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PROGRESSIVE AND PROSPEROUS 1924

Salem and the surrounding country enter the new year with higher hopes than ever before, for substantial growth and enduring prosperity.

With over 22,000 people within the city limits and some 25,000 in what is termed in census parlance her metropolitan district, that is, including her suburbs, and far above 100,000 people within her trade territory—

And, what is quite as important, or even more important, with a people in the city proper, the metropolitan district and the surrounding country who have larger visions than ever before of the possibilities for the growth of their city and the opportunities for development of their country—

Of the city of destiny, the land of diversity, the country of opportunity.

During 1922 there was what appeared to conservative men a building boom in Salem and its suburbs; but in 1923 both the totals in number of buildings and in the value of all constructions were larger than the year before, and there is every indication that 1924 will see still mounting totals, with no apparent sign of over building; as witness the few vacant dwellings now and the fewer vacant business places.

The Salem school district has on its program for 1924 the construction of the \$225,000 junior high school building on North Capitol street; work to commence with early spring.

Salem has six canneries, and they are accountable for the great bulk of the \$36,060 cases of fruits packed during the present year in Marion county—about a fifth of the total pack of the Pacific Northwest. There will be at least seven canneries in 1924, and some of the six already here will have increased capacity.

There is a prospect of greater development of the flax industry, with the possibility of securing for Salem a spinning and weaving plant; and that would be the real beginning of an enormous industry, one of the greatest in the United States.

There is a very good prospect of real development of Salem's mining district, on a large scale—meaning a mining camp with thousands of people in the Santiam district.

The people of Salem and the surrounding country are doing better team work than ever before; that alone is a guarantee of great things, with such vast resources undeveloped or only partly developed.

The affairs of the nation have an outlook that is encouraging. The savings accounts of the people of the United States increased a billion dollars in the past fiscal year. There is very little unemployment, and that for the most part seasonal. Domestic trade and business are increasing fast; especially is our trade with all South and Central American countries, and with Mexico, growing wonderfully. Our world trade is growing beyond all expectations.

The outlook for 1924, all up and down the line, is good.

IMMIGRATION

In the middle west the immigration question has never been an issue and many people cannot understand why it is taken so seriously in the seaport towns. It is a national issue, but has not had national application because so few of the immigrants get to the interior from either coast. Recently the Chicago Tribune had an unusually sane article on immigration, which is worthy of being reproduced in The Statesman.

"Two hundred and fifty years ago, when Marquette and Joliet first looked at the Chicago river and made the portage into the tributaries of the Mississippi, they thought the lakes and the valley would be French. A little more than a hundred years ago the southwest and the Pacific coast were Spanish. Later they were Mexican and a little later it was feared the Pacific coast would be Russian. The civil war decided that there should not be two nations here. It already had been decided that the land should not have areas of Spanish, Russian, and French tradition, language, culture, and government.

Our predecessors gave us a nation unbroken from coast to coast and they had to use wisdom in statesmanship, daring in exploration and settlement, and fortitude in war. If they had been indifferent or timid there might be at least two nations or three or four within the continental boundaries of the United States. We are generally agreed that it is better there is one nation, with one language, one standard of institutions and the foundations of a common culture. Thus we do not have the dangers of contact with people who in masses would be unsympathetic or hostile.

If the Atlantic seaboard were English, the Mississippi valley and the lakes French, the southwest Spanish, and the Pacific coast Russian, continental America would be Europe all over again.

The progenitors of this generation did their work wisely and with courage. They did not make present day people the victims of their unwisdom, their lack of vision, or their timidity. If in the beginning they had been timid or foolish, a Frenchman in Chicago might now have to get a visa to go to New York and an American

in New York a visa to go to Florida.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY

The humane laws of Salem, and we fear of Oregon also, are medieval. They offer no chance for the lover of animals to enjoy them. However, despite this unfavorable condition, the humane society is continuing to function and has been able to do considerable good. It cannot do what it ought to do, but it can do something. The Salem humane officer is Dr. W. G. Morehouse, and his telephone is 1510. In a letter to the Oregon Statesman, the president, Col. E. Hofer, says that the society would like to make its work more effective in this part of the state. The active manager, Mrs. F. W. Swanton, is the only member of the board who gets any compensation whatsoever. Certainly this is a worthy cause and one that the people of Salem would be right glad to assist.

