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SIN SEPARATES:—Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:2.

THE PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS

The budget committee at its meeting on Thursday evening recommended that the \$800 appropriation of the city of Salem for the public playgrounds be dropped. This recommendation should be disregarded by the city council in finally adopting the budget—

For it would be a step backward—
 An act discreditable to Salem as a progressive city; and there are numerous good reasons for retaining this service.

The public playgrounds have been operated for four years; sponsored by the Y. M. C. A., Woman's club, Elks, Kiwanis, Rotarians, Lions and Realtors.

The average attendance on the four units has been 200 to 300 a day.

Mothers leave their children in care of the directors while they go out to their work.

The children are taught how to play. They are trained in courtesy and given the proper attitude towards others; in short started towards well rounded and useful citizenship. They receive moral, physical and mental training of great value.

There is a general trend towards the establishment of playgrounds even in smaller cities. Does Salem want to be queer and out of step with this progressive spirit?

The equipment is on hand.

The work has been successful in the past—

And there is every argument making for the good name of Salem in favor of retaining this service; even at the cost of pruning the budget items in other departments.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week a program which is contained elsewhere in this issue of The Statesman is a permanent institution. It was originated by the national department of Education. Its place in national observances and its values are attested by proclamations issued by the President of the United States and by the governors of many of the states. State and county school superintendents and teachers everywhere endorse and are planning programs for its proper and effective observance.

Every week in the year should be education week so far as interest in schools and other means of education are concerned but this week—November sixteenth to the twenty-second—is set aside as a special period of time in which to emphasize certain phases of education and to discuss ways in which state and local conditions may be improved. It is a special period of time in which to acquaint the public with progressive educational movements.

During this week every community should study its school plant, its educational ideals and the school and community atmosphere in which the children are growing up. Parents should visit teachers and the schools and the teachers should visit parents in an effort to solve the common problems of children. It is a special time for intensive study by the whole people of the necessity of education in our democracy.

American Education Week is the one time in the year when the entire nation is called upon to dedicate itself anew to the great and glorious task of education for life in a country where the people, themselves, rule.

And the schools should emphasize, during this week and always, the privilege and the responsibility of every boy and every girl to respect our institutions, obey the laws and to help perpetuate the best in the life and ideals of our state and nation. It is a time also to emphasize quality as well as purpose in educated citizenship.

HELP THE BEE KEEPERS

The keepers of bees in Polk and Marion counties are organizing, and they are doing this for their own protection and for the good of the other people of the two counties—

For there can be no certainty of having our fruit blossoms pollinized without honey bees—

And there cannot be an assurance of increasing the colonies of honey bees here to the point of having an adequate number without the protection from diseases and the mutual helpfulness one to another that can be had only with organization—

And it should be 100 per cent strong—

And there should be an increase by billions of our honey bees; many billions.

It will pay in many ways. It will result in making this the best bee country in the world.

The thorough organization of Marion and Polk county bee keepers will be followed by the same results in all the adjoining counties, and then needed strengthening can easily be had of state legislation; and then the other western states can finally be brought into such an organization as will protect the industry in all this region.

But the first thing is to organize at home.

"A CITIZEN OF NO MEAN CITY"

St. Paul said nearly two thousand years ago that he was "a citizen of no mean city," and on another occasion he said he was a Roman citizen—

To say which untruthfully in that time and country invited the death penalty.

To be a citizen of no mean city, and to be worthy of such claim, implies that one so regulates his life as to aid in keeping his city above the line of meanness and mediocrity—

Which implies that he supports its good works; that he patronizes his home people, in order to help render them prosperous and able to give employment to labor and to make needed repairs and improvements and expansions.

It implies that he is not a patron of the peddlers of goods from distant places; of the bell ringers who are here today and gone tomorrow, and who cannot back up their claims for the quality of the goods they sell.

There is this morning printed another page advertisement in The Statesman, giving additional reasons for patronizing our home people. It is worth reading, and heeding, as have been all the others in this series.

NEW SOURCES OF TAXES

The total tax burden of the people of the United States again increased during the year 1924. This increase, however, was due to the rising state and local taxes. Federal taxes declined \$125,000,000 during the year. The taxes levied by the states increased during the year about \$119,000,000 and those levied by the local governments \$147,000,000. The trend of federal taxes since the war has been downward but the state and local tax increase has more than offset this reduction.

The total taxes raised by state governments have increased from \$307,000,000 in 1913, to \$1,064,000,000 at the beginning of this year, while the various county, city, town, village, school and road taxes have increased from \$1,219,000,000 to \$3,748,000,000, or nearly trebled during this same period.

And it is generally conceded that while federal taxes may be lowered, state and local taxes will continue to increase. Especially for the building and maintenance of roads and for schools.

The burden of taxation is now heavy upon those least able to pay. And there is bitterness in the general criticism of the present methods of tax levies. Tangible property carries an undue proportion of the burden and seeks relief. The only other places to turn, however, for more money for schools, roads and other necessary features of the government are sources now not yielding their share or not taxed at all.

