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SHALL SALEM Y HAVE A NEW HOME?

The Salem Y. M. C. A. has become a very active organization. Many interests center in the building of the Y. The Y is a free employment bureau, working with the United States government.

And the activities in the present building have become so many and so great that the space is all taken up and the rooms are fairly running over.

In fact, the work has outgrown the building. The directors of the Salem Y. M. C. A. have purchased a lot for the site of a new building; fronting on Court street, next to the Court apartments.

The Association owes the balance, \$8500, and the amount is due; over due.

What shall be done? The directors of the Association have appointed a committee to work with friends of the work in Salem in securing pledges to pay this \$8500.

Not in a general canvass. This is sought to be avoided at the present time.

The plan is to put on a campaign next fall for funds for a new building for the Y. M. C. A. Arrangements are now under way for securing the help of the man in the international organization who furnishes the tentative architectural outlines for such buildings throughout the country and the world.

It is highly desirable that the matter of providing full payment for the lot be out of the way before the campaign for the proposed building is ready to launch.

And it is also important that this preliminary be arranged for so that it may not interfere with the main campaign.

That is about the situation— Though it is not official. The official staff has no knowledge that this article is being written or published; nor the committee, either.

Well, why is it written? It is written for the purpose of calling attention to the situation as it stands; or about as it stands. There is some one, some where, who will provide the needed \$1000 pledge, and there are men and women in Salem who will provide the needed additional \$500 pledges, if they can be shown how important is the work being carried on now.

And how great is the need of a new building, constructed and arranged and equipped for the better accommodation of this work, and its growth.

All other plans for campaigns of a like kind in Salem have been deferred.

The Y. M. C. A. has the right of way. The opportunity ought not to be lost. Nothing should be left in the way of the campaign that is planned. The \$8500 ought to be provided; it must be paid in some way. Salem is entitled to a Y. M. C. A. building creditable to the size and importance of the city. The work that ought to be carried on here in this field justifies it. It is as important as the building of new stores and factories and homes; as important even from a business and investment standpoint—to say nothing of the moral values that are above price.

HURRAH! 1923 BEATS 1922

Some of us were fearful that the cannery output in Salem for 1923 might fall below that of 1922. Not so. The final figures will show a growth.

The totals have not yet been made up; but that much is certain. Salem is a great cannery center, and a constantly growing one.

AN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

A distinct public service has been rendered by Prof. Paul V. Maris, director extension service, OAC. In preparing and publishing an agricultural program for Oregon. This program outlines the conditions of Oregon, and especially for being successful in farming, and what to expect when a man does farm.

It is divided into departments, which cover all conditions arising in this state. 1. What crops, livestock, and fruit products can most profitably be grown and marketed in the state of Oregon.

2. How the production of these commodities can best be distributed and organized to harmonize with natural conditions and facilitate marketing.

In brief, we are endeavoring to present Oregon agriculture as it is, analyze the factors that have a bearing upon its further development, and suggest the general outlines of a program for the guidance of all agencies concerned with agricultural improvement.

Much is known and recorded about how to produce crops, but it is apparent that we must likewise give consideration to the question of what crops we are to produce. Particularly is this true in a state as yet undeveloped, far removed from great consuming centers, and with a wide range of choice as to possible lines of production.

Opportunities for diversification add to the complexity of our problem of developing a well balanced agriculture.

CHILDREN AND A COMMUNITY

Every community should, be conducted upon lines that will make its children like the place as they grow up. In other words, from infancy the children must be reared with the spirit that our laws are made for the purpose of being obeyed and enforced, and that the duty of citizenship be such that a growing child must regard it a privilege to be a law-abiding citizen.

While speaking of our children, the older people give a mighty fine object lesson in not enforcing the anti-cigarette law. It is a wicked thing to sell cigarettes to minors. It not only breaks the law, but it ruins what otherwise might be an honorable example.

DEMOCRATIC POLICY

The Democratic party of Oregon is a good deal mixed up just now. The chief subject of interest is the senatorship. Two men have been running for some time, each trying hard to get Governor Pierce's announcement.

