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Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7.

## THE SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Salem has a very good public school system. The physical equipment in buildings and apparatus is mostly up to date and kept in excellent repair. The financial condition of the school district is sound. The teaching staff is above the average in a city of Salem's size, though the wage scales are comparatively low—

So we are getting more than the worth of our money in the devoted service of a splendid corps of teachers.

Modern methods are used. Our schools are being kept up to date—

With some exceptions. We should be doing better in the way of instruction in trades. We should be teaching agriculture.

This is a country of diversified industries on the land. They are tied up with the industries in the city, and should be more so. Our farm lands furnish the raw products the manufacturing and merchandising of which furnish and should furnish the chief solid support of the city.

This is our manifest destiny— This joining of the country with the city is calculated to make both great and prosperous with an enduring kind of prosperity that cannot be shaken. With a prosperity that is fundamental. That goes back to first causes. To prime necessities.

Salem will grow with the growth of the tree and bush fruit industries of the surrounding country, with the increase of the strawberry acreage, the walnut and filbert orchards, the flax fields, the mint patches, the fields of corn and celery and onions and potatoes and spinach and asparagus and lettuce and sugar beets, and the increase of poultry and pet stock and dairy cows and swine and sheep and goats—

And a long, long list besides— All suggesting many captains of industry and tens of thousands of workers to make up the raw products and pack and forward them to near and distant markets—

So the Salem public schools ought to train our boys and girls to do the things that ought to be done here, to render them helpful to their day and generation; to their own country, which needs them and can offer them opportunities beyond any other country or section.

This training need not be expensive— It can be made to partly pay for itself, and the government, through the Smith-Hughes money, and the state, too, will help, and thus bring additional revenues to the city to be spent here for instructors.

Here is where the Salem public schools are falling down; failing to live up to their opportunities—

Lagging behind, where they should lead. Salem is the capital of the state. Our schools should furnish an example of efficiency.

Sound financing is a good thing; keeping up the school property is another—

But there is something more. We owe something more to the youth of the city, and to the city itself, and to the surrounding country and the whole state.

## "DRY BAPTIST FOOLS," AND OTHERS

The western editor of "The Congregationalist," leading newspaper of that denomination, attended the recent national council meeting of that church in Omaha, and he says he asked a number of ministers and laymen attending the great convention if they would be willing to vote for Al Smith for president—

