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HONOR THE LORD—"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon Him, make known His deeds among all the people. Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works. 1 Chron. 16:8, 9.

## CITY OWNERSHIP WILL CARRY AGAIN

In 1912 (is that the proper date?), fourteen years ago, Salem voted on the question of the municipal ownership of the city water works, and carried it—

The price being about half the present price agreed to by the board of appraisal. But the value of the property has grown in that time to the present agreed figure, by the cost of additional mains and machinery, etc., etc., as shown in the figures upon which the board of appraisal made its findings. These figures (and facts explaining them) make up a thick book, which will now be intensively studied by the special committee provided for by the committee of business men at its meeting last evening—the committee named by the mayor about a year ago to help get a valuation of the property on which to submit the question to the voters of the city.

The matter was defeated by the veto of the then mayor (Louis Lachmund) of the ordinance providing for the sale of the necessary bonds to raise the money to make the purchase authorized by the people—

A veto that came very near being overturned by a two-thirds vote of the city council.

Had that veto been overridden, the city would now be much further along on its way to a water system adequate for the needs of a much larger Salem, which is coming.

Now there must be (and will be) full publicity, with all the facts and figures before the people, with every one given a chance to say his say—

And city ownership of the water works will be carried again; and by a proportionately larger majority, for the need is greater now than it was then; and Salem is a more progressive city than it was then.

## PRUNE GROWERS WILL ORGANIZE

"The prune growers of the Willamette valley realize that something must be done in the way of securing better prices and markets or many of the orchards will have to be abandoned. Many tons of the fruit remained unpicked this fall. To this end the federal department of commerce will send one of its cooperative marketing specialists to Salem to help in organizing Oregon and Washington into a cooperative selling association. Work will start at once, and it is hoped and expected that the prune growers of both states will give the organization solid backing."

The paragraph quoted above is from a current bulletin from the office of State Market Agent Spence—

And it is important news.

If the Oregon prune industry is to be stabilized on a basis that will give profitable returns to the growers, it must be organized—

There must be ways provided so that the growers will be able to keep up their orchards; to take care of their fruit with sufficient dryers; to get advances for harvesting, and to have something left over for the use of their land and for taxes, besides something for their own work.

These things cannot be guaranteed with California prunes selling two cents a pound higher than Oregon prunes. They are not worth it. They are not worth any more. In fact, there is a great public preferring or that will prefer the Oregon tart-sweet prune to the California sweet prune—

And a little advertising and a lot of good merchandising will put our prunes on an equality in price with the California product, if not higher.

Then we must have our growers given help in changing over partly to the large sweet prune, like the Noble French, so that Oregon prunes of the sweet kind will sell at the same price as the highest priced California prunes.

## EGGS TO THE MOON AND BACK

The growth of the poultry industry in the last fifteen years has been amazing. Today it is one of the big agricultural industries of the nation. The United States department of agriculture states there are 400,000,000 chickens in the United States at the present time. To give one an idea of the immensity, some one has figured out that, in single file, this population would make a procession 100,000 miles long and the eggs laid from the hens in a year, if laid end to end, would reach from the earth to the moon and back again.

The Salem district is each year adding a larger quota to this 100,000 mile procession, and to this ribbon that would reach to the moon and back—

And must keep on keeping on.

Poultry goes with everything on the farm, from filberts and brush fruits to cows and swine. There is no danger of too big a boom in the poultry industry in this district, and there is already a very fair sized boom on.

### Bits For Breakfast

Full publicity—

With all the facts and figures—

And with every one given a chance to say his say. That is what we are to have on the question of city ownership of the water works. And then the vote of the people will be all but unanimous in favor of the proposition.

There are many arguments in

favor of it. The big one, however, is the ability of the city to borrow money at a lower rate than can be obtained by a private company, and the fact that loans may be refunded, carrying on to coming generations some of the costs of improvements on a major scale that could not be undertaken by private companies.

Thus larger mains may be put in, with a view to the city's growth. And we may look forward to a mountain supply brought in by gravitation instead

## Texas Awaits Murder Trial of Ft. Worth Pastor



Interior of Court Room. All Texas, as well as neighboring states, are interested in the murder trial of the Rev. J. Frank Norris, Ft. Worth pastor, who goes on trial November 1 for the murder of D. E. Chipps, wealthy lumberman. Chipps was shot down as he entered Rev. Norris' study to protest against some of the pulpit preachings of the minister. Accompanying photo shows the First Baptist church of Ft. Worth, where Rev. Norris was the pastor, the interior of the courtroom where Norris will stand trial, and the principals in the case. Judge Hoisey will hear the case. Mrs. Chipps, widow of the victim, and Mrs. Norris, wife of Rev. Norris, both will be important witnesses.

of pumping, with the sale of power on the way down, to help keep up the interest payments.

"The Black Pirate" is on at the Elsinore; something different in color pictures; the technicolor.

The prune men of Oregon are getting into action with a view to cooperation. That's the stuff. That is the only way to stabilize the prune industry. Without organization, the prune industry would be in a bad way, with a worse future.

The Prun-Port proposition is going over nicely, according to those "in the know," and Salem is to have another factory; one that may become a great institution, with large profits, and bolstering up the prune industry.