Road construction and maintenance is provided by special levies on gasoline, licenses, etc. The schools with the exception of minor incomes, are supported by direct tax much exception of minor incomes are supported by direct tax much lands and merchandise.

It is evident that some new source of raising revenue for state purposes must be tried. The tax on tobacco, which is a luxury tax, is now under referendum. This referendum should be defeated and thus establish another basis for taxes with which to meet the expenses of a progressive state.

Other sources will also be sought no doubt by future legislatures. And whatever provisions are enacted along this line will probably be subjected to referendum as this is now worked overtime to defeat anything which differs from our present system.

However, changes involving a more equitable system of taxation than now prevails and including new sources will mark the future progress of the state.

Only two other cities in the United States record higher per capita cost of living than Jacksonville, Florida. And still the boomers offer idle riches as the hope of the future.

Sabbath School Lesson

Arranged from The Improved Uniform International by
 F. J. TOOZE

PAUL'S ARREST IN JERUSALEM

Lesson Text—Acts 21:18-23

Golden Text—"If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed."

I. Paul's Vow—21:18-26
 Upon Paul's arrival at Jerusalem representatives of the church there gave him a most cordial reception. In order that the brethren might graciously receive him, it was proposed to him by the elders that he take a Jewish vow to prove that he was in no way opposed to the law. The effort was to remove prejudice. They recognized that such an act would in no way compromise or involve the Gentile brethren. Furthermore this would not compromise his own principles of action, viz., to the Jews he became a Jew, and to the Gentiles, a Gentile; all things to all men in order to gain them to Christ.

II. Paul's Arrest—21:27-40
 How far this act conciliated the Jews we are not told, but it only enraged the unbelieving Jews, causing them to resort to mob law. These maddened Jews on the basis of a supposition seized him and dragged him from the temple and beat him mercilessly intending to put him to death. Paul was rescued from the mob by the Roman guard. The chief captain, not being able to get any information from the howling mob, bound Paul and started for the castle. In order to protect him from the murderous frenzy of the mob, the soldiers lifted him upon their shoulders and bore him to the stairs. Paul kept himself under control, and politely asked permission of the captain to speak to the people. When he addressed them in Greek and quoted his Roman citizenship, the captain granted his request.

III. Paul's Defense—22:1-27
 Paul's chief concern was not his own safety. He used this opportunity to witness unto them of Christ.

1. His Claim for a Rightful Hearing.—1-3.
 (1) His birth—3. He was a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city of no mean reputation.

(2) His education—3. He was educated under Gamaliel and instructed "according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers."

(3) His zeal—3. He was as zealous toward God as those Jews who were trying to destroy him.

2. His Attitude Toward Jesus—4-5.
 "I persecuted this way unto the death," so that his attitude was one of hatred as was that of the Jews.

3. How His Attitude Was Changed—6-16.
 While on his way to Damascus with authority to bind the Christians at Jerusalem, he was smitten from the ground by a light from heaven, and the voice of the Lord said, "Why persecutest thou me?" When Paul inquired what he was to do when he was to go to Damascus where he would be told what to do.

4. The Lord Commissioned Him to Go to the Gentiles—17-21.

IV. Paul Before the Sanhedrin—23:1-10.
 The Roman officer, in order to learn why Paul was arrested, commanded the chief council to assemble, and brought Paul before them.

1. Paul's Earnest Look at the Council—1-2.

This was a solicitation of their honor to give him a fair hearing and also a look of conscientious integrity and unflinching courage.

2. Paul's Stern Rebuke of the Head of the Council—3.
 "God shall smite thee, thou whitest wall."

3. Paul's Appeal to the Pharisees—6-10.
 Seeing that he could not get a fair hearing, and perceiving that the body before him was made up of Pharisees and Sadducees, he appealed to the Pharisees hoping to get their attention, for his preaching had something in common with their belief.

V. The Lord Stood by Paul—11.
 This assured him that his course was right, and thus comfort was brought to him.

VI. The Conspiracy to Kill Paul—18-22
 More than forty men placed themselves under a curse to abstain from eating and drinking until they had murdered him. God defeated their plan without a miracle.

Bits For Breakfast

It looked that way—
 Looked like everybody was going to the football game at Eugene yesterday—

But by the noon hour and thereafter it looked like everybody owned a car and had it parked on the streets of Salem. It was a busy day in Salem.

Again the experimental growing of sugar beets here shows that we can produce beets with sufficient sucrose content to make the manufacturing of sugar feasible, and that sufficient tonnage to the acre can be produced to make their growing profitable.

With experience in growing, and the selection of the best soils for beets, the average can be raised, both of sugar content and tonnage to the acre.

A lot of junior high school students are writing compositions concerning the most important industries of the Salem district. This is good work. Wonderful. It will do the students good, and it will do the city and section good.

