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WE NEED ONE IN SALEM

The other day, down in Los Angeles, a former economic expert with the Harriman interests was invited to speak to a group of city builders.

And the unexpected happened. Now, those Los Angeles city builders think they are some city builders. They are. They and their immediate predecessors have in a very short time built a city of a million people on a string of sand dunes; built it on climate and faith. The sand dunes were 35 miles from the ocean. They extended the city limits to the ocean and scooped out a harbor—San Pedro harbor. They had no water that was not so full of alkali that it would make a pillar of salt of a human being; they went to the mountains, 200 or 300 or more miles away, and piped an ample supply, getting at the same time great water powers. And so on, ad infinitum.

But this expert did not tell these city builders what miracles they had accomplished; he didn't even tell them what good fellows they were.

But he bluntly informed them how they were neglecting their opportunities; presented possibilities they had never realized, and intimated that they were painfully delirious in action—said they were actually falling down on their jobs.

The listeners felt chastened; and they gained fresh glimpses of a magnificent vista spread before them.

Now, we need an economic expert of that brand in Salem—a man who will prove conclusively to our people that they have a country of diversity, a land of opportunity; a city of destiny.

That the full development of the flax industry would give Salem a half million people; that dairying done to the limit here would make us a wonderfully rich community; along with the poultry and swine and allied industries; that our tree and bush and other fruit industries brought to their best development would help greatly; that we may almost feed the world with walnuts and filberts of quality—that, in short, our agricultural possibilities are as yet only touched around the edges.

And that we may harness water powers that will make Salem a great manufacturing city; with several paper mills where we have one; and sugar factories, glass factories and a thousand and one other manufacturing concerns.

And that we have the making of the most beautiful city on earth; a city of culture; of educational advantages in every line of human ambition.

An economic expert with words strong enough to convince our people of what they have at their doors; to convince them of their "Acres of Diamonds," would set Salem at a much stronger pace towards her goal of 50,000 population; and 100,000; and a half million; and then on up.

We have all the "makings." What we need is to get all of our people to see this, and then to work at it and talk of it every day in the year.

"THE NEW COMMANDMENTS"

(Los Angeles Times)

Mr. Cecil De Mille's motion picture, "The Ten Commandments," is a tourgeous test of the idealism of the theater going public.

If the public accepts it and the great lesson that it teaches perhaps other producers will be encouraged to see in the wide influence of the cinema something beyond mere entertainment.

It is an interesting phase not only of the motion picture industry, but of the thought of the day that this beautiful and remarkably striking sermon should have been the work of a director known throughout the amusement world for cynical brilliancy.

About a year ago Mr. De Mille appealed to The Times to speak for him to the American public; he wanted a really new idea for a big picture. He hoped for something original and unshakneyed and fresh. He offered a prize of \$1000 for even one word that would supply this thrill. He hoped thus to tap the thought currents of some untrained but original mind.

He got the idea; it was brand new and it was also the oldest idea in recorded language. Out of the thousands of ideas submitted eight different contestants suggested a picture to be based upon the Ten Commandments.

The cinema has been criticised for being immoral, trivial, trashy and supine. But there are few other industries in which a recognized leader would stake \$1,500,000 and his reputation to recall to the public their faith and to revive their ideals.

Since the Bible itself was written there has been no more wonderful presentation of the lesson of what faith can accomplish when faith is absolute and uncompromising.

"The Ten Commandments" is an extraordinary spectacle and a wonderful sermon. It is also an appealing and brave effort to stand valiantly for an ideal.

If the public will not accept this lesson in the form of a drama so splendid and so vivid, then the outlook is discouraging, indeed.

ABOUT CONGRESS

The framers of our constitution defined congress as a deliberating body to enact the legislation needed for the country. The congress enacts legislation now, but it is hardly a deliberating body. It is mostly a political forum through which in some inscrutable way sifts through some very satisfactory legislation. One of the things that keep the congressman busy is waiting on his constituent. The congressman is largely a lobbyist in the various departments to help some constituent put through something.

