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SALEM THE STRAWBERRY CITY

Last year the canneries of Salem put up 83 per cent of the canned strawberry pack of the entire Pacific Northwest. They put up 60,000 cases of strawberries; 1,440,000 cans of strawberries.

And this did not include the strawberries shipped in barrels, prepared for the markets in other forms, or marketed in the fresh state.

The figures have not yet been made up for the present year.

But there is ample information contained in this issue of The Statesman to show that the strawberry industry in this district will persist; that it will grow.

It is a very important thing at this time to have such a review of the industry as is given in the Slogan pages—

And why?

Because there have been some misgivings about disappointments concerning some of the new varieties; especially the Ettersburg 121 variety, and the Trebla.

And there has been a search for improved varieties.

But a reading of the interview with County Fruit Inspector Van Trump, and of the various letters from correspondents answering the questionnaire, will be reassuring. A large number of letters were sent out to growers, asking for articles, and only a few responded; but those few have given a very good review of the conditions as they now exist.

Both the Ettersburg 121 and the Trebla have their friends; and this review will have a tendency to consign them to their proper places in the industry.

And the never ending search for still better varieties will go on. It should go on. Earl Pearcey suggests that Salem ought to have a branch experiment station for the purpose of solving the pollination and varietal problems, for strawberries and other small fruits. He says branch stations at Hood River and Medford are provided to assist the apple and pear men, and the great berry industry is entitled to state aid in developing and solving its vital problems.

This is timely. This help ought by all means to be provided, and the work might cover a very wide range here, the center of a great fruit industry, including besides strawberries the various bush and tree fruits and nuts, and not merely one or two kinds.

The Oregon Agricultural college ought by all means to be brought more actively and persistently into the search for improved strawberry varieties, adapted to our conditions.

In the mean time E. M. Bailey, writing in the Slogan columns, reports what he thinks is a very important find in an improved variety of strawberries—an accidental find. This is well worth watching. There are many cases of this kind. The Loganberry is due to a chance find of Judge Logan. The seedless orange comes from a chance find of an American missionary in South America.

Irrigation is bound to play an increasingly important part in our strawberry industry.

There is great progress being made by our plant growers, Weeks & Pearmine. They are wide awake, and they are only beginning in their big development work.

This issue of The Statesman will help to get the strawberry industry out of the dumps. It will go on with a wider vision; with a clearer track ahead.

One thing the Slogan editor would like to say: He does not object to work; but there ought to be better cooperation on the part of the men engaged in the various industries. When you are invited to write, that is your duty. It is an important duty. It is your industry. These Slogan issues are for your good, as well as for the general good. Do your bit. Do as well as the walnut and filbert men did. It divides the immense amount of work somewhat, and it gives a better general view, for the good of the whole industry.

Salem is going to be still more proud of her splendid public school system and buildings and equipment. It is fine business, too. There is nothing that is doing more for Salem than her earned reputation as an educational center.

SOME SOUND SENSE

Lane county, the home of the University of Oregon, returned the heaviest majority for the bill—3294.

Benton county, the home of the Oregon Agricultural college, also gave the measure a majority of 461.

Why these two counties should favor an income tax when the maintenance of their educational institutions is dependent on a millage tax is difficult to understand.

If the assessable valuation of the state shrinks as a result of the enactment of the measure—as it is possible may—the millage appropriations of the two educational institutions will be reduced in proportion. If the assessed valuation of the state does not increase due to normal industrial development, the state educational institutions will be the losers.

With a majority of 1566 votes for the bill, Clackamas county was second to Lane. Linn was third with a majority of 1369, and Washington fourth with a majority of 1065.

Union county, the home of Governor Pierce, who championed the bill, returned a favorable majority of approximately 931, and Umatilla county, his former home, a favorable majority of approximately 968. Marion county also returned a small majority for the measure.—Portland Evening Telegram.

The editorial comment reprinted above refers to the income tax election. It is made for the evident purpose of warning towns and counties that contain state institutions that Portland may punish them for voting so independently.

That may be plainly read between the lines. The Telegram places the "pork barrel" idea foremost in public affairs and seems to think that the people of any city or county receiving state appropriations should obey orders from the powers that control the state's big city, and have no right to think for themselves and vote their honest convictions. That appraises the inalienable right of suffrage at a very low valuation. Neither does it take into consideration the fact that the state university is not the property of Lane county nor the agricultural college of Benton county. These institutions belong to the people of Oregon and their location in any particular county should never be a matter of discussion, their value to the state at large being the only consideration that should ever be put up to the taxpayers. They are worthy of public support or they should not receive the appropriations necessary to maintain them. To call into question the verdict of the people of Lane and Benton counties at the polls in any election, whether on candidates for office or questions of public policy like the income tax, is contemptible. It is equivalent to saying that the people of these counties have sold their right of free expression of opinion for a price measured by the appropriations received by these schools, and an editor who places the responsibilities and duties of citizenship on a plane so low is not fit to be the spokesman for the people of Portland or any other community.—Eugene Guard.