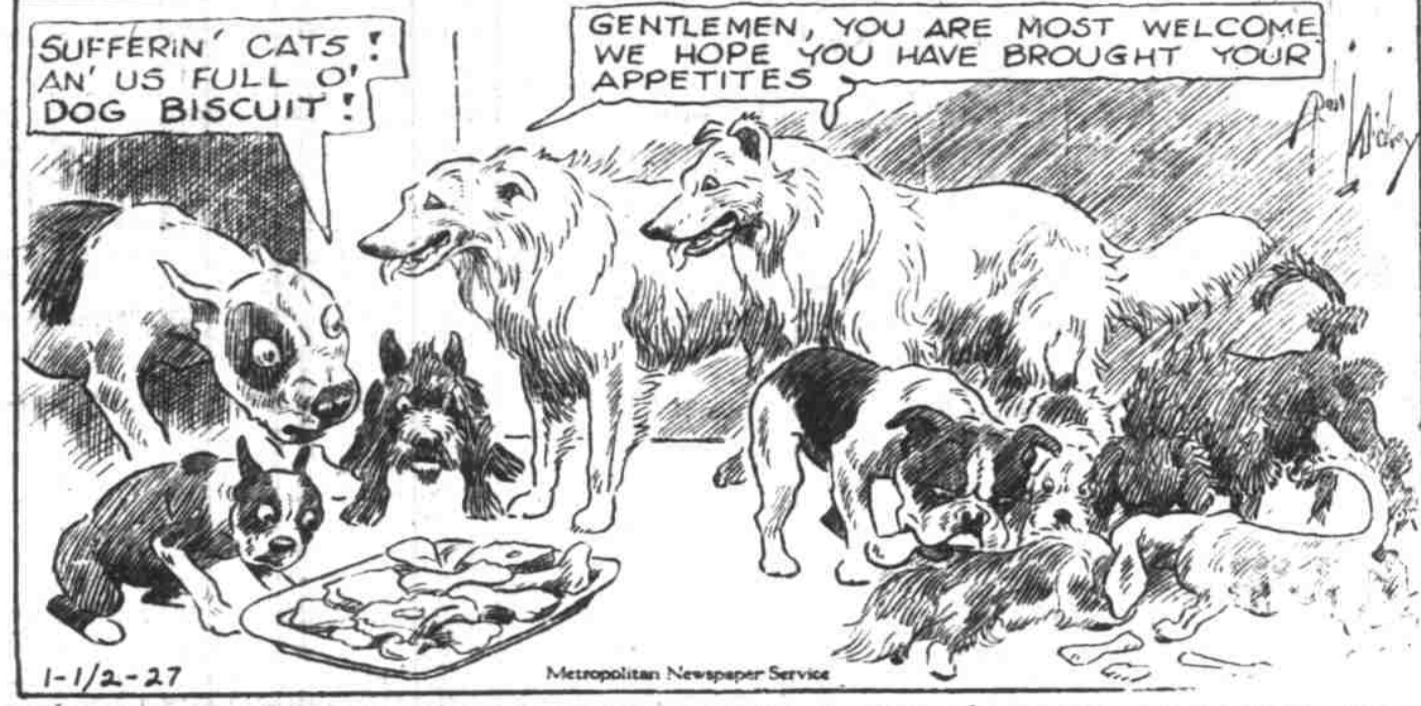
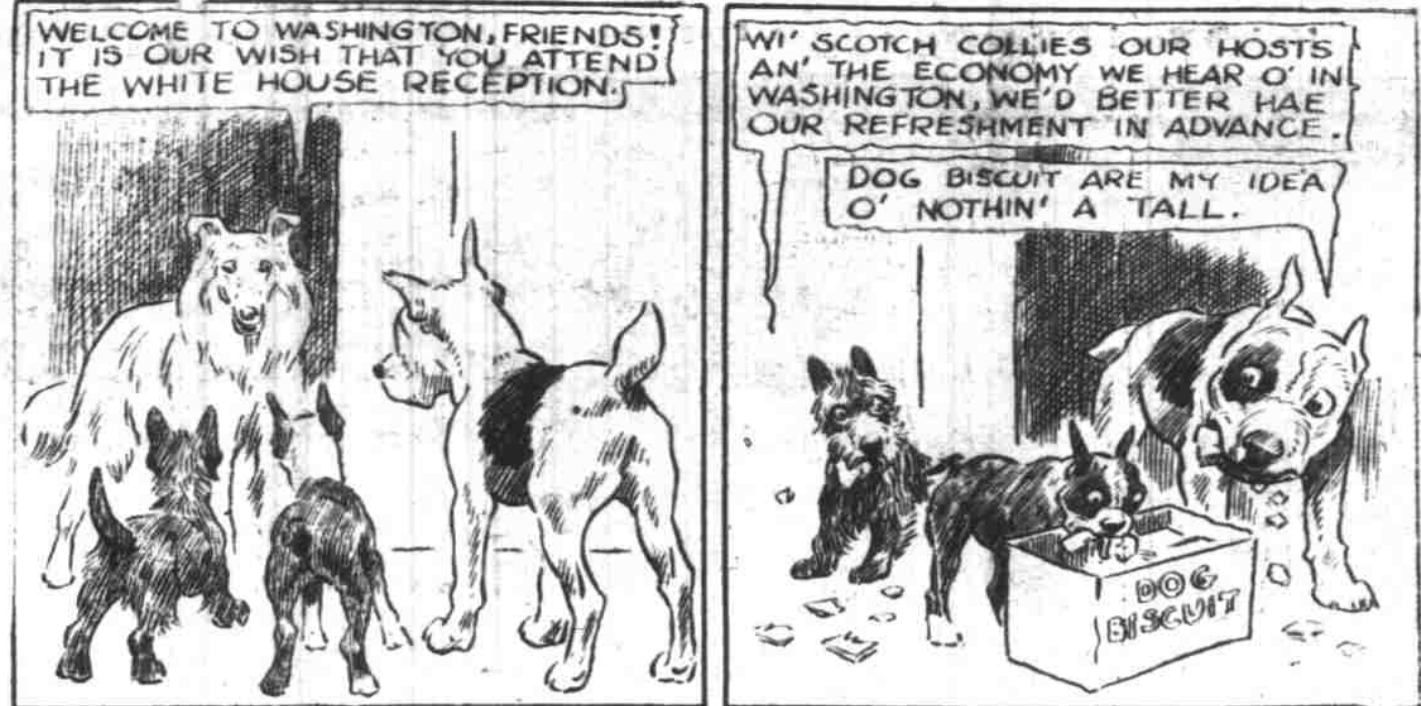
And he says: "Those who replied were almost unanimous in saying they would not so vote."

