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WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

The Statesman scribe who reported the Salem Rotary club program at the noonday luncheon of Wednesday gave a very good outline of what was said by President Doney of Willamette, who acted as chairman, and by Prof. J. T. Matthews.

It was a sort of report of progress of the University to the people of Salem and the reading public.

And the growth from 1883, when there were nine seniors and 31 students, with five professors and two instructors, has been remarkable; though there were many years of struggle and discouragingly slow progress, and some years no perceptible progress at all, after 1883.

For Willamette now has 588 students; and none of these in a preparatory department; that department having been given up several years ago.

Willamette University and Salem have struggled together throughout all the years, for they were born twins. The "intangibles" of Willamette have been great, as applied to widening influences that now reach into all civilized countries. As Willamette is known in all fields of progressive endeavor throughout the world, so Salem is known.

In "financial" benefits, the Willamette of today makes large and increasing contributions to the well being and growth of Salem. The cost of maintenance of the school and the student body is now running above \$300,000 a year; practically all spent in Salem.

And the indirect financial contributions of fathers and mothers and relatives and friends and visitors are large, and constantly growing.

Willamette University will, before very long, have 1000 students. In time she will have 5000. Another thing: No institution of the kind in all the round world has a finer body of students, on the average, and the very genius and the traditions of the old school make for a perpetuation of this kind of a student body.

RUSSIA IN COBDEN'S DAY AND NOW

How closely the aims of the Russian soviet leaders parallel the aims of the Russian bureaucrats of the last century is well shown by a personal letter by Richard Cobden, the great liberal leader of England, to William Thompson, a newspaper publisher. The original letter is in the possession of Capt. Thomas Kemp, a well known horseman of the southwestern part of the United States, and is dated from Eastbourne, Sept. 6, 1843. It follows:

"The subject to which you refer, the resources of Russia, is a very large one, indeed. I could not certainly do justice to it in the three weeks here away from all books of reference. The only points upon which I could write would be to follow up the idea of discussing loans to these semi-barbarous governments.

"I have a very strong opinion that we shall have to make a moral crusade against Russia. I am only waiting for the public announcement of a loan to fulfill my threat of calling a public meeting in the city to denounce the project. The Russian Czar has no reason to complain if we go a little further and denounce his system altogether and even try to make mischief in his own country, for he has been interfering in other people's affairs.

"While I am for keeping hands off everybody that would leave us alone, I think it is our duty to speak out at the present time and not to spare the despots who are joining in a crusade against freedom."

If we substitute "soviet leaders" for "the Czar" this letter might have been written almost word for word by a modern liberal thinker in reference to the Russian program of today.

For the living leaders of the soviet are seeking in every way to perpetuate the autocratic rule the benefits of which they enjoyed under the iron hand of Lenin, to the degradation and oppression of the great masses of that country.

Yet the British "free trade" and "universal peace" champion wrote it eighty years ago. It seems to prove how little men and principles really change— Or international problems.

FIGHTING PROHIBITION

The most insidious propaganda ever undertaken in America is now being conducted by the ostensible purpose of nullifying the Volstead act, but the real purpose is to restore the liquor traffic.

It is not to the credit of organized labor that the American Federation of Labor heads the list of organizations contributing to this lobby. The laboring people of the country have a right to expect better things of their officers, and some of these days they are going to demand that officers either reflect public sentiment or get out.

The only purpose of this lobby is to re-write the Volstead act and have a bogus prohibition law that will permit the sale of intoxicating liquor. Millions are being spent to nullify the wishes of the people, to trample the Constitution under foot and to continue holding men down so that other men may profit by their misfortune.

The animating motive of this movement is the restoration of booze. If that is not its purpose, what purpose can it have? Here is a real lobbying evil—a bold, systematized and dangerous propaganda against the law and the Constitution. Those suspicious senators who have manifested such concern over the "insidious propaganda" of the Edward Bok peace prize organization would exhibit themselves in a more creditable way before the country if they would introduce a resolution for a vigorous investigation of this flaunting propaganda of the brewers, distillers and their supporters.

Here is an avowed onslaught on the Constitution of the United States.