THE FIRST SNOW

There was a good deal of rejoicing and a great deal more complaining, and some real fault finding when the people woke up Monday morning and found the ground covered with snow. The newcomers declared it kept them from getting homesick. Some of the old timers declared that they had come from the eastern states especially to get rid of such discomforts.

The snow was a glorious thing. The weather was not cold, and the atmosphere was delightfully bracing. To breathe deeply was like breathing the nectar of life, and just to live was a blessing that could easily be enjoyed. It may have caused some suffering, but there was so much happiness because of the snow that it is pretty well evened up. The snow is a rarity here and does not last long when it does come.

AN ISSUE WITHOUT A PARTY

Spokesmen for the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment have claimed that an overwhelming sentiment was being created in the United States in favor of a modification of the prohibition laws. But it appears that such proposed action is without supporters even in what was once

claimed to be the house of its friends. The recent nation-wide survey conducted by The Christian Science Monitor for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment among members of the state and national committees of the Democratic Party, some of whom, a few months ago, were said to be in favor of including a modification plank in the national platform of their party at the next presidential election, showed but one state committee remaining as outspokenly in favor of a revision of the law.

RESUMING GERMAN

The action of the Oregon State Teachers' association in asking for restoration of German in the high schools, is along the line of what is happening all over the country. Very properly German was taken out of the schools while we were at war, but the war is over, and for the convenience of the business world we must have German, French and Spanish especially. With these three languages, combined with English, the business of the world can be transacted.

Cap'n Zyb

Why do we have a "New year," and what makes time? Did somebody like you and I just decide that it would be a nice thing to



give a year 365 days (366 every fourth for good measure), or is there some kind of a reason for it?

There is a reason behind it, just how good the reasoning is, we don't know since Einstein came along with his "theory of relativity." Briefly explained, here is why we have years. It seems as though everything was moving, all the stars and everything else, including the sun and the earth. However, in relation to the earth, the sun seems to be standing still and allowing the earth to wait completely around it in a big ellipse.

It takes time for the earth to make this long trip—I have forgotten how many millions of miles the journey is, but it would be an awful long way to walk. In fact, it takes just 365 days, 6 hours, some minutes and seconds. The leap year of 366 days comes in every fourth year because the four times six hours have piled up so that they have become another day, and if we are to keep straight, we must add this day on.

There have been a lot of different kinds of calendars and ways of dividing up the year since the origin of man but it has always taken the same amount of actual time for the earth to make its complete journey around the sun—no matter how we name the periods in which it does it.

The picture shows the earth taking its yearly wait around the sun.

—CAP'N ZYB.

THE NEW YEAR

The reason people make new resolutions is because they want to commence early in getting a fair start with time. It is a good plan, too, in spite of all the fun that is poked at it. It is an ideal time to make a new start; to wipe the old off and start even with the new year.

The year 1923 has been a very interesting one. It might be said that there was not a dull moment in the whole year. It seems there has been more than the usual changes in world affairs. Unrest has been capitalized and it has received its due out of proportion with its merits. In fact, no one seems to have been contented the last year.

What of this year? The year

will be largely what we make it. If we determine to make it better, the world will go the same disheveled way. A good deal depends on us. If we comb our hair, shave our face, brush our clothes, shine our shoes, we will feel better; we will feel more like men among men. The slothful, sloven man is the uncomfortable man who descends to the agitator.

Indications are good for an unusually prosperous year. The settlement of the foreign affairs is good, the Willamette Valley promises well and Oregon bids fair to have one of its best years. The nation will go through a presidential election, but without the usual harassing and upheaval in business.