Secretary Mellon is out with a demand for tax reduction, and he is backed by the president, who is saturated with New England thrift. He expects something to be done. America must live not only within its income, but in a manner to enable it to pay its debts. We are expecting much from this effort. Mellon never goes off half-cocked.

Certainly Salem has every reason to be proud of its Apollo club. The concert was splendid, but the finest part of it is that we have such an institution here at home. Salem needs this. It is one of our splendid assets, and we trust it will continue in popular favor.

Our old friend, the straw vote, got its worst plunk in the income tax election. Straw votes were taken everywhere and the vote was 100 to 1 against it.

Galli-Curci charges commercialization in the Chicago grand opera. Grand opera has been losing over a million a year, which has been put up by a rich man. It is hard to see how she gets away with her charge. Certainly grand opera should pay expenses.

Charles Forbes, former veteran bureau head, says there is a conspiracy to ruin him. If that is the only way to head this chap off, much strength to the conspiracy. He was tearing around like a bull at a church fair, and something had to stop him.

Ed Howe, a Kansas philosopher, has always insisted that success is easier than failure. It takes more courage, but pluck wins. And if a man has pluck, failure is defied.

Oil was the life-saver for California. They had assimilated all the tourists they could and were ready to break, until oil came along and they floated.

That'll be splendid." Mr. Cosgrove gave a relieved sigh. "I'll get the bait dug this afternoon. How many are going?"

"Just as many as wish," Dicky declared generously. "That boat of mine is like one of those old telescopes they used to pack clothing in—there's always room for someone extra."

"Well, let's see." Mr. Cosgrove was radiantly contemplative. His delight in the proposed expedition was patent to everyone. "You and Mrs. Graham, Miss Dean, that's three. How about you, Bob?" addressing Robert Savarin. "Do you think you could stand such a trip?" the artist asked the question of Lillian in lieu of an answer.

She shook her head. "I'm afraid not, Robert, but that need not—" "Count me out," Robert said decisively, and Pa Cosgrove turned to his wife, his eyes twinkling. "How about it, Mother?" he asked. "Will you go fishing with us?"

"I think I'll manage to struggle along tonight without going," she rejoined a bit tartly. "Then that makes six of us," her husband went on seemingly undismayed, "for the twins and me will sure be on the job. Now remember, you want to put on something old and warm, woolen stockings and sneakers, and take a sweater apiece along, for it gets mighty cool down there on those stones toward morning."

"Are you permitted to fish from the dam at night?" Lillian asked. "I thought—" Mr. Cosgrove put his finger to his lips and drew down his left eyelid in a prodigious wink.

"Hush!" he said. "Don't ask any questions, then you won't know anything if any inquisitive person should ask you anything. But don't any of you worry. I'll take all the responsibility."

"I shall have to go somewhere and buy some sneakers," Bess Dean said, calmly ignoring the fact that she had ruined mine, would have the same errand. "Who's going to volunteer to chauffeur me to the nearest shoe store, and tell me where it is?"

"Why, Madge has—" Dicky began with usual masculine bluntness, but it happened to be sitting near enough to him enable me to plan a wily kick upon his ankle, and with a wince he dropped the dangerous subject. I knew that for him to blurt out as I feared he would that I had a pair of sneakers too large for me in my trunk which she could have, would pitch so much fat into the fire that the ensuing blaze might not be subduable.

"Why can't you run Bess over to Phoenicia, Dicky?" I asked sweetly. "There's a shoe store there. And you can get me a pair while you're about it. I'll give you the size before you go."

"Delighted, I'm sure," Dicky said perfunctorily. But I caught a vindictive glance out of the corner of his eye, and knew that he was anything but pleased with his assignment.

Dicky's Story.

I wondered if I had hit upon an infallible recipe for preventing Dicky from philandering with attractive girls. Was it only necessary for me to urge his attention to any woman whom I subtly disliked or feared, in order to have him find her society irksome?

The day drifted lazily by as autumn days in the mountains do, and in the afternoon Dicky dutifully escorted Bess Dean on the

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Get a small jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any good drug-gist and use it like cold cream.—Adv.

November 11 to 29—Seventh annual Red Cross roll call.

November 17, Saturday—First Annual Pioneer Rally, YMCA.

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November 18, 21—Father and Son week.

November 22, 23 and 24—Corn show and industrial exhibit at army under auspices Chamber of Commerce.

November 23, Friday—Football, Willis metie vs. Pacific, probably at Fort Land.

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November 23, Friday—Closing Program Daily Bible School.

November 24, Friday and Saturday—Annual home coming and Oregon OAC football game at University of Oregon.

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