And now the Baker Herald comes out editorially and makes the flat and unqualified statement that Governor Pierce is ready to play Strayer "across the board," to use a race-track term. Here is the assertion:

"Announcement of Governor Walter M. Pierce recently that he would lend his unqualified support to the candidacy of Bill Strayer of this city for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, and his election, providing he received the nomination, adds another feather to Strayer's campaign bonnet. Governor Pierce, in a great measure, owes his present position to the fact that Bill did not seek the state honor and worked night and day in behalf of his former colleague in the state legislature. That the governor realizes his debt of gratitude to Mr. Strayer is evidenced by his recent expression favoring the local legislator."

A COUNTY NURSE

A friend from the country called The Statesman early yesterday morning to protest against the proposition of a county nurse. The man was entirely sincere and entirely within his rights, of course, but we cannot help thinking that he does not understand the great good that comes from a county nurse. The picture painted by Mrs. Carson was unusual, but it happened to be the exact facts in that particular case.

We notice that scientists are discovering that for some reason up to now unknown, Oregon has entirely escaped earthquakes. However, it continues the reputation just the same. Kansas does not have cyclones, yet a man in this city told us a month ago that he would not go through Kansas on a train for fear of cyclones.

King Tut we are going to have with us a long time. The excavators tell us it will take years to clear out the tomb and restore the various articles. King Tut and Henry Ford are running a neck-to-neck race as the world's chief advertisers.

ALASKA

The great northwest is undertaking to help Alaska get a square deal. It has not had this up to this time. We have exploited it, we have robbed it, but we have never given it respectable treatment. Alaska is our richest territory, and yet we have treated it worse than the average person treats a poor relation.

It is time for Alaska to get a square deal, something it has never had. The northwest is especially interested in the development of Alaska. Its immense coal fields and its wonderful mining possibilities not only appeal to us, but promise to supply real needs.

IT WAS FINE

A Statesman representative had the pleasure of attending the second rehearsal of the boys' chorus, conducted by Dr. Epley of the YMCA. It was an inspiring as well as a surprising experience. Those little fellows, gathered from all parts of the city, and inspired by their leaders, find some music somewhere in their music boxes and their harmony is a matter of congratulation.

Let us express the hope that these boys will be able to go out over Salem on Christmas Eve and sing carols, especially to the old people, who would be the most glad to hear them.

INVESTIGATING SANTA CLAUS

In this age of universal doubt it is nice to know that a committee of prominent men have been appointed to investigate Santa Claus. The friends of the old gentleman want a most thorough investigation. After it is all over good old Santa Claus will stand revealed as the kindest spirit in all the world.

We have been alarmed the last few years at the growing tendency to discredit him, but we look upon this investigation as the opportunity to extend the idea of a good old St. Nicholas. We pity the people who do not believe in Santa Claus. No matter what their age or their condition in life, Santa Claus is their friend.

A REVOLUTION

The astounding news comes to us that there has been a revolution in America since 1914. We all knew that mighty changes were being made, but none of us had gone the length of believing there was a real revolution. However, once attention is called to it, it is easy enough to see that the old things have passed away and new things have come. The world is full of new thoughts, new ideals and new purposes.

We are inclined to credit the revolution idea. It harmonizes with much that is happening today and with what has happened.

PORTUGAL

About ten years ago the king of Portugal became frightened and ran away. The whole nation was dumfounded. There was just one thing to do, and that was to organize a republic and carry on the government. This was done, and despite the various vicissitudes, the government has prospered. Gradually the people have taken their bearings, and more and more they are supporting the republic.

CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND

The Oregon Statesman is very much pleased because the Republican convention has been taken away from Chicago. It has never been treated fairly in that great city. If the hotels have done the best that they could, they have done so poorly that they should not be patronized. Cleveland has never before entertained the convention, and nearly a million people are uniting in seeing that this one is a success.

It was plainly to be seen that his natural arrogance, his dislike of having an opinion of his discredited, or some other less clear reason was urging him to this demand, so preposterous. In any ordinary assemblage he would have been laughed at heartily. But so great was his influence among the loungers at the inn that from several of them came an assenting murmur.

I must have heard his words, for I found afterward that I could repeat them just as they fell from his lips. But at the time he was speaking I was conscious of nothing but his voice. That I had heard it before I was certain, and yet I was equally sure that never in my life had I seen him. Could I ever have heard his voice over a telephone or in a crowd, or—a speculation so fantastic flashed into my mind that I thought my brain reeling a bit, and I pushed it away as unworthy of credence.

