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Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

BUILDING UP OREGON

(Portland Journal.)
These Portlanders have invested \$62,000 in stock in the Salem linen mill in the effort to develop the flax industry in the Willamette valley.

These men see beyond the city limits of Portland. They realize that development of one community means indirect aid to the development of every other part of the state.

We talk about industries and about our anxiety to get industries and about industries to help bear the tax burden.

We have all seen cases of capital that came in, engaged in the lumbering business, sending the profits to owners far away from Oregon.

What a contrast that character of industry is with that of R. A. Booth, an Oregon lumberman who until recently maintained a strictly Oregon industry the earnings of which remained in Oregon.

The above from the Portland Journal of yesterday is appropriate and to the point—

And let the writer here make a prediction:

The stock of the company owning the Salem linen mill mentioned is going to be valuable stock; the stock of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. The mill of that company will very soon be turning out linen cloth for ladies' dress goods and many other uses; and towels and napkins and table cloths, and linens for handkerchiefs and shirts and a thousand other things sold in the stores of the country—

And they will be of better quality on the average than the best Irish linens, supposed to be the best in the world. The reason is that they will be made from flax fiber that will be uniformly of high quality, grown in the flax fields on western Oregon farms—whereas 85 per cent of the fibers in Irish linens come from other fields than those of northern Ireland; and they are good, bad and indifferent.

Protected by duties running as high as 55 per cent ad valorem, the American markets will be open to the Oregon linen manufactures on more than favorable terms. There will be a chance to make good profits, notwithstanding slightly higher American wages—

And, when all the machinery is going, with trained operatives, and under good management, there will be handsome profits. It will of course take some time to get everything organized, but this will all come about in regular order—

And, this Salem mill being the pioneer in a major undertaking, it will have advantages in supplying the needs of all sorts of specialty mills. The fact is, it might be ten times as large, and still not be big enough for the specialty mills that are going to come; that will come as fast as they can be assured their raw supplies of fibers, yarns and cloths.

FALDERAL AND POPPYCOCK

There is a great deal of falderal and poppycock in much that is being said about the terrible things that will happen to this country through the operations of the McNary (or McNary-Haugen) law, in case it should be made a law by the signature of the president—

And not the least is the idea that it will necessarily make living costs in this country much higher.

Take wheat. The contention is that higher prices of wheat will make the loaf of bread cost much more. Congressman Ketchum of Michigan stated on the floor of the house during the last debates on the McNary bill that he had interviewed the president of one of the great bakery combinations. He found that the price of the ordinary loaf of bread, to the consumer, all over the eastern section of the country is 8 cents. It was 8 cents when wheat was 83 cents a bushel. It was 8 cents when wheat sold at \$1.85 a bushel. It takes 50 cents a bushel on the price of wheat to make a difference of one cent in the cost of a loaf of bread, or \$2.50 a barrel for flour made from five bushels of wheat. The reason the price of bread was not higher with \$1.85 wheat than with 83 cent wheat, was that the bakers did not want the housewives of the country to go to baking their bread, which they would do by a raise of a cent or two cents on the price of the loaf—

And the bakery combination whose president was quoted

paid 58 per cent on its capital stock while it was buying \$1.85 wheat to make the 8 cent loaf.

Congressman Brand of Ohio, in the same debate, said he asked his wife to go to the biggest department store in Washington and inquire the prices of cotton goods; every kind of cotton goods, from shirts to sheets, and she found not an item that is cheaper this year than it was last year—

Though cotton in the bale is worth only half as much now as it was last year.

And so on through the whole list that would be affected by the operations of the McNary bill.

That bill, if made a law, could not raise the price of wheat more than 40 cents a bushel above the world market; nor the price of cotton more than 5 to 10 cents a pound—

And the same rule would apply in like measure to every other major crop with an exportable surplus—

But 40 cents a bushel added to the price of wheat to the grower, or 5 to 10 cents a pound to the price of cotton, would make wheat and cotton growing profitable, instead of a losing game. At least it is a losing game for the cotton growers at present prices. And the same rule would apply to all other major crops with an exportable surplus which might be brought under the operations of the McNary law—

And there would be no perceptible raising of prices to the consumer.

SENATE BILLS

The following new bills were introduced in the senate yesterday:

SB 291, by revision of laws committee—To provide for receipt in evidence of books of account.

The senate yesterday adopted senate joint memorial No. 14 memorializing congress to use its influence with the secretary of the interior to the end that grazing fees in the state of Oregon will not be increased for a period of 10 years.