### BOYHOOD FRIENDS VISIT

J. F. Urub, living at 684 North Sixteenth street, received a glad surprise on Wednesday when he answered the door bell and found Elmer and Rynler Brown of Hailey, Idaho. They were boyhood friends whom he had not seen for 50 years. In Valparaiso, Ind., 50 years ago the Brown and Urub boys were able to give Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer pointers in matters of clan loyalty and resourceful support in time of trouble. With these tried and true supporters at hand, Mr. Urub announces he is able to cope with anyone. A son of Mr. Brown came with him and is hearing things about his father, he never suspected before.

Roadsport - Outgoing carload shipments of many classes of goods, denote good business.

### WATER SYSTEM OWNED BY CITY GOOD PROPERTY

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pay rates sufficient to take care of the depreciation on the property, and at the same time to set aside a sufficient amount to retire the bond issues.

Accordingly, in my calculations, I have not included any annual allowance for depreciation, but I have taken into consideration the retirement of these bonds when they become due.

It will be noted that I have included an item of expense for taxes, amounting to \$8,260. The total taxes paid by the company for the year 1925 was \$19,661, but included in the total amount were the following items which would not be an obligation of the City of Salem:

Federal income tax	\$ 4,680
Federal tax (other than income)	411
Corporation tax	220
Filing fee	200
State and county tax	5,880
Total	\$11,391

Included in the above amount of taxes was \$5 to cover the factory inspection fee, which I have also included in my expense.

It is true that the city of Salem would not pay any taxes upon its plant, but they would be deprived of the revenue which is now received from taxes by the company, which, however, is less than one-third of the amount which I have included. The balance of the amount included is made up of county school and library, and special school tax levies, all of which I have included, as they are levies in which the citizens of Salem are particularly interested, and if the revenue is not obtained from the taxes paid by the company, then it must be made up in some other way, probably by additional taxes paid by the citizens.

### Queen Marie's Son Tests Auto



While in Paris Prince Carol of Rumania, who reports say is soon to be restored to the right of succession to the Rumanian throne, which he recently renounced, put a new fearless and clutched automobile to a test. He is shown here at the wheel of the new car, which is the invention of M. Constantinoco, who is pictured seated beside the prince.

### Noted Explorer Goes to London

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Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, famous explorer, photographed as he sails from New York. He is to lecture before the Royal Geographic and Asiatic societies, London.

erating income for the year ending December 31, 1925, if operated upon the basis as shown, would have been \$73,837. This, therefore, is a conservative statement of the total revenue which the City of Salem can expect to receive if the plant is operated by them, and if the present rates are not changed.

The company has shown an increase in its gross revenue from year to year, averaging about 9 per cent per year over the past five years, and there is no reason why such an increase should not continue, but rather than estimate what the future may hold forth, I have used only the net income for the year 1925.

I have considered that the City of Salem, in purchasing this plant, will assume the existing bond issue, amounting to \$330,000 of 6 per cent bonds, due July 1, 1937, and issue bonds for the balance of the purchase price, which would necessitate a bond issue of \$462,000 as of March 31, 1926, not including the additions from that date to the date of the transfer of the property. These additional bonds will undoubtedly, or at least in my opinion they should be, of a serial nature, but in my calculations I have used as a basis a sinking fund issue, as it is easier of calculation, and the total cost to the community over the period of the life of the bonds would not be greatly different than if they were serial bonds.

The financial standing of the City of Salem is excellent, and there is no doubt but what, based upon the present market, the city will be able to sell its securities for the purchase of this property upon approximately a 4.70 per cent basis, and if the securities sold were to be retired through a sinking fund based upon a thirty-year life, the annual requirements for this sinking fund would be, if the funds were invested in securities with interest compounded at the rate of 4 per cent per year, 1.78 per cent.

Therefore, the annual charges which the City of Salem would have to pay, in case they purchase and operate the property of the company, would be as follows:

Interest—	\$330,000 at 6 per cent.....	\$19,800
	\$562,000 at 4.70 per cent.....	21,714
Sinking Fund—	\$462,000 at 1.78 per cent.....	8,224
Total		\$49,738

It will be noted that no amount has been set up in the above table for a sinking fund for the \$330,000 of 6 per cent bonds due in 1937. These bonds have 11 years to run, and a sinking fund to re-

tire them would require an annual deposit larger than would be practicable, and it would probably be more feasible to issue refunding bonds for the existing issue at the time they became due. The total annual charges as shown above, will amount to \$49,738, and the net operating income shown for the year 1925, was \$73,837, leaving a balance of \$23,899.

In other words, if the property be taken over by the city and operated as it is now being operated, without any reduction in the present rate schedule, and not taking into consideration any increase in revenue due to the growth of the community, which increase has averaged over recent years approximately 9 per cent a year, the income will be sufficient to pay the interest on the outstanding bonds, and also the interest and sinking fund or retirement charges on the additional bonds necessary for the purchase of the plant, and in addition, there will be a balance of \$23,899. This balance would be sufficient to pay the interest and sinking fund or retirement charges on an additional bond issue of \$368,812.

Expressing this in another way, the city could afford to pay \$1,130,812 for the property and business of the company, and the income would be sufficient to take care of all the charges.

I hope that the above statement will give you the necessary data, and I should be pleased to furnish any additional information you may desire. Yours very truly,

ERNEST C. WILLARD, Consulting Engineer.

# Get it Now

Have it ready to check your

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