We are a great people to gad. At one hotel in the month of November 28 states and a lot of foreign countries were represented on the register. If this increases at the same ratio it has been doing, we will have to ask each other "when do we work?"

FUTURE DATES

- December 14, Friday—Annual election of officers for the Chamber of Commerce.
December 14, Friday—40 & 8 Orre-monial at Silverton.
December 15, Saturday—Marion County Principals' association meets at high school at Silverton.
December 15, Saturday—Marion County school directors association. Chamber of Commerce, morning and afternoon sessions.
December 15, Saturday—Organization of servas officers association, army and navy officers association.
December 17, Tuesday—Women's club dinner at First Baptist church for benefit Old Peoples home.
December 17, Tuesday—City Federation of clubs to elect officers.
December 18, Tuesday—Boxing at armory.
December 21, Friday—Holiday vacation begins in Salem schools.
December 21, Tuesday—Christmas day.
December 27, Thursday—Annual election of officers Business Men's League.
January 1, Tuesday—Annual open house, YMCA.
January 2, Wednesday—Holiday vacation ends in Salem schools.
January 3, Thursday—Marion County grand jury meets.
January 8 and 9—Benefit show at Grand theater for Albertina Kerr baby home.
January 8, Tuesday—Installation of officers Capitol Post No. 2, American Legion.
January 9-10—International week of prayer.
January 10, 11 and 12—County judges and commissioners of Oregon to meet in Salem.
January 12, Saturday—Memorial service at Albion.
January 12-14—National Thrift Week.
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MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 48 The Question Madge Asked Smith That Struck Home

As Dr. Moss issued his ultimatum the face of the man named Smith purpled with arrogant anger. I guessed that it was the first time in many moons anybody had dared to cross him, and his fury was patent to every one. But the young captain of the troopers appeared not to notice his wrath, and spoke quickly to the physician instead.

"How would you like him transported, doctor?" "I'd like an ambulance, of course!" Dr. Moss retorted, a bit testily. "But whether or not we can wait for one is another question. You were able to keep him fairly horizontal when you brought him in, weren't you, Cosgrove?"

"Yes, and with more to help lift him, we'll be able to do far better going to Kingston. How about it, Mrs. Graham? Will you drive us down, or will you?" He turned to Dicky uncertainly, but neither of us had a chance to answer him, for the man named Smith struck in angrily, peremptorily.

"But this is absurd, Hastings. Are you going to let these people go like this? They come in here with a ridiculous story of having found this man in the reservoir grounds, wounded. Now, what were they doing in the reservoir at this time of night? It is perfectly plain what happened. He interfered with them, one of them gave him this blow, and then—knowing the probable consequences—they brought him here, thinking they would throw dust in your eyes. They should not be permitted to carry this man, or, if they do, only one of their party should go, the woman, and the rest of the escort should consist of your own men, or people known to you. I myself, will be glad to make one of the escort. And I insist that the others of this party be guarded if not placed under arrest until this thing is investigated."

A Wild Thought.

It was plainly to be seen that his natural arrogance, his dislike of having an opinion of his discredited, or some other less clear reason was urging him to this demand, so preposterous. In any ordinary assemblage he would have been laughed at heartily. But so great was his influence among the loungers at the inn that from several of them came an assenting murmur. I must have heard his words, for I found afterward that I could repeat them just as they fell from his lips. But at the time he was speaking I was conscious of nothing but his voice. That I had heard it before I was certain, and yet I was equally sure that never in my life had I seen him. Could I ever have heard his voice over a telephone or in a crowd, or—a speculation so fantastic flashed into my mind that I thought my brain reeling a bit, and I pushed it away as unworthy of credence.

Did He Change Color

But his whole attitude and manner so antagonized me—he is the overbearing insolent type of man I most detest—that I longed to discredit him before his satellites. Of course, the exhibition of Lillian's badge would do it, but that was not a thing to flout lightly; instead, something to be saved for use only when everything else had failed. I cast a swift, furtive glance at Mr. Cosgrove and the twins, wondering if they had been discreet in what they had said, decided that they had, and spoke incisively: "May I ask how you know that we found the man in the reservoir grounds?"