No matter what a constituent wants, whether an invitation to dinner or a public contract, the first thing he does is to put his congressman to work on the job. This is the explanation of those 200 letters a day members send to the veterans' bureau; this is what Senator Walsh means by political interference with the administration of that bureau.

We know from the revelation what these things have resulted

the mismanagement in the locating and building of hospitals. These results are likely to continue to flow from the administration of government so long as congress remains a lobby mill instead of attending to its own business.

Some of our friends are wondering why the Oregon Statesman has made friendly remarks about France and more kindly remarks about Germany. The reason is apparent to any student of European affairs. France has stood in the way of readjustment and reparation and has prevented America from finding foreign markets for the surplus products. Germany has done its best to meet the requirements of the Versailles treaty, and we believe honestly failed. In wartime we hated Germany with the best of them, but after it was over our chief aim was to build up Europe and secure the restoration of our markets. It may be a little bit selfish, but at the same time we would rather help the farmers

Germany do impossible things. We do not want a bolshevik Germany, and hope it will be averted.

TEACHING HEALTH

In our teaching of children, book learning is not enough. We should teach them health as the chief ingredient of strength. We are not doing this as much as we should, although the agency seems to be strengthening. Healthy children will be called upon to do the work of the world. Sometimes a sickly child grows into a healthful manhood, but think what the man could have done if he had been physically equal with his fellow man. The competition of the world is so keen, the struggle for survival is so desperate, that the strongest men have trouble maintaining themselves. The world needs strong men, men strong in body, strong in will, strong in heart and strong in courage.

SLASHING THE TAX LEVY

Secretary Mellon wants to knock \$300,000,000 off the present government expense, and strange as it might seem, his plan is met with the most determined opposition in spite of the clamor and the protest against high taxes. As a matter of fact we all want money enough voted to take care of any special thing in which we are interested.

Certainly there has been enough complaining about high taxes to have congress believe that it is honest, certainly there has been enough waste in government so that if we can take up some of the slack it would be for better government as well as a more economical administration.

GETTING OURS

The irrigation projects now under way should be carried to completion. It is right and necessary. But we should not start new ones. The condition of agriculture is so unsettled that he is no benefactor who makes two stalks of wheat grow where one grew before. In the enthusiasm of our prosperity we sought to reclaim all the uncultivated land and wonderful projects were formed, but in the following depression the whole country suffered.

It is wise to carry on what we have already outlined, but further than that the government should not go.

BETTER LEGS MOVEMENT

There have been various movements in this country and a good many of them result in good. Some have worked a real reformation. The show here the other night indicated that we need a better leg week. The two dozen or more pairs of legs on exhibition were not such as would be a credit to the sex or to inspire women to major in that particular development. If we have to have these kilt effects, certainly we should have the best specimens going. We feel we were not

shows the best. It may be that it is because we are getting old, but somehow a girl's leg looks better in tights behind the footlights than a natural.

LAW VIOLATORS

President Coolidge spoke no truer thing in his message than, after declaring that people should obey the law, he went further and said that all people should want it known that they obey the law.

He is appealing to the innate pride of the upstanding American, and it is an appeal that should not go unheeded.

We have an intense epic or cycle of lawlessness. Men are not respecting the law. They only want it enforced against the other fellow. We have reached the point where we want the law enforced, and want people to know we want it enforced.

HOOVER LOOKOUT

Secretary Hoover has filed his annual report and it is just such a document as one would expect it to be. Mr. Hoover is a man of large foresight and his conclusions are accepted as the last word on any subject he enters. Mr. Hoover says times are getting better, and proves it. He bids us be of great courage, and shows us why we should be. A great man is on guard in the commercial department and his entire work is to help.

We notice that the petitions are still being circulated for the recall of Governor Pierce. If the circulars have over 84,000, as they say, what is the use of continuing?

There are some things that we might teach England. One is that election is not necessarily a rough-house.