OREGON STATESMAN AUTOMOBILE CONTEST

VOTE LIST

Votes Polled up to Noon, December 31

CITY OF SALEM

Allen, Martha, 625 N. Winter	380,200
Barriball, Mary, 1780 Hickory	600,100
Beckendorf, Mrs. A. L., 2237 Nebraska Ave.	770,230
Brady, Ruth, 1555 N. Capitol	750,200
Blith, Olat, 545 N. 21st	874,200
Cook, Leslie, 1247 Ferry St.	730,200
Cummings, Evelyn, 1357 N. Winter	980,610
Edwards, John, 295 N. 15th	760,100
Ely, Rayford, 147 Marion	991,240
Edmundson, Paul, 2146 N. Church	520,100
Echleman, Mrs. Bert, 176 S. Commercial	740,100
Gilmer, Faith, 332 N. 19th	720,200
Hunt, Bill, Fire Station	850,200
Hirsch, Richard, 1345 Madison	800,200
Hamby, Henry, 1345 B St.	490,100
Hileman, Katherine, 1809 Waller	744,520
Johnson, Eunice, 1525 Highland	740,200
Klossen, Henry, 645 Ferry	782,500
Lewis, Edward, 224 N. 15th	770,350
Luthy, Miss A. M., 1497 S. 13th	790,100
McCoy, Maurice, 1507 Fairgrounds Road	780,100
Mitchell, Nellie, White House	854,210
Newgent, Howard, 337 S. 18th	950,000
Paumtala, Nellie, 808 N. High	740,200
Feebles, Jesse, 2326 N. Front	400,200
Fence, Viola, 1825 N. Commercial	700,200
Plant, Harry, Armory	790,100
Safren, Morris, 246 Marion	600,100
Varley, John, 560 Electric	730,200
Ward, Connell, 1487 Broadway	780,100
Weir, Leo, 1420 Chemeketa	840,250
Koehler, Geo., Salem	745,200

COUNTRY

Barry, Mrs. Joe, Lyons	780,100
Berchold, Joseph, Mount Angel	989,170
Darling, Grace, Rt. 8, Salem	600,100
Dennison, Mamie, Dallas	780,100
Gough, Blanche M., Mehama	920,500
Harper, Edwin, Gervais	500,100
Haworth, Evelyn, Stayton	820,100
Hochberg, Mrs. Florence, Hammoth	690,100
Kintz, Angeline, Sublimity	500,100
Mason, Ethel, Mill City	928,550
McClellan, Mrs. T. M., West Stayton, Oregon	976,320
Mrs. T. M. McClellan, West Stayton, Oregon	712,100
McGrew, Henry, Woodburn	61,900
Manenhal, Mabel, Gervais, Rt. 1	600,100
Muller, Mrs. Carl, Silverton	981,400
Peetz, Hazel, Turner	780,380
Reid, Erol, Hubbard	780,100
Russell, Glenn, Marion	780,570
Thompson, Mrs. G. N., Rt. 8, Salem	793,760
Turnbull, Robt., Rt. 4, Box 76, Salem	600,100
Willey, Clara, Aumsville	722,100
Wall, Margaret, Jefferson	873,200
Young, J. P., Shaw	770,800

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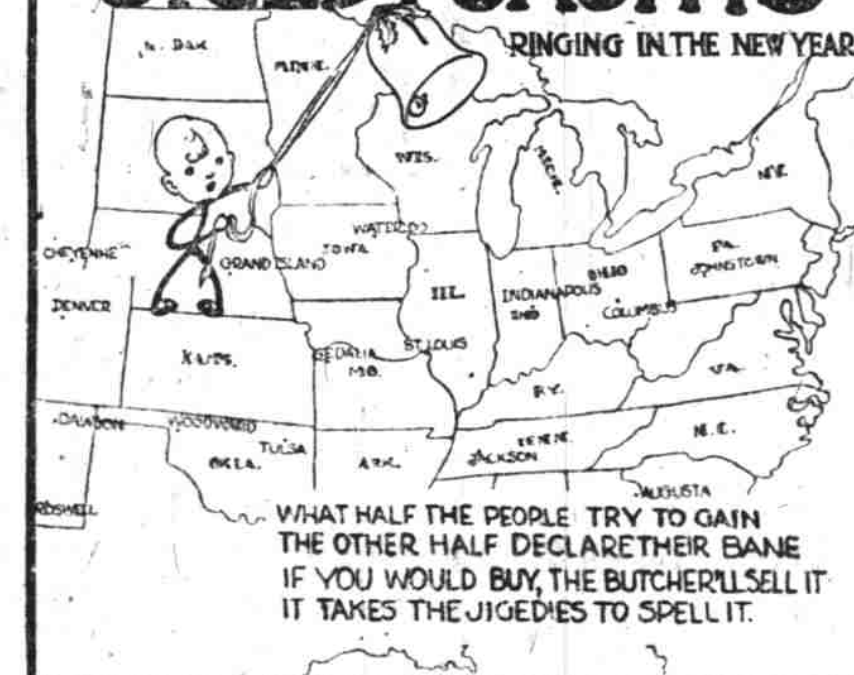
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JIGEDY JAUNTS



