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THE SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM

Several prominent Salem men who have recently made trips to California have come back home telling the story of the wonderful spirit of optimism of the people of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles has become great because her people from the start have had faith. In the early growth of that city, every forward movement was called a boom by her jealous rivals.

But the people of Los Angeles convinced themselves from the start that their city had a great future and they have argued all along that their growth was no boom—and they have succeeded in putting the idea over. They have drawn people from all sections of the United States and all parts of the world, and converted them all into boosters.

Salem is doing very well; growing faster than any city of her size on this coast; growing solidly.

But this is the land of diversity, and, by the same sign, the country of opportunity. No other section has such a great number of products that are in the nature of franchises.

The full development of the possibilities of which, produced and packed and manufactured on an extensive scale, or a still more extensive scale, would become still greater city builders.

And the list is familiar to the reader, or ought to be. The full development of our flax industry alone would make Salem a city of 100,000 people.

And great strides would result from the same kind of development of each of the following lines: Loganberries, prunes, dairying, strawberries, apples, raspberries, mint, blackberries, cherries, pears, poultry, seed growing—and a long additional list.

The one thing lacking to quickly make of Salem a growing city of 100,000 people is a spirit of optimism such as every Los Angeles resident has—and that would mean a wonderfully prosperous Salem. Its progressive spirit would amaze the world. It would not be a boom. It would be backed by a Gibraltar solidity; drawing new money every day from the remotest corner of the earth, for the annual products of our soil worked up into suitable forms for the markets of the wide world.

Make optimism in Salem as catching as the measles, and there will never be a dull day in all the future, either in this city or in the surrounding country, or in the other cities and towns of this central portion of the richest valley under the shining sun.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

While there has constantly been an outcry and a protest against the government in business, the amount of business the government has undertaken has constantly increased.

"North Dakota's state owned flour mill at Grand Forks sustained an operating loss from October 23, 1922, to July 1, 1923, of \$124,581, according to the first public audit of the enterprise. The loss amounts to 49 cents on each barrel of flour produced. A terminal elevator erected to function in connection with the mill added materially to the deficit."

OUR ENGLISH VISITOR

Of course it is bad taste to speak plainly about our guests to their face, but our distinguished English visitor will never see this paper unless some misguided friend sends him one. We hope Lloyd George has no such friend in this state.

Lloyd George, now visiting here, has had a wonderful career. For many years he ranked with the great statesmen of his country. The war gave him an opportunity to exercise his peculiar talents for compromise and coalition.

He sustained himself as the head of the government by various and intelligent subterfuges. After the war he held on doubtless under the belief that his compromising genius could carry him through. It did not do so, however, and he fell from power. All through his remarkable career there were those who contended that he was not a statesman, but a master strategist and opportunist.

What position Lloyd George will take in history is hard to foretell, but at present he is not regarded as a great statesman at all. It may be that it will take his death to establish his claims to statesmanship and it may be he is not really a statesman. Readers will recall that Grover Cleveland was

regarded as a great statesman by only the students of government until after his death. Lloyd George may require a postmortem to diagnose his services and fix his standing as a statesman.

Aside from all of that, America is glad he is here. Statesman or master opportunist, he has been where history was making fast and he had a wide influence in shaping events. He sustained himself through all sorts of assaults so long as his nation was in trouble. Lord Northcliffe was the first great statesman to challenge the value of the public services of Lloyd George, and that great public leader sustained one of his few great defeats. Lloyd George proved too much for Northcliffe.

However, this is not a day of history; this is the present, and in the present America will welcome this great Englishman, our cousin in blood and our comrade in world service.

LET THEM HOWL

The labor convention in Portland is being nagged and of course somewhat annoyed by malicious attacks made by the radicals. Labor has held its head and steadily refused to let these radicals in to bore holes in the organization. On the outside they can gnash their teeth and rave. Labor has won because it has been American. It did not take much courage to be loyal during the war, but labor has continued to carry out the policies for which the war was fought. If the radicals ever get hold of the organization it will mean the end to labor as a respectable organization, but what is much worse it will mean anarchy for the country.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT

It speaks well for the citizenship of Henry Downing that when there was a vacancy in a county office to be filled by gubernatorial appointment, with practically one voice the people said to appoint him. That is the fine fruit of honorable citizenship.

Mr. Downing, henceforth Judge Downing, of course, will make a good official. He has been a successful business man for years and has made friends on every hand. As judge he will be fair and progressive. What is much to the point is that he knows Marion county and knows its needs.