FUTURE DATES

- December 12, Wednesday—Annual Rotary ladies' night.
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- December 13, Thursday—All day bazaar—United Artisans, Odd Fellows hall.
- December 15, Saturday—Marion County Principals' association meets at high school.
- December 15, Saturday—Marion County school directors' association, Chamber of Commerce, morning and afternoon sessions.
- December 14, Friday—Annual election of officers for the Chamber of Commerce.
- December 14, Friday—40th Anniversary at Silverton.
- December 15, Saturday—Organization of reserve officers' association, Arthur.
- December 25, Tuesday—Christmas day.
- December 27, Thursday—Annual election of officers, Business Men's League.
- January 1, Tuesday—New Year day.
- January 2, Tuesday—Installation of officers, Capital Tea, N. P. American Legion.
- January 6—International week of prayer.
- January 10, 11 and 12—County judges and commissioners of Oregon to meet in Salem.
- January 12, Saturday—Masonic ceremonial at Albany.
- February 23, Saturday—Dedication of state "The Circuit Rider," in state house grounds.

STOUT PERSONS
Incline to full feeling after eating, gassy pains, constipation
Relieved and digestion improved by
CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS
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Cap'n Zyb

Almost every fellow envies the mysterious magician who is constantly spring some fresh surprise and mystifying the audience by his capers. Every fellow can do



many of these same tricks without very much trouble. The next several days I'll tell you how some of these things are done, as they have been explained to me by a professional magician, Maxwell the Great.

"First," cautions Maxwell, "never tell an audience what you are going to do because that gets them looking too hard and they are liable to see something which you wish to keep hidden. Never repeat the trick the same way during the same performance. If you happen to have hard luck and give your trick away, don't get fussed, just make a joke out of it and get your audience laughing with you.

One of Maxwell's good tricks is to take a few mysterious passes over it, pour a little muddy water over it and turn it to a violet color. He will then wash it in clear water but the color will not wash out. The way it is done is to take a real boiled, or raw, potato and have a glass of muddy water in which there is some liquid iodine. The iodine will stain the potato violet in short order when the water is poured over the potato.

—CAP'N ZYB.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS . . . CHAPTER 46

THE LOOPHOLE PA COSGROVE GAVE BESS DEAN

I gasped at the revelation of utter callous selfishness which Bess Dean gave in her proposal to Dicky that we go back to the Cosgrove home, leaving Pa Cosgrove to accompany the physician back

to the inn where the wounded trooper lay.

That she heard me I knew by the impatient twitch the shoulder next me gave. But she was too intent upon Dicky's probable answer to her little speech to pay further attention to me. And my interest in his answer rivaled hers, though I did not turn my head a quarter of an inch toward them.

"Very clever idea, that," he said, and there was apparent warm admiration in his voice. "Your idea being, I presume, that there is no need for us to get mixed up in the thing."

"Exactly," Bess Dean's voice was crisp, assured. "We are only boarders here, anyhow, any they ought not to expect us to mix up with their neighborhood fights. There's Pa Cosgrove now, coming out with another man. He must be the doctor, for he has the regulation bag with him. Suppose you go and tell him."

"A Chest Protector?"

"No need for that," Dicky replied. "They're coming over here. By the way, Madge, aren't you cold? I thought Lillian gave you a chest protector."

"A chest protector?" Bess Dean exclaimed in laughing bewilderment. But I comprehended what Dicky meant. With an intuition that seemed to me to be uncanny coming from careless Dicky, he

had guessed that Lillian had provided me with her badge of the diplomatic secret service, and I realized that it was safe and that I meant to use it if necessary.

"She did," I returned. "Since her own illness, Lillian's been terribly fussy over health precautions." I swept an apologetic mental obeisance to Lillian for my traddiddle. "But I haven't needed it so far, though I'll put it on if it gets chillier."

"See that you do," Dicky returned with the most approved conjugal authority. If he meant to say anything else it was cut short by the appearance of Pa Cosgrove and the physician at the side of the car. Pa Cosgrove gave us the briefest of introductions and then hurried into a proposal that I hoped would abash Bess Dean, although I had my doubts of it.