He says three or four reasons were given for this attitude. He goes on to give at length the reasons advanced—

And he concludes with the following: "None of these objections banked so largely in the minds of these men as the fact that Mr. Smith is a wet. Our ministers and laymen are almost a unit against him on this score. They still belong to that fanatical, hypocritical crowd that believes in the Volstead act and the eighteenth amendment. The council action indicates that Congregationalists are as dry as ever. It may be noted that the vote taken at the Baptist and Presbyterian gatherings, held last week in Chicago and San Francisco, respectively, indicates that they are of the same opinion. Apparently, we still have in the country about three million dry Baptist fools, almost two million dry Presbyterian fools, about one million dry Congregational fools, and anywhere from three to five million dry Methodist fools, etc., etc., etc. It looks bad for Al."

The Salem Y free employment office had 394 applicants for work the past week, and sent out to take jobs 236 of them. This is a very useful service. How would our industries in the cities and towns and our industries on the land get along without it? It will grow every week, till hop and prune harvests are over. This office serves Polk, Yamhill, Clackamas, Linn and other valley counties—but Marion county, the United States government and the Salem Y. M. C. A. pay the costs. The other counties do not contribute towards the ex-

## BUDDIE AND HIS FRIENDS BY ROBERT L. DICKEY



penses. Polk county should contribute at least a small share. The benefits do not all show in the weekly figures given out of the people sent to work from the Salem office. There are benefits from connection with other employment offices supported in whole or in part by the government, all over the Pacific northwest, and up and down the coast.

We are lame. The cart is before the horse. We should have had the issue of a commission (corporation) form of government before, or along with, the measures we are to vote on a week from Tuesday. And the city ownership of the water works, too. All the things suggested in the measures will have to be done; ought to be done. And more must be done. But they should be done in order, and with efficiency and economy, and these assured beyond question.

The Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliary organizations will make Salem lively this week, and reflective, too, over the glorious days of the past and the thought that the stage is changing each year in the diminishing ranks of the men who saved the Union.

**Bits For Breakfast**  
 G. A. R. Week here—  
 With state conventions opening tomorrow, to last four days.  
 The school election of tomorrow should bring out a large vote.  
 Salem Y free employment office sent 236 people to work the last week, out of 394 who applied for jobs. A very important and useful service.  
 Otis Skinner at the Elsinore Wednesday evening will draw a full house, from present indications. Ought to. He is America's greatest actor in his line.  
 Some one brings a new Scotch joke to Salem; cruel, as they usually are. A young Scotchman was to be married. He was engaged in the poultry business. He insisted that the nuptials take place in the chicken yard, so there would be no waste of the rice.  
 How many churches are like

## LIVING and LOVING BY FLORENCE SMITH VINCENT Woman's Place

By Mrs. Virginia Lee  
 What is woman's place in the world? She has been held up as the inspiration of all good, her beauty and power sung by poets and writers of all ages. And she has been accused of being responsible for most of the misery in the world.

She has been told that she should stay at home and attend to her babies and housekeeping. Just as fervently she has been urged to reform the world. When she ventured into business the red flag of "the conflict of the sexes" was waved at her.

What are the poor things to do? Read the letter of this young woman who is righteously indignant at a slight—as she considers it—put upon her sex.

"Dear Mrs. Lee: I have just read a short article that made me perfectly furious. 'A woman,' it said, 'must have 25 years of study and leisure, then 20 years to produce and bring up her children. The rest of her life should include leisure to inspire men with ambitious energy.' And then the person who quotes this interesting opinion adds (and this is the crowning insult), 'We don't mean to be nasty, but how many women of 45 or more inspire men?' Or ever will?"

"And how many men of 45 or over will inspire women, or ever will, I should like to ask? And is it not just as much a matter of necessity for men to inspire women as for them to inspire men? If there is any inspiring to be done, each should inspire the other. As a matter of fact there are many women older than that who are inspirations—not only to men—their husbands and sons—but to other men as well.

"And you notice, Mrs. Lee, that there is no room in the above for a woman to have any life of her own to develop herself. No, her sole aim in life must be to inspire men. SUE."

Well you see, Sue, it has been

a good many centuries that men have been thinking of themselves as the center of the universe—the one job worth while for women. It is going to take them quite some time to get over it, and it's going to be a bit of a shock to they do.

find that they are expected to do a bit of inspiring themselves. Women aren't going to be proud of them—aren't going to bother with them at all—unless they measure up, or their women think they do.

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