Here is an audacious lobby set up within the very shadow of the capitol to cajole or intimidate senators and representatives into violation of their oaths of office.

Every senator and representative is sworn to support the Constitution.

The Constitution prohibits the manufacture of and the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

Congress has no more authority to restore the liquor traffic in violation of the Constitution than it would have to attempt to restore African slavery in contravention of the Constitution.

AN INNOVATION

President Coolidge has done what presidents have been impudently to do for a long time. He has appointed a real farmer on the shipping board.

The outcome will be watched with interest. The shipping interests have always contended that a man had to be highly trained to be competent to manage the marine interests of the country, while the farmers have felt their shipping interests were so important that they ought to be represented on the board.

Our system of government does not make for experts on this board. We are trying to get men of high common sense and let them employ the experts. The Dakota man is William S. Hill of Mitchell, who is described as a farmer-banker, a general farmer, cattleman and shipper. He was formerly president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau federation and has been connected with a number of agricultural organizations.

Of the Dakota appointee's general fitness and character we are not advised, but, assuming that they are satisfactory, it is fair to say that the president has shown a proper grasp of the situation in thus giving agriculture and the interior representation on this important board, for the farmers of the interior are deeply concerned in the maintenance of an American merchant marine.

The farmer needs American ships, sailing under the American flag, to carry his surplus products to the markets of the world.

Our exports of breadstuffs, meats, fruits and other agricultural products bulk large in the merchandise that we send across the ocean, and the farmers are entitled to representation on the board that manages and operates the merchant marine.

A MERE WHIM

For many years there has been an agitation to change the name of Mt. Rainier to Mt. Tacoma. Of course, it has been a purely selfish agitation carried on by one jealous city, into which the country has been drawn without any direct interest. At last Seattle has become disgusted, and being a big city, tells Tacoma if it wants to play the baby it can do so.

These senseless agitations, continuing through so many years, disgust decent folks and wear out opposition. In this case there is absolutely no principle at stake. Captain Vancouver, exercising his undisputed right, named the peak for an English admiral. So far as we know, the admiral's fame rests entirely upon that one peak. We cannot see that it hurts anything, but as long as Tacoma is going to play the baby, we might as well let it have its own way. It will keep on crying until it gets it.

TALKING ONIONS

Several representatives of Oregon Agricultural college are coming to Labish Center schoolhouse on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 2 p. m. to discuss the matter of raising onions. One of the numerous things in which the Willamette valley excels is in the raising of onions. We are beating the world every year and our productivity has not more than scratched the soil. Such meetings as the one Saturday mean still better crops. The time is past for haphazard production; the time has come for systematic production. There is no use of a man groping along in his own blind way when all the intelligence of the world in his industry can be secured without cost.

THE VALUE OF A DOLLAR

A good deal has been said about the purchasing power of a dollar, and there really has been a lot of shifting about. The following figures giving the commodities in 10 year periods will be of a good deal of interest to the public:

Table with 3 columns: 1913, Commodity, 1923. Rows include Automobiles, Gasoline, Tires, Cost of Living, Clothing, Shoes, Food, Furniture, Rems, Frame Building, Brick Building, Concrete Fr. Bldg., Farm Crops, Live Stock, Consumers Goods.

*1914 used as base, as 1923 figures were not obtainable.

QUIT SPENDING

There is just one way to catch up when a man gets behind in business, and that is to quit spending until he does catch up. There is no other rule in government. Until we quit spending we are not going to catch up in government. It is not fair to keep spending and at the same time keep raising taxes, and unless a limit is placed on both of them, this is very apt to be done. A successful business man economizes when he gets in a hole, and government is just an aggregation of successful business men, or ought to be, at least.

SHOULD BE BARRED

Candler, the coco cola king, is being sued for breach of promise by a New Orleans widow, and in the hearing a lot of very foolish letters are being brought up. We hold to the belief that some way ought to be devised to protect the silly fools in America. The older they are the more sickening letters they write, and Candler is getting pretty old.

SPEAKING OF CIRCULATION

It is not the quantity of circulation that makes the paper influential; it is the quality of the minds it reaches. For nearly three-fourths of a century The Oregon Statesman has had a large quantity of circulation, but it has always reached the quality of minds that makes community progress.

