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Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—St. John 14:27.

SUPERIORITY COMPLEX ON PRUNES

The people of this section have been so fed up on tales of woe concerning prunes that they were in danger of getting the inferiority complex or slant on the whole industry—

When the opposite attitude is the thing most needed in the whole scheme, from the tree roots to the packages in the market places of the world.

Several things have been happening of late to turn the slant the other way, and there can not be too many happenings of this kind. Witness this paragraph from the Portland Journal of Tuesday:

"Shipments of dried prunes from the Oregon customs district increased 410 per cent in 1926 over 1925, and dried apples increased 649 per cent. Last year dried prune shipments, mostly to Europe, totaled 30,780,846 pounds, against 6,031,333 the year before. Dried apples for 1926 totaled 1,134,559, against 151,280 pounds in 1925. The Columbia river means a great deal to the prune and apple growers of Portland's back country, as well as to all other producers in that great region."

So it transpires that the prune industry was not in as bad a way as the gloomsters have been leading our people to imagine—

In fact, there are several rays of hope. The biggest of our prune cooperatives has sold out on the 1926 crop, and has extended and built up a lot of satisfied markets, on quality—

Not only in this country and Canada but in foreign lands; with England and Scotland taking over 4,000,000 pounds from this one group, and ready to take more, from the 1927 crop.

The one thing needed by our prune industry is near 100 per cent cooperation; cooperation in putting up a superior product and marketing it at a low cost; including advertising in many ways—

Doing as the successful cooperatives of California do, giving cooperative help all along the line, from the grower who produces the fruit to the consumer who buys it; and comes back for more.

Mrs. Humphries and her son helped a friend in a subscription contest and became subscribers of The Statesman. They read the paper and learned of the advantages of this land of diversity and country of opportunity. They bought a home at Brooks. Now they are making that home beautiful, and contributing to the drive to make Brooks a spotless town. That is a result of the kind for which The Statesman managers and editors work most diligently, and which gives the most satisfaction to them. Can you think of a better work than the one which sells Salem and the Salem district to her own people, and to other people who become satisfied and helpful residents of the best and potentially richest section of all the green earth?

A BIT OF HEAVEN

(Portland Journal.)

Do Willamette valley people realize what a kind mother nature is to them?

They are never driven by thousands from their homes by Mississippi floods. No cyclones or tornadoes blow down their buildings as in the mid-west. No earthquakes convulse them. No droughts ever destroy their crops, as in many states. No blizzards or destructive winter storms send terror into their lives as on the North Atlantic coast.

Every farm out there now is a scene of beauty. The greenery is a delight to the eye and rest for the nerves. There is no landscape where nature, the master artist of them all, has painted so many beautiful pictures. It's away from the noise and roar and thunder of the city, away from the elbowing crowd; away from the cramped spaces between the high buildings—out in the open spaces where there is room to breathe and move and laugh and live, and room to get out of the way of the hurtling automobiles.

To be out there and feel the restful quietude and see the valley framed in green-forested mountains and gaze on the blossoming fruit trees, and pass the murmuring streams and hear the meadow larks sing to you as you move along the highway or tramp through the meadows, is a little bit of heaven to the nerve-ridden city man of woman.

The farms may not yield heavy profits. But gain is not everything. It's something to live.

And where can life be so full, so peaceful, so rich in all that makes for real living as out on the farms or in the thriving little cities and towns in the great valley of the Willamette?

Hits For Breakfast

Child health parade tomorrow.

Have you seen the W. G. Dibble tulips?

They are on the right hand side of the Wallace road, near the top of the first hill, about a half mile

experiment, but evidently to be successful. Like the Holland soil, the original home of the tulip of high degree. If you are to see tulips at their best, or near their best, you will have to hurry. Mr. Dibble is the pioneer tulip man of Salem.

Sidney Starling is trying to re-organize the linen mill that was started at Vancouver, Wash. It is said up that way that his backers have designs on West Stayton for a location for the prospective mill. Mr. Starling is a genius in the world of invention in flax machinery. If he has the proper backing, he may be heard from beneficially in the flax and linen industries of this section.

It's a funny world. The larger the car, the fewer members in the family that owns it.

Poverty has compensations. If you seem held down, you aren't held up, either by the bandit or auto repair man.

True education: Teaching men to think. Popular conception of education: Teaching men what to think.

COURT DECLARES CLAUSE INVALID: WRIT ISSUED

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ferendum of the assessment law probably will be referred to the voters at the special election to be held in Oregon June 23.

The law under attack gave additional powers to county assessors and the state tax commission in obtaining information from taxpayers for assessment purposes.

Mr. Smith is secretary of the Greater Oregon association. He appeared in the suit as a private citizen and tax payer.

General Markets

PROVISIONS
PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Bids to farmer:
Milk steers; raw milk (4 per cent) \$2.30 cwt. f. o. b. Portland. Butterfat 41¢ f. o. b. Portland.
Poultry steady; heavy hens 25¢@26¢; light 20¢@21¢; springs nominal; broilers 30¢@31¢; pekin white ducks 20¢; colored nominal; turkeys, live nominal, dressed 37¢.
Onions steady; local 35¢@55¢.
Potatoes steady, \$1.50@1.85 sack.

LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Cattle and calves steady; receipts, total cars 8, cattle none. Cows, common and medium \$4.25@7.25.
Hog look steady; early trade limited. Receipts 330, including 102 on contract. Medium weight 200-250 pounds, common, medium, good and choice \$9.50@10.35; lightweights 150-200 pounds, common, medium, good and choice \$10.25@10.65; slaughter pigs 90-130 pounds, medium, good and choice \$10.50@10.65.
Sheep and lambs fully steady; no receipts.

PORTLAND GRAIN
PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Wheat bids: BRB hard white Apl. May, June \$1.41; HW, BS, Basal Apl. May, June \$1.48; federated, soft white, western white, hard winter Apl. May, June \$1.38; northern spring Apl. May, June \$1.37; western red Apl. May, June \$1.32.
Oats No. 2, 36 pound white feed Apl. May, June \$35; ditto gray Apl. May, June \$36.
Barley, No. 2, 45 pound BW Apl. May, \$33.
Corn, No. 2 EY shipment Apl. May, June \$37.50.
Millrun, standard Apl. \$34; May \$32.50, June \$31.

BUTTER AND EGGS
PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Dairy exchange, net prices: Butter, extras 40¢; standards 39¢; prime firsts, firsts 38½¢. Eggs, extras 28¢; firsts 21¢; pullets 20¢; current receipts 20¢.

HAY
PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Hay buying prices: Eastern Oregon timothy \$21@22; ditto valley \$17@17.50; cheat \$14.50; alfalfa \$18@18.50; oat hay \$14.50; oat and vetch \$16.50@17; straw \$8.50 per ton. Selling prices \$2 a ton more.

VEGETABLES
PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Onions advanced again on the local market and firm Oregon allow duffers are quoted as high as \$7 per cwt. Texas' crystal wax are firmer at \$3.75@4.
New Winningsstad cabbage is in the market. It is good quality and selling for \$6 per cwt.
There is a wide range in the quality of lettuce offered, and prices vary from \$2.50 per crate for the most common stock to \$5 for best Salinas county crop. Strawberries are slightly cheaper again with 15 pint crates, etc. Angles pack, bringing \$2.75@3.25, mostly around \$3. Ribbed "L" very plentiful at 3¢ per pound and \$1@1.25 per box of 30 pounds.
Tomatoes are steady at \$4@4.50 for the best repacked.

CHICAGO GRAIN
CHICAGO, April 28.—(AP)—With indications pointing to a liberal decrease of the United States visible supply total on Monday next, wheat prices today averaged higher. Corn crop news from the southwest acted, though as a bearish factor in the late dealings. Closing quotations on wheat were irregular, ½¢ net lower to an equal gain, and corn and oats both were unchanged to ¼¢ up.

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BUTLER URGES GOP HERE TO ORGANIZE

Plenty of Pep, Says National Chairman; Won't Talk Candidates

PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—William M. Butler, chairman of the republican national committee, told party leaders here today that he did not come west to talk about candidates or issues, but to urge organization.

"I read in a newspaper," the former senator from Massachusetts said, "that I am making this tour to put pep into the republican party. This is a mistake. The party needs no pep. I carry the message of organization, for there is always room for improvement, even in Oregon. If it keeps a party alive and assures us of satisfactory results."

"No matter how good the candidate and platform, loyalty to leaders and organization is what brings victory."

Mr. Butler declined to be led into a discussion of the possible candidacy of President Coolidge next year. He said, however, that he had received "much valuable information" on his western trip.

Did he have any idea as to who would be the party candidate in 1928? He did not, Butler replied. That was a subject which the convention would have to settle. Where will the convention be—in San Francisco? He did not know, but Detroit is making a strong bid for the republican caucus.

Did he have an idea as to what

would be the leading issue in the next presidential campaign? Not the slightest, he said. It would be risky to predict today what will be the leading issue one year hence.

"I have had in mind for a long time making a trip around the country to meet people with whom I worked in the campaign of 1924," Butler said today.

"I came to the Pacific coast first, for I had never been this far west. On the trip I received a great deal of information, encouragement and satisfaction, and have found the republicans most interested, most enthusiastic and most loyal to party. It is my duty to refrain from talking over-much. There is more or less political talk all over the country and the newspapers are devoting considerable space to the next campaign, and this subject will become more prominent in passing months."

Mr. Butler declared that he finds the country "remarkably prosperous, with the people happy and contented."

In concluding his statement, the chairman said: "We need a good government and a good leader and we feel that we have these in the republican party. However, we don't want to be too over-confident and we must organize."

BIRDS HAVE COLDS

PIERRE, S. D.—Even birds are subject to colds. Naturalists have decided that hundreds of larks who died near here on the way north were victims of bronchial pneumonia, induced by too early migration.

Oiling Oregon Trail, Heppner Junction to La Grande, will take three months.