"Ring in the New Year," cry the Jigedies. "Three hundred and sixty-five jaunting days are over. Hurrah for 366 more to travel!"

In balancing their books, the Jigedies find the year has given them every one without exception a certain thing. 'Twas laughing so much did it. Trace the word with your pencil on the map.

First letter: From Grand Island, Neb., to Cheyenne, Wyo., to Dawson, N. Mex., to Roswell, N. Mex. Then, lifting the pencil, from Dawson to Woodward, Okla.

Second letter: From Tulsa, Okla., to Sedalia, Mo., to Waterloo, Iowa, to St. Louis, Mo., to Jackson, Miss. Then lifting the pencil again, from Sedalia across to St. Louis.

Third letter: From Indianapolis, Ind., to Johnstown, Pa. Then from Columbus, Ohio, to Augusta, Ga.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Practically all boys and girls have either seen the Washington monument or have seen pictures of it. Here are some things about it which many people do not know.

A cat dropped from the top of it (555 feet from the ground) lived after its fall.

A baseball thrown from the top of the shaft by the great baseball pitcher, Walter Johnson, was caught by his team mate, Charles (Gabby) Street in 1907.

The monument was built largely through private subscriptions of \$1.00 each. Many clubs, states and societies have tablets on the inside of the shaft, running up the stairs, which they donated. The yearly trips of the elevator, if placed end on end, would carry it more than 150 miles straight. This elevator carries fifty passengers and takes 15 minutes for the round trip.

Peter Puzzle Says—
Change rain to hail in two moves by changing one letter at a time, as for example: Hare, bare, bark, lark.

Randy Riddle Says—
What should the turtle do to become a social success?

Answer to today's riddle: Come out of his shell.
Answer to today's word puzzle: Rain, rail, hail.

THE JIGEDIES
WISH YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Happy New Year!

Have you dusted off your New Year resolutions?

If winter comes—and it is here—spring cannot be far behind. Even as we shiver, the chinook wind is just around the corner.

Besides all the other kinds, Salem is also the tin can capital of this coast.

The cost of living in the United States during 1923 declined one-half of 1 per cent. Did you notice it? What did you do with your savings?

The Slogan man has to grove, Thursday, that this is the pear paradise. It will be easy, if those who can and ought to help, will help.

Everybody is feeding the birds during the snow. The birds protect our lives and crops. They pay for their keep many thousand times over.

Tomorrow, we will be off for the best year in the history of Salem in every way. Let's go!

Lose Your Fat, Keep Your Health

Superfluous flesh is not healthy, neither is it healthy to diet or exercise too much for its removal. The simplest method known for reducing the overfat body easily and steadily is the Marmola Method, tried and endorsed by thousands. Marmola Prescription Tablets contain an exact dose of the famous Marmola Prescription, and are sold by druggists the world over at one dollar for a box. They are harmless and leave no wrinkles or fish-bones. They are popular because effective and convenient. Ask your druggist for them or send price direct to the Marmola Co., 4812 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich., and procure a box.

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THAT the organization's high standards of service and value will be maintained as faithfully as in the past.

THAT in the year 1924 we will endeavor to surpass all our previous records for serving the public.

THAT we are deeply grateful for our patrons' endorsement and confidence.

H. L. Stiff Furniture Co.
COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS

Wishing Each and All a Happy New Year

And thanking our patrons for their very liberal patronage during the past year, which has been the very best year in the twenty-nine years we have been in business in Salem.

Beginning January second we will hold our regular **January Clearance Sale.** To move out the remaining pieces of broken set, to adjust and even up stock and to reduce stock generally. These are the reasons for this our

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