I was prepared to affect feminine embarrassment if his answer should show to me that either Pa Cosgrove or the twins had definitely named the place of our discovery, but one glance at their faces showed me that I had struck a blow with my question.

For just a fleeting second I saw

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startled confusion in the cold, brilliant eyes of the man named Smith. But he was too poised to show his defeat. His voice was metallic as he answered: "Some one of your party said so."

"Which one?" I faced him squarely, compelling his attention to me. I saw that the troop captain, Hastings, was glad of my interruption, for he, with the physician and Pa Cosgrove, had not waited for the completion of Smith's demand for our arrest to begin the transfer of the young trooper from the table to the car, and I therefore had no fear that I was delaying things by my colloquy.

"You are insolent!" He lifted his chin arrogantly, staring down at me in evident amazement that a woman should dare to question him. But I was standing directly in his path, which was so hedged by tables that he would have had to use physical force to push me aside.

"No, only inquisitive," I answered coolly. "And I would also like to know whether you have accounted for your own movements this evening."

Did he change color? I almost could have sworn that he did. At any rate, his voice was raucous, snarling, as he shot a quick question back at me: "What the devil do you mean, you?"

I interrupted him with a quick glance of alarm toward Dicky, for I feared his temper if he should hear the manner in which the man named Smith was speaking to me. But I need not have feared his interference, I told myself bitterly, for his back was toward me, and Bess Dean was clinging to his arm.

(To be continued)

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Salem can can— And she did can more this year than last.

The swan song of the cannery season for Salem for 1923 is being sung today.

But the stage will be set for another increase for 1924; let us hope it may be a big one.

A lot of farmers who know how to make the most of it are going to be given an opportunity to buy some of the richest land in the world; a part of the Labish Meadows holdings.

There are 24 gym classes going at the Salem Y. M. C. A., and 1101 other activities. It is a human beehive, and the room and facilities are not half big enough for Salem.

One of the contest workers on The Statesman was picking off new subscribers in the foothills of the Cascades yesterday, wading in snow two feet deep, and back in Salem in shirt sleeves weather in the evening. We have a variety of climates here in a range of 40 to 50 miles.

They have a citizenship class down at the Y. Ten men are learning about their adopted country, for the next citizenship examination, Feb. 6. That is good work.

If Salem is to have a new Y. M. C. A. building, worthy of the city and the work, every preparation must be made for the big drive next fall. There is no time to lose.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS STATESMAN

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STORIES OF FUR AND FUR TRAPPING

The racoon and the Opossum

Except for bats and flying squirrels, the racoon is the best known night-prowler. He looks something like an undersized bear, being clumsy and thickly built, with short ears and a coat of long, coarse, grayish-brown hairs. His distinctive mark is his bushy white-ringed tail.

The darker, heavier-furred racoon, sometimes called Swamp Coon, never strays far from his wet, muddy home close to the water. He is a strong, fierce antagonist in a hunt, capable of a long run, who sells his life dearly.

The opossum is found in the United States in the region known as the Cotton Belt. A full-grown opossum is about eighteen inches long, of a grizzly gray color with a bare, scaly tail like a rat.

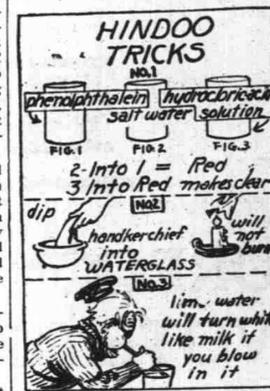
The opossum is the only fur-bearing animal that is pouched. In the spring the mother produces from six to sixteen young ones which she places in her pouch. She carries them for about two months, or until they are the size of mice and able to take care of themselves.

The largest part of the year the opossum has only hair on his body, but from November to March he has an underfur which makes him marketable. Sometimes his pelt is made up and sold as opossum fur, but often it is dyed to imitate skunk and is called black marten.

(Next week: "Russia's Contributions to the Fur Markets.")

Cap'n Zyb

1. "Observe closely this miracle of the Hindoo fakirs," invites Maxwell. "You see on this table three glasses of clear water which I will name glasses one, two and



three, or Mary, Annie and Minnie. I take glass one and pour a little of glass two into it and behold! it becomes fire red. Now, as I pour a little of glass three into the red, it becomes clear again."