Irrigation is so important that the entire state must be interested. We showed an unwise interest in guaranteeing the interest on bonds. That was a misguided and unfortunate effort to help the farmers, but it proved an opportunity for men who knew exactly what they wanted to reap a harvest. The irrigation interests must have a square deal, but so likewise must the people of the state.

Word comes from Eugene that the girls in the state university are bobbing their hair. The only surprising thing about it is that there were girls' heads that had not yet been bobbed. The girls have been bobbing so long that the wonder is there are still heads to bob.

AN OLD EDITORIAL

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Proverbs 27:1

President Coolidge is worrying the Democrats. The opposition press is all loaded up with dynamite, but they can find no crack in the plaster to stick the stuff.

WHAT FOLLOWS THE DESTRUCTION OF HELL?

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Some of the results that are following the analysis of religious beliefs that is now taking place among religious leaders are startling in their nature. It is not over stating the case to say that probably the large majority of the members of the Protestant churches in this country no longer believe in the hell of fire and in everlasting punishment. The elimination of the belief in hell is prompting leading church followers to question many of the former teachings of the church that have been based on the existence of hell and salvation from its tortures.

If the burning hell does not exist, much that has been taught about God and Christ and the plan of salvation from its tortures, must go with it, or be changed to meet the changed attitude regarding hell. In fact, the Protestant belief of this country might be said to now be in a state of flux and thoughtful and observant religionists are watching for the final outcome with deep interest.

The world experiences during the past fifty years have had a large influence in promoting these changes in religious belief. During that period the status of man and the governments under which he lives have undergone epochal changes. We are apt to forget that now the king and his despotic rule of his subjects has practically passed away. The system of kingly rule that was universal at the beginning of the Christian era and for many centuries later has been largely displaced by systems in which man determines the form of government under which he shall live.

The rule of kings on earth was supposed to be patterned after the rule of God in heaven. But man has evolved a new earthly rule that is found to develop a higher type of man than the former rule by kings. This experience raises the question of the rule of God in heaven. Does God rule as a despot in His heavenly kingdom? It having been demonstrated that a higher type of man is developed under the democratic form of government under which man develops self control, the attitude of justice toward his fellow man and the other characteristics that are essential to the proper working of a democracy, is it not fair to assume the rule of God in heaven is not that of a despot who rules his subjects from without but rather that of the divine spirit developed in the human heart that rules man from within?

Will it follow that the destruction of the hell of the past will also result in the destruction of the God of the past? This thought may bring terror to the mind of many church followers, but should it do so? A change in man's understanding of God will not change the character or attributes of God. He will remain the same whatever man thinks of Him or believes about Him.

No mature and thoughtful person would accept a child's conception of God and His attributes and power as a correct understanding of Him. Why should he more readily accept the belief of men who lived during the period of ignorance and dark superstition that prevailed nineteen hundred years ago? The same teachers who promulgated the theories about hell and eternal punishment gave the world the ideas of God, His attributes and attitude toward mankind that have prevailed since their time. If they were wrong in one part of their doctrines may we not assume that they were wrong in other parts?

The whole structure of the belief of the so-called Christian church was originally founded upon the hypothesis that God is a despotic ruler of the universe; that He created all things, including man by His fiat; that He was cruel and relentless; that He became angry with man because he disobeyed Him and that He made hell, a burning lake of fire to which He consigned man to suffer in eternal agony as punishment for his disobedience; that later He sent Jesus, His only son into the world to be crucified for the sins of mankind with the promise that those who accepted the sacrifice of the Son as a propitiation for their sins should be forgiven and thereafter receive God's favor.

Such a plan appealed to the ignorant and superstitious of the time of its promulgation and since it has been accepted by the Christian world as God's plan for the salvation of mankind. But in these later days man has become more intelligent and less credulous and is analyzing the different parts of this plan of salvation to see if all parts will stand the test of modern knowledge and experience, with the result that parts of this belief are already discredited. To many hell is exploded; the cruelty and wrath of God are discarded and in their place has come the belief that God is love and not cruelty; that He does not destroy His children but rather helps to develop in them the beautiful qualities inherent in the love that animates His own life. If God is not a God of wrath and vengeance then there is no need of a hell in which to torture His victims forever.

If the former belief in regard to the character of God and the existence and use of hell are erroneous may it not be that the Christian belief as to the function of the Christ in God's plan for His children may also be misunderstood? If God is not and never has been a God of wrath and vengeance and if there is not and never was a burning lake of fire designed as a place of eternal torment for sinful man then what necessity was there for the crucifixion of God's Son to appease the wrath of the Father if He was not wrathful? Is it not a higher conception of the work of the Son to believe that He is designed to show and manifest the love and the tender solicitude of the Father for His children rather than to offer himself as a sacrifice to appease the wrath of God?