The Statesman will be glad to follow this up, and publish any of the compositions that are especially creditable.

Henry Ford's paper says Germany has more than four million milk goats, goat cheese being a favorite dish there. Oregon will one day have that many milk goats used in manufacturing Roquefort and other kinds of cheese and in furnishing milk for all the purposes of the milk of cows.

It takes all kinds of people to make a world. A number of Tibetan Lamas (monks famed for wisdom and saintliness) have been visiting England, and particularly starting the natives of London because the news has gone abroad that they indulge in only one bath a year, "whether they need it or not." This moves the London Post to remark that in the matter of bathing there are extremes and extremes, and that "it is probably news to many that high caste Hindus take their daily bath with their clothes on! And yet it is a fact. Their religion compels them to have a bath daily. They will neither touch nor eat anything before having their bath. It is considered indecent to bathe naked, even within their own houses, and a rich zemindar or a poor Burman obeys the same rule."

North Bend—Monasha Woodenware company plans to build large plant here.



Demand BAYER ASPIRIN

SAY "BAYER ASPIRIN"—Genuine

Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets, you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians over 25 years for

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DINNER STORIES

A man upon leaving a restaurant chanced to take by mistake an umbrella belonging to a woman. Not realizing his mistake until she had overtaken him, and brought it to his attention rather sharply, he made profuse apologies and then, somewhat embarrassed, walked out.

Leaving his office later in the day he stopped to get three umbrellas which he had left to be repaired on his way down town in the morning. Upon boarding a car, he soon got a seat, only to find himself opposite the lady whose umbrella he had taken earlier in the day. He nodded pleasantly in recognition, but was somewhat nonplussed by the haughty stare that met his. She looked down significantly at the umbrellas in his hand and said icily:



"You seem to have had a very successful day, sir."

A certain revivalist preacher was at all times, to say the least, forceful in his language. Above all things, he objected to a practice of super-saintliness, his religion being something on the "shirt-sleeve" order. On one occasion he had taken for his text "Vanity," and to point his moral said:

"Now, if there is a woman in the congregation this morning who didn't look into the mirror before coming to the meeting, I want to see her; I want her to stand up!"

A single woman arose and stood with meekly downcast eyes. To describe her in a kindly way, one would say homely. The preacher rested his earnest eyes upon her.

"Well, God bless you, sister," he said. "It certainly is a pity that you didn't—"

Beaverton—City and county to join in improving north Cedar St.

Wheeler—Tile and concrete building put up for shoe store.



Gentleman's Tank 7 (Pat. 4) Precision movement—Solid green gold case, black enamel, \$65

Cartouche 107—White gold reinforced, beautifully engraved case, \$55

Cartouche 2—White gold reinforced case, engraved, inside with enamel, \$55

How little can you afford to pay for your watch?

You probably have in mind a certain amount which is the most you can afford to pay for the watch you have wanted. Likewise you realize that for less than a certain amount you cannot secure a watch good enough to meet your standards.

What you can afford to pay for your watch, therefore, is a question not only of how much, but also of how little.

This question our new Divided Charge Service will help you decide.

Under this plan you can afford to purchase a fine Gruen watch without touching your savings, by conveniently purchasing out of income. Just pay a part of the full price upon selection of your watch. The rest will be divided into equal sums payable monthly.

Hartman Bros.
 Jewelers and Silversmiths
 State and Liberty, Salem, Oregon

Does This Carry a Meaning For You?

SEVERE WINTER IS FORECAST BY METEOROLOGIST

Washington Nov. 12.—(A. P.) A severe winter for the United States with heavy snowfalls and long continuing cold waves, brooding in warm periods of brief duration, is predicted by Herbert J. Brown, widely known ocean meteorologist.

An abnormal condition, he holds, is pointed to by many factors, including the record breaking cold in many sections of the country this fall, beginning with the first snows in the northwest on September 18, four days before the official close of summer. He believes, however, that the winter will be followed by a study of predictions are based upon a study of ocean surface temperatures as determined by the amount of earth's heat reaching the earth. This heat has been more than three times the amount which will be reaching upon a late spring, the present weather situation he says, indicates that the world is facing a condition which will interfere seriously with crops, the cold fall and winter prospect being a serious situation.

A serious situation, he says, is in the crop year of 1926 to 1927 and in the northern hemisphere in 1927 is predicted.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

IF NOT, LET US HELP YOU

It certainly does whether you heat a room or a home. With snow, and zero winds blowing outside, you will not only appreciate, but need a good coal fire in your furnace, to protect the comfort of yourself and dependents.

Right now we can render you the best service, and give you the best fuel at lowest prices. Good coal from \$12.50 per ton to \$15.50 delivered.

With snow on the ground, and zero winds howling outside you will not be able to get the careful service and low prices, we should like to render you.

Call 1855—one-eight five-five—right now and make sure of your winter's coal or briquets.

If in doubt what to use call for our fuel expert to talk over your fuel requirements.

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