2. "With this simple little pocket handkerchief I defy the laws of nature because I place it over this lighted candle and it does not burn," says Maxwell. "You can do the same thing if you will prepare the handkerchief in advance, as Maxwell did, by previously dipping it into 'water glass,' a substance which is used to pickle eggs."

3. "Ladies and gentlemen, I will blow through this glass tube into this clear glass of water and lo, my fiery breath will turn it milk-white and cause a powder to settle on the bottom of the glass. Watch closely and see that I am blowing nothing but my own clear breath through the tube." To do this, do just as the magician did, but do not use clear water. He didn't. He used lime water and so must you.

—CAP'N ZYB.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kellogg were visiting at the William Schwartz home Sunday.

The Community Bridge club met with Mrs. Karl Kugel last Monday. Mrs. Wright was honored with high score.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pettes spent Sunday in Portland with Mrs. Pettes' mother.

C. C. Page made a business trip to Eugene last week. Mrs. Karl Harriett entertained her Sunday school class last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Minna Toev spent Sunday in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Anderson have moved to Washington. Howard Page visited Mrs. S. I. Smith of Rieckroff last week.

Miss Virginia Page spent last Saturday with Miss Palmoma Prouty of Salem. Mrs. A. Jones has been visiting Mrs. James Imiah.

The Sweet Briar club met with Mrs. James Imiah last Wednesday.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Farmer and Laborer Editor Statesman.—We notice at yesterday's labor meeting Mr. Hartwig advocated a coalition between the workers on the farm and the workers in the city. He did not say whether the workers of the city should adopt a farmer's schedule according to what the farmer can afford to pay, or in other words, shall the farmer laborer adopt 8 hours and higher wages or shall the city laborer adopt lower wages and longer hours.—An Ex-Farmer.

Miss Lavina Anderson is slowly recovering from her recent serious illness.

Lester Robbins was a visitor at the Anderson home Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Findley and Gus Livingston went to Silverton Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Rample of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Town Sunday.

There will be a bazaar at the Popcorn schoolhouse next Saturday night, Dec. 15.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Southwick on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

CLOVERDALE

John Thomas, an employe at the Spaulding mill in Salem, spent Monday at home here.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who has been staying in Portland recently, has been visiting the past few days with Dr. Mary Staples.

William Butzky, W. F. Wright and J. M. Hamilton visited Salem Tuesday.

Miss Mary Hennis was shopping in Salem Tuesday.

The WCTU members met with Mrs. Helen Butzky last Wednesday and an enjoyable day was had. There were about 14 people present, among whom were Mrs. Clara Massey and baby Bill, from southern Oregon, who is spending the winter here with her parents.

Ivan Hadley was a Marion visitor last Wednesday. William Farr, W. F. Wright and Fred Feller were Salem visitors last Saturday.

W. Wright and W. H. Wilson are busy repairing the telephone line.

NEW CORPORATIONS

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the Marjory-Crotzer Motor company of Tillamook, capitalized at \$6000. The incorporators are David Marjory, Lloyd J. Crotzer and John Leland Henderson.

Notice of an increase in capitalization from \$400,000 to \$700,000 was filed by the Manary Logging company of Portland.

Fat That Shows Soon Disappears

Prominent fat that comes and stays where it is not needed is a burden, a hindrance to activity, a curb upon pleasure. You can take off the fat when it shows by taking after each meal and at bedtime one Marmola Prescription Tablet. These little tablets are as effective and harmless as the famous prescription from which they take their name. Buy and try a box today. All druggists the world over sell them, at one dollar for a box or you can order them direct from the Marmola Co., 4612 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. You can thus say goodbye to dieting, exercise and fat.

CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS

In Germany in the olden days Christmas presents came only to good children. A naughty child was very likely to find upon awakening Christmas morning a scolding birch rod instead of toys. Sometimes it was the custom for the parents to lay all the gifts they had prepared for the young people on a table in the great parlor. They unwrapped them and then the mother would tell each of her daughters, and the father tell each son, that which had been observed in his conduct during the year that was worthy, naming well that which was faulty.

Another old custom in Northern Germany was for all the parcels of the village to send their children's presents to one person who dressed up on Christmas Eve in high buskins, a white robe, mask and a flag viz to personate Knecht Rupert, who, it is thought, was the servant of St. Nicholas.

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