A COMPARISON

We notice that there is a series of essays being written comparing Los Angeles to Medford. It really would be better to compare cities more in the same class, for instance, Los Angeles and Salem.

Annual Election Held By Silvertown OAC Club

SILVERTOWN, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Silvertown OAC club held its annual election of officers at the Community club rooms Wednesday night. Frank Riches was re-elected as president. Miss Ann Hobart was chosen vice president, with Miss Mary Cusack as secretary-treasurer and Miss Olivia Hoffman as historian. Plans for a social to take place during spring vacation were discussed but no decision was reached.

Cap'n Zyb

BASKETBALL POLO This is a diagram of the playing field for basketball polo—a big new game for you fellows. Choose an equal number of boys for each team and then the game is ready to begin. Each team lines up behind its

HERE'S A NIFTY GAME POLO WITH A BASKETBALL AND BARREL STAVE PADDLES.



own goalposts and the ball, a basketball, is placed in the center of the field. Each man has a barrel stave paddle and to the signal, go, there is a rush for the ball. The object is to try to get it between the goalposts by hitting it with the paddles. Three points are scored for doing this.

The referee may penalize any player who is playing too rough by making that player stay out of the game for one to five minutes, while side plays without him, or any substitute.

Try this game today on some vacant lot, laying out your field as shown in the diagram in the illustration. —CAP'N ZYB

FUTURE DATES

- February 8 to 14—National Boy Scout week. February 12, Tuesday—Lincoln Day dinner, 8:30 P.M. at the Hotel Marion. February 12, Tuesday—Annual Ladies night, 8:30 P.M. at the Hotel Marion. February 16, Saturday—Hotel men of Oregon to meet in Salem. March 12, 14, and 15—State Inter-scholastic basketball tournament, Willamette gymnasium. March 15, Friday and Saturday—Marion county Sunday school branch of religious education meets at Stayton. April 13, Saturday—Dedication of statue "The Circuit Rider" in state house grounds. May 16, Friday—Primary election in Oregon. June 10, Tuesday—Republican national convention meets in Cleveland. June 24, Tuesday—Democratic national convention meets in New York.

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Snoppyquop Land Where Nothing Seems Queer



Hurry up and look at this Snoppyquop or he'll be out of the picture and you'll miss him. He's shaking a mean foot, I'll say, and is in a hurry to get a couple of shins and then take his best girl out for an ankle-exursion. All very well to be fore-handed about things, but this Snoppy is four-footed as well. Notice how many footprints he leaves when he steps out. Sherlock, the little dog who is following, has decided that they must be the prints of Wales.

The Snoppyquops are further advanced than human beings in advertising and are able to stick posters around on the clouds in the sky. But then, prices are 'way up in the clouds, too! Mr. Wales makes the best of it, however, never walls and always puts his best foot first.

HOW GYPSIES EARN THEIR LIVING

The canopied wagons, dirty children and women dressed in gay colors which are the outstanding marks of a gipsy band are found on nearly every highway in the world. Hundreds of years ago the gypsies left their home somewhere in the locality of India. Their language, Romany, is very much like Sanskrit, the language of the old Hindus.

Because they rove and seem to have no business, people have always looked upon gipsy tribes with suspicion. People cannot understand how they can own horses and automobiles without working for them, and so decide that all gypsies must be thieves.

Do Not Steal. There are roving bands who live by stealing fruit and chickens, but usually they are not real gypsies. They are despised by the true gypsies, whose old superstitions and traditions demand honesty of those who practice them.

Real gypsies have a keen sense of value, and it is by turning clever bargains that they make their living. Since the coming of the automobile, it has been discovered that the gipsy is a wizard with machinery. He begins by buying an old trap of a car that sells for a few dollars. An ordinary person could not make it move. Then the gipsy begins to tinker with it and improve it till he has a car that will sell at considerable profit.

He Buys Another Car. He buys a better car with the money he gets, and by working on the machinery, increases the profit of that one until, by a series of trades, he is able to buy a new car. When gypsies own property and money, it is always the woman of the family who manages it.

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