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GOD'S RIGHT—"Come, curse me, Jacob, and come, defy Israel. How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied?" Nu. 23:7, 8.

A CRISIS IN FRUIT HARVEST

The local (Y. M. C. A.) free employment office is swamped with appeals for help—

There were calls yesterday for at least 500 fruit pickers, and only about 60 could be sent out.

The hot weather of the past few days has brought the strawberry, loganberry and Royal Ann cherry harvests together, and black cherries (Lamberts) will be ready next week, to be followed by evergreen blackberries, Bartlett pears, prunes, hops, and other harvests, needing large numbers of helpers—

So the rush will be on through a long season—

And laborers will not lack for continuous employment.

Wanted, more help in the fruit harvest now. Wanted, also, cooler weather to prolong the crops, especially of strawberries and loganberries.

WORK THIS YEAR

The item carrying the authority for the survey of the Willamette river between Salem and Portland is on page 21 of house resolution 11616 of the lower branch of congress.

As most readers know, the bill (resolution) has passed the house and has gone to the senate, where it will no doubt be favorably considered—

At least the item for the Willamette river survey will no doubt be left in, being favored by Senator McNary, who is on some of the powerful committees of the upper branch, and by Congressman Hawley, ranking member of the ways and means committee of the house, and Congressman Crumpacker of Portland, who is a member of the rivers and harbors committee of the house—

And it is to be presumed that the surveys, to determine the practicability of getting still water in the Willamette from Salem to Portland, will be made during the present low water season—

To get the still water by building dams and locks in the river between Salem and Wilsonville; it being thought by river authorities that three 16 foot dams (and locks) will turn the trick.

It will be great news if the engineers pronounce this project feasible, and the cost not excessive; leading to the early consummation of that project.

No other one thing would do more for Salem's growth and prosperity.

LIME FOR THE FARM

(Capital Journal.)

The Southern Pacific has been requested by the governor and some of his newspaper supporters to make a rate on delivering lime from the state prison plant to farmers below the cost of transportation, with a view of enabling the farmers to build up land worn out by inefficient farming. The railroad has had for some years a cost rate on lime without materially increasing the use of lime, despite its earnest efforts to cooperate with the farmers and strenuous propaganda for its use by the O. A. C. and other advocates of better farming.

In many instances, the governor will find it necessary to carry his paternalism a little further and put the lime on the soil in order to induce the farmers to build up their own land. The country is filled with straw stacks, which if distributed and plowed under, would also materially build up the soil by returning a portion of what was taken off, but these stacks are left to rot or burned. If the farmer will not utilize his own materials to improve his own land, materials that cost nothing but the labor of distribution, how can he be expected to use lime, which he must buy as well as distribute?

From the railroad point of view, why should they serve the farmers at a loss, when the farmers give the bulk of their business to the motor bus and truck lines? Railroads pay taxes and maintain rights of way that are presented free to the latter and are compelled to furnish service at a loss—though it is not appreciated as shown by the progressive withdrawal of trains and abandonment of lines. Why not ask the truck lines, which secure most of the farmers' business, to deliver lime at less than cost and so enable better farming, bigger crops and more business for themselves?

There is another way in which the governor can get lime to the farmer, and that is at state expense. He can utilize the highway trucks, idle during the winter, to haul it to the farms. If he does, we venture the prediction that in many cases, he will have to utilize convicts to get it on the land, as he does to crush it.

When lime is furnished, transported and spread free of cost to the farmer, we predict its slightly increased use in the valley, but until there is a compulsory law compelling its use, its utilization will not keep pace with the limited production now available.

The writer of the above evidently believes that lime is necessary only on our farms with "land worn out by inefficient farming."

The fact is that all of the lands in the Willamette valley and coast counties that have been cropped need lime, and the longer they have been cropped without the use of lime the worse they need it—

And the heavier the crops the greater the exhaustion of the original lime in the soil, rendering the soil acid, in which condition the soil bacteria necessary to the life of all vegetable growths cannot thrive.

The farmers of the Salem district having the richest soils are using the most lime.

Two things are necessary to induce the general use of lime on the lands here—first, a thorough understanding of the fact that it is necessary for the production of crops paying the largest profits. Second, making the lime available

to our farmers at the lowest possible costs. Low freight rates enter largely into the last named requisite.

Some of the railroads in the eastern states in which lime on the farm lands is required grant much lower rates than have so far been given by the Southern Pacific. The managers of the Southern Pacific, in fact, are considering the granting of lower rates than the present. They have listened very patiently to the petitions for lower rates.

The penitentiary lime plant has a capacity of about 50 tons a day. This plant was moved from Gold Hill very late in the spring—after the busy cropping season for most farmers was on—

But they took the full output of the plant for several weeks, and were ahead with their orders part of the time—

And one Marion county farmer took 60 tons of lime last week; came to the penitentiary plant and hauled it away with his trucks. And farmers are coming every day for small quantities of lime.

There is no doubt but the full output of the state lime plant will be taken by our farmers as soon as the busy season for them is over. The lime may be put on the land at any time of the year; but naturally most of it will be put on after crops have been removed.

No matter what fertilizers are used, lime is necessary for our soils, for they are all acid, or become acid by cropping. Lime is not strictly a fertilizer. It is rather an agent to make fertilizers effective; to sweeten the soil and make it possible for the soil bacteria to work.

Bits For Breakfast

Wanted, by fruit growers—

Cool weather and more help—

And the weather man promises the former, and a SOG call, has gone out over the country for the latter.

The labor demand has been made a little more tense by the bulb harvest that is now on in the Salem district. There are a good many strings to Salem's bow, of industries that bring outside money from long distances.

In asking for cooler weather, most growers here hope the usual June rains will hold off for a while longer, with the prayer that they may not be deferred entirely.

The Slogan man is preparing for the annual floricultural number for Thursday's paper. If you have not been asked, and can help, please do so. This is becoming an increasingly important field for Salem. There are big things tied up in it.

Are you not glad that you do not live in a country that gets warmer than the east wind weather of Sunday afternoon, and stays that way for weeks and months on end?

The newly organized Drager Fruit company is to get into the dried loganberry game again this year. There cannot be too many ways to dispose of Salem's great berry, that was born as a commercial product here, and has spread to all of the discriminating markets of the world.

A man in Salem who was an Idaho beet sugar grower says the weather of the past few days would have been fine for sugar beets—would have put the sugar in them to beat the Dutch.

At Shipley's the ladies of Salem have satisfied themselves that they can get the finest spring and summer frocks, coats and dresses ever shown in this city.

EXTENSION SERVICE WORK SAID USEFUL

Education of Adults Will Bring True Democracy, Mr. Hall Declares

SALT LAKE CITY, June 7.—(AP)—Democracy may be achieved and propaganda of "charlatans and demagogues" overcome through adult education Dr. Reynolds Bennett Hall of the University of Wisconsin and president-elect of the University of Oregon told delegates to the national uni-

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versity extension association here tonight.

Dr. Hall asserted that "it is the duty of the extension division, as a link in the increasing importance in the educational chain to aid in stripping the demagogue of his strategic power and invite the keeping for high integrity and noble purpose."

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The Midget Meat Market never fails to give you the finest meats and fish. There is but one place in Salem to get the finest fish. The Midget Market has it for you.

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