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## LOWEST PRICED LAND IN THE WORLD HERE

The Slogan editor of The Statesman has been saying and repeating for six years that the lowest priceed land in the
world is in the Salem district, considering the potential proworld is in the
ductive value-

## And proving it.

Nare land in thicular cistais is is found in many countries-in Mexico or Africa or Russia, for instance-
But the
deration-
And the full potential value of any single acre of land in
the Salem district will not be realized till it is put to its best the Salem district will not be realized till it is put to its best
use. For instance, beaver dam land in this section is worth perhhps $\$ 100$ an acre to raise hay on, while it is well worth
$\$ 1000$ an acre on which to raise celery or onions or onion sets or head lettuce. It is worth several times its hay price to raise mint on.
The same claim may be made as to good land for walnuts,
filberts, red or black raspberries, evergreen blackberries, liberts, red or black raspberries, evergreen blackberries, ing in a number of combinations, as for instance tree or bush
fruits and nuts and poultry and bees. And there is a great possible diversity-
As has been said and repeated many times in these columns, this is the land of diversity; this is the country of

Salem is essentially a farming center; a fruit growing
and gardening center. The greatest prosperity and growth of Salem will come with the greatest prosperity and growth of the surrounding country-
And that will come with the best possible use of the
land; with the production of the most valuable money crops land; with the production of the most valuabie money crops developed to the limit, following the slogan, "More acres
more to the acre," and sticking everlastingly at it. To the prospective new comer, the writer will sa well posted man made the assertion not long ago that there are more than 100,000 acres of land within a radius of
twenty miles of Salem that, planted to the right crops, may be made to produce money returns that will pay for the purcha
price of the land each year.
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That is a rather sweeping statement; but he proved iteach year. That statement camnot be
body of land in the world; and proved.
And land values here will go on increasing for genera-
tions, when the land is put to the right uses.
For instance, filbert trees will increase in value for many
years; so will walnut trees-for hundreds if not thousands of
years.
With proper rotations and renewals by fertilization, our Wind wilh never wear out. The oldest land in the world in con
tinuous use is the richest land in the world; for instance, in Frinuous use and Italy and Spain.
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If this issue of The Statesman shall give a little more
ith in our agricultural and horticultural resources to our own home people, and shall induce a few people to come to
this land of diversity and country of opportunity and become boosters for thi
accomplished.

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There is so far only one injury from the more than
ually abundant showers the Salem district has been having in the past few weeks, and that is the certainty that they will cause our growers to forget that in some seasons we
are not blessed with such abundant rains; that some of our crops suffer from lack of precipitation. This year, our
strawberries are getting almost too much rain-or at least strawberries are getting almost too much rain-or at least
A threat of too much. But this is unusual. It is seldom that our strawberries cannot be increased greatly $\mid$ in yield by
irrigation; the late varieties doubled or more than doubled irrigation; the late varieties doubled or more than doubled
in yield, and vastly improved in quality. The same is true of our bush fruits, and of most of our crops. So that, even
in seasons of abundant rain like the present one, we should in seasons of abundant rain like the present one, we sho
prepare for dry seasons. We should be ready to give
crops water when the rains fail in the growing seasoin. SAVE THE HIGH SCHOOL

[^0]Union high sehool will pass upon the dissolution of their
district. The school is reported in excellent condition by
reliable school authorities and it appears to The Statesman reliable school authorities and it appears to The Statesman of the school educationally are obvious.
High school districts where the Gervais pupils would attend are reimbursed by the taxpayers of the county includ-
ing those in the Gervais district for the full cost of instructing these pupils. These costs include: Salaries of teachers and janitors; supplies; fuel; water; light and power; telephone terest on current warrants; interest upon fair valuation of
the investment in the high school buildings after depreciation has been taken into account. And while Gervais will have to pay her full share of this expense of the other schools, she
will receive no tuition from pupils outside her own district who now attend her high school-a matter of growing im-

Her pupils who attend high school elsewhere will be away from home or must find transportation for a considerable distance, with the result that probably some who would
go to high school in their own district will not attend elsewhere. The location of a high school is a valuable asset to any community. The voters should take all these matters
into consideration before they vote to dissolve their excellent high school.

## TRIFLING WITH THE LAW

The attempt of all public authorities to suppress the
sale of corrupt magazines and other literature is commendable. Municipalities generally are subjecting this feature of immoral suggestion to closer scrutiny just now than
usual. The matter of unclean literature persists and strangey the cleanup process goes on intermittently. After special effort the aroused public conscience usually lapses into a state of security or indifference and the disse-
mination of the vile stuff increases until persons or organizaions whose sense of decency is shooked offer indignant
the from these evil influences every encouragement possible should be given

At the nation's capitol notice has been served on dealers has been arrested for specializing in obscene dialog; but his was not done until after complaints by different public rganizations. The district attorney has just recently served Washington auditorium that the law against these fights in
he District of Columbia will be strictly enforced.
The question arises-why were these unlawful exhibitons permitted at all when the officers of the law knew they were in defiance of the laws they as officials had taken oath
o enforce and obey?

Why should any person who knowingly disobeys the law refuses to perform his ofricourtesy of a notice? Why thu make a joke of law and its enforcement?
Trifling with the law by giving its defiants opportunity
o disobey or ignore it and then escape punishment through o disobey or ignone it and then escape punishment through
gentle notice that the गaw will be enforced is productiv of law breakers. Not until law enforcement is a matter o act instead of a possibility will our
obeyed.

The state grange now in annual session is handling matters of taxation and education vigorously.


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[^0]:    A general movement is on over the state for the estai
    lishment of union high schools. In Marion county there ar
    two of them, one at Gervais and the other at St. Peyl The union high serol is cooperative at St. Paul. prpose of organizing and maintaining better schools than can be organized and maintained by single districts. By thi anion better buildings may be provided, better q
    teachers employed and better equipment furnished.
    However, instances occur where there are attempts at dissolu-
    tion, On the fifteenth of this month the voter of C