These are some of the questions that are now commanding the attention of modern thinkers and that call for the prayerful and reverent consideration of the searcher for God's truth.

YOUR MAGNIFICENT OPPORTUNITY. One magnificent, colossal opportunity. People will read this who will dispute my statement and Every person in this world has say. "I never had such an opportunity. When did a magnificent colossal chance ever come my way?"

I will tell you. When you were born into this world. That gave you your big chance, and as long as you are in this world you still have your big chance.

When an inhabitant of this planet says he has had no chance, he clearly demonstrates that he does not know what he is here for. It would be just as correct for a boy placed in the first grade at school to look around and say, "I have no chance." He has every chance in the world if he will apply himself. It would be just as correct for the office boy of a large business house to say, "I have no chance." There are many presidents of corporations who were once office boys.

The world is our great chance—our tremendous opportunity—and we are put here with the idea that we will make use of this opportunity. Now, when we say opportunity, we are apt to think only of money. Money is a good thing. It represents the necessities and luxuries of life and we need a certain amount of it. But the chance to make money is not our greatest opportunity.

The real opportunity this world offers is the chance to learn, through varied and repeated experiences, how to be decent, how to be wholesome, how to be fair and square with our fellows, how to get ready to occupy a better place later on.

The little boy in the first grade in school is given the opportunity to enter the second grade. We in this world are given the opportunity to enter a better world. We are here because we need what this world can teach. When we were born our opportunity began and each day that we live our opportunity continues.

AMMONIA ENDS LONG BATTLE AT PRISON

(Continued from page 1.) Grenade. The bodies of Griffith and Ferland were partly sheltered under a table against the wall on the northwest side. Powder burned bullet wounds over the heart indicated the manner in which Griffith and Ferland died. Ferland's hand still gripped a heavy calibre automatic pistol.

Ferland and Griffith's arms were folded as though the bodies had been arranged after death. These two of the desperate trio

lost heart as hope of escape diminished and committed suicide to avoid capture or were slain by Walters, who then fell under the heavy fire from the besieging forces, physicians said.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Fair weather promised— And that will make the prune men glad; though they worked through the showers.

A paragraph remarks that church seems to be the only safe place on Sundays; and another one says it is surprising how few people who have automobile accidents on Sundays are on their way to church.

The first mortgage was issued about 2100 B. C., and occasionally one may see the car it bought.

Rain interfered with the construction of the big brick warehouse for the flax plant; but arrangements have been made so that the work may hereafter go ahead, rain or shine. The building is badly needed for the new flax machinery that is arriving, and about to arrive.

London Punch complains that the 15,000,000 pound war debt England is paying to the United States is about the only thing that gets past Ellis Island. That writer forgets the lecturers.

With the children in school again, poor, tired mother can get more time to do her telephoning.

Some one quotes Acts 3:6 for the benefit of Germany, as follows: "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever Again at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., Oct. 5.—(Special to The Statesman).—Diphtheria has again broken out at Silverton. Several cases of both diphtheria and scarlet fever have been reported. Among those families which are quarantined are those of Harry Bentson, V. Barkhurst and Silas Owsley.

FUTURE DATES

- October 14 to 23—Open season for pheasant hunting.
October 15, Monday—YMCA budget campaign starts.
October 16, Tuesday—Freshman-Sophomore rush at Willamette university.
October 17, Wednesday—Celebration of 35th anniversary of Capital Typographical Union No. 110, Marion hotel.
October 18, Thursday, Grand Wood Jess appears in a costume recital under the auspices of the Civic Music club of Salem.
October 19, Friday—Annual Junior Guild dance at the armory.
October 20, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Mt. Angel college, at Salem.
October 21, Sunday—Football, Willamette vs. 24, 25, 26 and 27—Annual show at state penitentiary.
October 24 and 25, Wednesday and Thursday—Completion of paving of Pacific highway from California line to Astoria.
October 26, Saturday—Frances Willard day.
October 27, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Chemawa, at Salem.
November 1, Wednesday—President Suzzalo of University of Washington to address Rotary club.
November 2, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. College of Puget Sound, at Tacoma.
November 3 to 10—Pacific International Livestock exposition, Portland.
November 8, Saturday—Football, Salem high school and Cottage Grove high, at Salem.
November 9, Sunday—Special election of income tax referendum.
November 9 and 10, Friday and Saturday—First Annual Willamette University Home-Coming.
November 10, Saturday—Football, Willamette university vs. Whitman college, at Astoria.
November 12, Monday—Armistice day celebration in Salem.
November 12, Saturday—Football, Salem high and Eugene high, at Salem.
November 17, Saturday—Football, Salem high and Medford high at Medford.
November 23, Friday—Football, Willamette vs. Pacific, probably at Portland.
November 23, Friday—Football, Salem high and Albany high, at Albany.
November 23, Thursday—Football, Salem high and Corvallis high, at Corvallis.
November 29, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. College of Idaho, at Boise.