The senate also adopted house joint resolution No. 19, by the Multnomah county delegation, providing for a constitutional amendment authorizing a tax for the purchase of a site and erection of a veterans memorial building in counties having in excess of 200,000 population.

Hazel Green

Dr. Burkhart, president of Philomath college, will speak at the 11 o'clock church services here February 20.

The students of Chemawa training school will give the program for Hazel Green community club February 25 in the school house. There will be a jitney supper following the program.

Fred Hashebacker lost part of the roof of his home in a disastrous fire last Saturday. The fire started near the flue. All loss was covered by insurance.

Mrs. Murke of Molalla visited Mrs. Hashebacker last week. Miss Sophia Hashebacker returned with her aunt for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon and children were guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Williamson, on Sunday.

Reverend Mershon, pastor of the church, will begin revival services Sunday, February 20, beginning each evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zelniski, Jr., and children, accompanied by Mrs. Zelniski's father Mr. Smith, attended the marriage of their niece, Miss Georgene Goehien to Wendell Teres of Stayton.

A number of children were absent from school on account of influenza. Despite the flu, the school has had an unusually good attendance average this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. English and Mrs. Herington of Salem were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hashebacker Wednesday.

G. G. Looney and son Gal Allen attended a meeting of the county cattle club at Silverton Saturday.

W. O. Zelniski and wife visited relatives in Seilo.

Wilbur Rice left for his home in Washington after a several weeks' visit with his aunt, Mrs. A. T. Van Cleave.

Mrs. J. V. Lehrman returned yesterday from a Salem hospital where she recovered nicely from an operation.

Miss Luckey was called from Everett, Wash., by the illness of her mother, Mrs. James Luckey.

The Hazel Green school will give a George Washington program Tuesday afternoon, February 22.

B. C. Zelniski suffered an attack of the flu last week.

J. C. Schneider fell from a telephone pole on which he was working last week and was badly bruised. No bones were broken.

SOLONS TIRED; VOTE IN FAVOR ADJOURNMENT

(Continued from page 1.)
not feel like arguing for his bill that day.

Mr. Lewis told the house that it was without question a courtesy due Mr. Mott that his bill be considered at some other time if it was his wish.

Bits For Breakfast

Still going strong—

The YWCA campaign. But there is some distance yet to the goal—

And the goal must be reached and passed, in order to give the outlook for the new building, which must be an accomplishment of the near future, if Salem is to keep up with the procession; if she is to take care of the needs of the women and girls of this city and the surrounding country. And Salem must not fall in this duty and this privilege.

"Beau Geste," the story of the French foreign legion, one of the greatest pictures of the year, is filling one of the biggest Portland theaters night after night—with all seats sold out in advance. "Beau Geste" is to be at the Oregon Sunday only.

The end of the long wait is in sight. Salem's second linen mill will be in full operation within a few weeks. Progress is being made every day, and some manufacturing is being done now.

The legislature will be with us till about Friday next, according to the predictions of the newspaper boys, who have a pretty close up view of the proceedings and prospects.

Tomorrow's Statesman, second section, is going to have a comprehensive review of the situation in China; and a lot of other things that are of great and vital interest.

Salem's linen mill will have to be enlarged to ten times its size, or ten other mills built, to take care of the demands of the specialty mills that are now in sight—and many others just around the corner. When the people of Salem put up their money for two linen mills, they started something that will be a long time in being finished—say about 1000 years, and then some.

INFLUENZA WAVE GROWS

Portland Has Total of 200 Cases, With Number Rising

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Seventeen new cases of influenza were reported to the city health office today, making about 200 cases in the city. A steady increase has been reported since February 1, when influenza suddenly became the most conspicuous of the contagious diseases. Throughout the state similar reports were received by the state health office.

No cases of diphtheria or pneumonia were reported and there was a falling off in the scarlet fever cases.

SIX SALEM BOYS NABBED

Possession of "No Parking" Sign Leads to Youths' Arrest

Displaying on their automobile a "no parking" sign which they had picked up as a mascot six Salem high school students were halted by the Oregon City police Friday evening on their way to the Salem-West Linn basketball game, according to word received here.

The Oregon City police figured that the traffic sign belonged in Salem, so they called Recorder Mark Poulsen on long distance.

But Poulsen is not one of those judges who has forgotten his own youth, so despite the fact that stealing a traffic sign is listed in the law books as highway robbery, the students were released, temporarily at least.

Newberg—Yamhill county agricultural organizations hold three-day marketing school here.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

All correspondence for this department must be signed by the writer, must be written on one side of the paper only, and should not be longer than 150 words.

