of a series of six articles about the popular marionette show—how to make one, and plays to put on.)

Now that you have your puppets and stage, you may give as many plays as you wish. All you have to do is to dress your dolls differently and arrange your stage. A doll may appear in a fine suit in one play, and the same doll in overalls the next. Be sure after dressing the dolls that the strings and joints are in good working order.

Use Favorite Stories You may use your favorite stories for the plays you give. In real marionette shows the same people speak for the puppets who make them act. If you find you can't do both at the same time well, get some one else to read the lines, while the puppeteers take care of the acting. One person can work just one doll.

Nothing should be in sight of the audience but the stage. A person in front should draw the curtains aside and close them. It is a good plan to have the room dark, all except the stage, like a real play. You can do this by a light at the end of an extension cord, fastened at the top of the stage. The puppeteers stand or kneel on the table back of the stage, working the dolls from above. Practice your plays several times, so everything is in good working order.

Many Plays Possible Some plays that have been given are the Mad Hatter's tea party from "Alice in Wonderland," "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Cinderella" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

If you need animals for your plays, make them the same way you did the dolls, or take toys apart and put them together with loose joints; arrange the strings the same as for the dolls.

(Next week: "Sleeping Beauty.")

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