"There's no use of you folks getting mixed up in this mess," he said, "especially as that Smith may try to make trouble. So I'll just go down with the doc, and you folks can go on home. The boys can come back on the running board of the doc's car, if they don't take us down to the Kingston jail."

Dicky to the Fore.

His voice was jovial, but there was an undercurrent of apprehension in it, and I knew that he was

by no means easy in his mind concerning the probable action of the man Smith.

"You're a dear, Pa Cosgrove!" Bess Dean cried with enthusiasm. "What did I tell you, Dicky-bird?" "So many things that I can't remember," he retorted. "This is awfully decent of you, Cosgrove," he went on in a tone which for the life of me I could not interpret. It might presage acceptance or indignant rejection of the elder man's offer. "But this expedition is captained by a better man than I. The lady at the wheel is the boss. Long experience has taught me not to open my mouth until she has spoken."

I choked at the vision of Dicky perpetually meek and silent. Bess Dean swirled quickly in her seat. "Of course, Madge," she began.

"Of course we're going back."

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Nose stopped up? MENTHOLATUM quickly clears it and lets you breathe.

It's the follow-through—that extra drive that carries through the entire swing—that lifts the ball over the fence. "Home Run" power is missing in the half swing or tap.

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GASOLINES explode in two ways. Some detonate—explode instantaneously. They depend on a single crashing blow to pound the piston down. Because of a tendency to explode prematurely they limit compression, thus reducing power and efficiency. Detonation causes much of the "knocking" which you notice on hills. And the crashing blows, repeated, increase vibration—more wear and tear.

Sustained Impulse

Union Gasoline is different. It is non-detonating—produces a sustained explosion. It thrusts the piston throughout the entire stroke, doesn't crash against it. And because it doesn't detonate, it permits full compression in your motor. For authorities agree that compression is limited by the tendency of a gasoline to detonate.

Stronger on Hills

With Union Non-Detonating Gasoline, you'll notice a new "lift" on hills, new speed on the level, and more snap in the pickup, all due to increased compression and pistons that are thrust down all the way.

Sustained impulse also means less vibration, which saves wear and tear. All this means high efficiency, which results in increased fuel economy.

So there are several good reasons for the use of Union Non-Detonating Gasoline.

Union Non-Detonating Gasoline is the product of progressive refining methods. Its quality is governed by exhaustive tests. The research of able chemists, equipped with the finest facilities for studying refining methods, is constantly devoted to its improvement.

Union Oil Company of California

Union Gasoline

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LET'S GET READY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS



A SEWING BOX
The sewing box is such a worthwhile gift to give, and so much fun to make, that the girl who is interested in handicraft may find herself making two or three or four of them.

Very strong cardboard or corrugated board should be used for the backing. Cut the sides and bottom as in figure I. The sides are 9x5 inches, the bottom 9x2 1/2. Lay them in the order you find them in the first figure, with a piece of cretonne underneath. Leave a quarter-inch space between the boards and an inch margin of cretonne all around.

Put a light coating of paste on the backs of the boards, pressing them down so as to fasten to the cretonne. Then paste the flaps over the edge as in figure II. Your lining may be a solid color of silk or cotton material. Cut it the size of the cardboard plus an inch margin all around. Before you

THE FUN BOX

Severe Case
"Mamma! Mamma!" cried the little girl at the circus, looking at a leopard, "that doggie has the largest measles I ever saw!"

Big Time
Mr. Jackson: "What you all tote sech a big watch fo'?"
Mr. Johnson: "'Cause I've an important man an' my time is valuable."

Taken
Student: "I want 'The Life of Julius Caesar.'"
Librarian: "You're late. Brutus took it long ago."

All There
Kind Lady: "Don't any of your friends come to see you on visiting days?"
Prisoner: "No'm, they're all here with me."

Answer to today's picture puzzle: The padding weighs three pounds.

AN ARITHMETIC PUZZLE
IF A PUDDING BALANCES WITH THREE-FOURTHS OF A PUDDING AND THREE-FOURTHS OF A POUND OF CHEESE, WHAT IS ITS WEIGHT?