New Law Firm Specialty Will Be Water Litigation

A unique place in legal circles will be filled by Cupper & Simpson, who have established an office in the Oregon building and who will practice law and engineering, their specialty to be water rights and water litigation. Percy A. Cupper was for several years state engineer and only recently vacated that office. Robert J. Simpson, the other member of the firm, was connected with the state engineering department as office engineer. There is no other firm of lawyers in Salem that specializes in this character of practice, and because of the growing importance of reclamation in the state the new firm expects to build up a good practice. Irrigation is not only important in the eastern part of the state, but it is becoming more so in western Oregon.

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What holds a felt hat together? Examine one very closely, or with a magnifying glass, and try to see what it is made of. You will probably be able to see only a very closely matted surface with a few tiny hairs sticking up here and there, but with no signs of a weave to hold the fabric together.



Felt is not woven, but is a material made of very finely cut fur, or fur and wool mixed, that is treated with nitrate of mercury to make it soft and fluffy. These fine hairs are blown into a machine that has a finely perforated revolving copper cone three feet high. The mist-like fur particles are drawn by suction to the damp outer side of the cone, forming a damp cloth and another cone a thin covering. Over this is placed pressed over it. This is put into hot water until the particles of fur become tangled together, or until it "felts." The felt cone is shrunken and dyed and given tention being used for the soft felts a coat of shellac—a weak solution and a thick solution for the stiff hats. With the aid of boiling water, steam and machinery, the felt cone is pulled, flattened and blocked over forms until it is the shape desired for the hat. Derby hats are put under a hydraulic press to make them very stiff, and the surface is smoothed with emery paper. Felt hats are formed of one continuous piece of material without any seams or joinings. That is why they wear almost forever.

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

A CHARGE ACCOUNT

It seemed that in the school there was a thief. The amount the store was short was just belief; So Alice planned A system grand To place a spy and bring the cheat to grief.

"Somebody in this dormitory is a cheat!" Helen whispered the dreadful words to Alice, her best friend, who was monitor of the Honor League. "Oh, Helen, how do you know?" Alice asked. "Because somebody has been taking nuts from the store and not paying! It cost me 50c. this week!"



The store consisted of a shoe box in the window sill of the north corridor in which were nut bars and bags of salted almonds, and a powder box in which one was honored to leave a nickel if she made a purchase. Helen had started the store as a favor because she was a senior and could go to town whenever she wanted to, while the hungry juniors could go in only on Saturdays and were always complaining because they wanted candy.

"The store is as much part of the honor system as anything else around this building," declared Alice. "I've asked every single person if they've ever forgotten to pay, and they all deny it," Helen replied. "But just bags and bags of nuts are gone, and there's scarcely a cent in the box."

"I'm going to find out who it is!" was Alice's conclusion. "I'm going to find out who is cheating. We won't make it public, but just send a bill to her to let her know she must pay her debt to the store." Helen agreed it would be only fair, so after lunch Alice hid behind the curtain of Helen's class-

et where she could see through the door into the hall. The girls came in groups or alone and made their selections, always dropping a contribution in the powder box. The closet was hot and Alice grew tired. She was almost asleep when a stealthy pitter, pitter roused her. It sounded sneakily suspicious. The thief had apparently arrived. "I hate to find out who it is," thought Alice, but her duty as council monitor made her peep. One look and Alice leaned against the wall and laughed. Till Helen came running to see what was the matter. "There's your thief," cried Alice, pointing to a merry bandit running up a tree outside, with a bag of nuts in his mouth. "If you don't want to run a charge account with Mr. Squirrel, you'd better keep the window shut!"

A Trained Personnel to Serve You. After all the assets of a bank can't all be found on the statement. We count the trained and experienced personnel which serves you here at the United States National, as one of our great assets! The help that we render our patrons outside of the ordinary routine of banking is dependent on them. —And that's the sort of constructive assistance that makes the bank worth while. You'll never understand just what value a bank may be in business until you have tried the services of the United States National.

One of the cherished institutions that had to be given a chance for its life was the flouring mill at Grand Forks. An earnest and honest effort was made to

The United States National Bank, Salem, Oregon