DINNER STORIES

The Whole Show
A well known illusionist's assistant had to disappear from the stage, run around the corner from the stage door, and make his appearance in the front of the house. One week the illusionist was appearing in a town where the theater was situated on a corner, but the entrance was several doors down the street. Between the entrance and the corner there was a small cinema theater, which had a pretentious box office. The assistant started from the stage door, rounded the corner, and, seeing the box office of the cinema, mistook it for the entrance to his theater. He pushed the ticket collector aside, dashed down the aisle, fired a pistol, and shouted, "Here I am." Then he discovered his mistake.

A. W. O. L.
The new minister was calling on the Smiths. Alone for a minute with Bobby, eight, he was getting some of the family history without whitewash or varnish. "And what is your father's religion?" asked the minister. "Well, from what mother says every little while, I guess he is a Seven Day Absentist."

Twisted Dials
A young bride asked her husband to copy off a radio recipe she wanted. He did his best, but got two stations at once, one of which was broadcasting the morn-

ing exercises and the other the recipe. This is what he got: "Hands on hips, place one cup of flour on the shoulders, raise knees and depress toes and mix thoroughly on one-half cup of milk. Repeat six times. Inhale quickly one-half teaspoonful of baking powder, lower the legs and mash two hardboiled eggs in a sieve. Exhale, breathe naturally and sift into a bowl.

"Attention! Lie flat on the floor and roll the white of an egg backward and forward until it comes to a boil. In ten minutes remove from the fire and rub smartly with a rough towel. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with fish soup."

All Set!
"How are you coming along with your courting of the banker's daughter? Pretty tough going, eh?"
"Not so bad! I'm getting some encouragement."
"She's beginning to smile on you, is she?"
"Not yet, but last night she said she had told me no for the last time."

Painfully Thin
Two darkies, Sambo and Rastus, met the other day. Said Sambo to his friend: "Say youse so awful thin if you'd close one eye they could use you for a needle."
"What you all talkin' about niggah," Rastus replied, "Youse so thin youahself if you was white youah mother could feed you grape juice and use you for a thermometer."

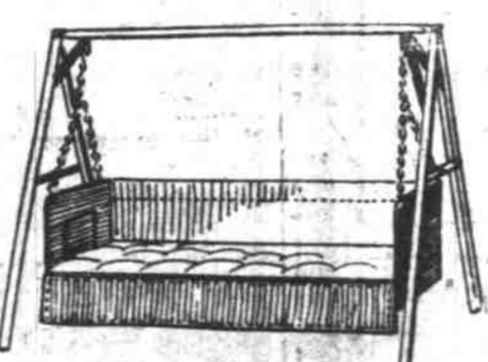
Williamina—Contract let for building Salmon River cut-off highway to coast.

M. P.'S FORM CLUB
LONDON—Having sung their way into the House of Commons in singing campaigns for votes, eight members of Parliament have formed a glee choir which has made a name for itself.

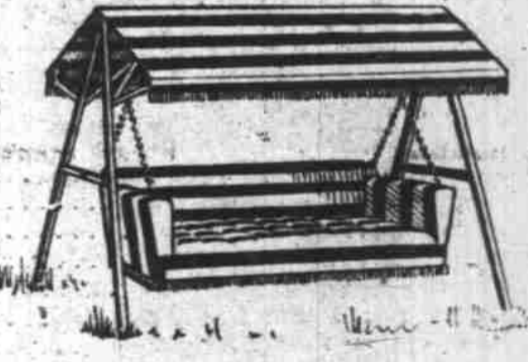


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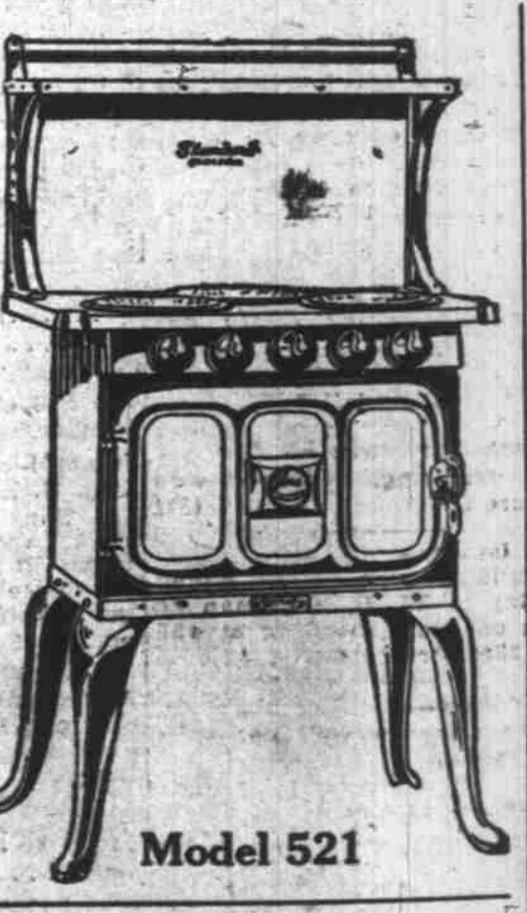
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