Would Initiate Auto License

Editor Statesman:

Milling around and around in a circle and getting nowhere, best expresses the deliberations and work of the automobile, roads and highway committee at this legislative session. Regardless of the pre-election platform planks and promises of many of these legislators that "we favor a reduction in automobile licenses, especially as relates to used cars," not one of these members was instrumental in bringing about any readjustment of Oregon's exorbitant automobile license law, which fees are twice as high as the Washington license fee and three times as high as the license fee collected by the state of California from individual automobile owners. The dispatches stated yesterday, "Auto License to be Studied," and it was announced that a legislative committee of five will be appointed to study the automobile license question and report at the legislative session in 1929.

This is an exact duplication of the stalling-off action taken by the committee on automobiles and highways four years ago when a similar committee was appointed which was headed by Senator Dennis. This report with its recommendations was submitted to the legislature two years ago and was opposed by Governor Pierce and tabled by the legislative committee, just as all good and needed automobile license regulation measures have been at this session of the legislature. It's the same old dillydallying methods of incompetents, or those whose business it is to see that the public gets no relief from this unjust and burdensome source of taxation.

There is not a more inequitable tax (which is exactly what the automobile license fee amounts to) on our statute books than this burdensome and exorbitant automobile license tax, which, regardless of the showing of the secretary of state of an increase revenue from auto license and gas tax of a million dollars a year since and including 1924, with no greater highway building program, this burdensome license fee is continued when it is generally admitted and conceded that it should be lowered and is bringing more revenue than is necessary to pay interest and retire the road bonds as they become due, as well as meet all highway construction and maintenance expenses.

The writer owns an automobile on which the present automobile Blue Book appraisement is \$600, and we are required to pay a license fee or tax of \$47 a year on this car together with the three cents Oregon gas tax, in order to operate this car. This is at the rate of more than \$4 a month in taxes alone on a \$600 investment. How long would the public stand for a tax like that, that on real estate or any other property—except an automobile?

It has been conclusively proven by past sessions of the Oregon legislature and verified at the present session, that Oregon automobile owners will never get any relief at the hands of the legislature in the way of reduced taxation or reduction of the exorbitant license on automobiles—especially used cars, so the only thing to do is to draw up and initiate a sane and sensible measure, which if submitted to the people would carry with scarcely a dissenting vote.

Such action would greatly lessen the tax burden of the people,

and in no way embarrass Oregon's road building program, nor its road-bonding obligations. It would also greatly increase the automobiles in this state. —W. C. Conner. Salem, Ore., Feb. 18, 1927.

LISTEN IN

SATURDAY MORNING
10:00-11:30—KGW (491). Household helps and music.
11:00-12:00—KJLN (319). Domestic science talks and music.
12:00-1:00—KJLN (319). Household hints and music. Time signals at 12.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
1:00-2:00—KJLN (319). "Music for the Friends at Home."
2:00-3:00—KJLN (319). Music.
3:00-4:00—KJLN (319). News, music.
4:00-5:00—KJLN (319). Music.
5:15-6:00—KJLN (319). Topsy Turvy Times.
SATURDAY NIGHT
6:00-7:00—KJLN (319). Oregon recital.
6:00-7:00—KJLN (319). Concert.
6:00-6:30—KJLN (319). Tourist guide.
6:30-7:30—KJLN (319). Music.
7:00-7:30—KJLN (319). Amusement guide.
7:00-7:30—KJLN (319). Children's program.
7:30-8:30—KEX (447). Dinner orchestra.
7:30-7:45—KJLN (319). Weather report and announcements.
8:00-8:30—KJLN (319). Pacific University Glee club.
8:30-9:00—KEX (447). Quartet and vocal lessons. Time signals at 9.
9:00-10:00—KJLN (319). Instrumental quartet.
10:00-10:30—KJLN (319). Studio program.
10:00-12:00—KJLN (319). Dance orchestra and soloist.
10:00-1:00—KJLN (319). Saturday night club.
10:30-12:00—KEX (447). Dance orchestra and soloist.
KGO—Oakland (361), 8, 8:15, 9:15.
KOWW—Walla Walla (285), 7, 10.

MORE MEN SAIL FOR NICARAGUAN CITIES

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would not be surprised if it were ordered anywhere. Marines from the local base are now on the high seas bound for China and Central America.

The unusual spectacle of one brigadier general and one colonel commanding fewer than 100 recruits was witnessed at the marine base today following the detachment of the 100 men for Nicaraguan duty. Brigadier General Smedley Butler is returning to San Diego with the Denver mail guard detachment. Colonel W. P. Pritchett is in command at the base, but he has nobody to command except a few recruits.

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