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August 13, 1927 O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14.

RESTORING PIONEER CONDITIONS

In the days of the pioneers, the water of the Willamette river as far up as Salem kept at a boating stage the year through.

The United States engineers expect to restore the conditions that prevailed then.

They are commencing the building of permanent wing dams to confine the stream in a single channel, which will result in giving by wearing a greater depth, and this process will be hastened by dredging.

And they expect to make this a continuing process; to continue till completed and rendered permanent.

Why has there been a change in the Willamette river from pioneer conditions? The clearing of the lands of the valley and foothills, and the mountain slopes, has caused the flood waters of the rainy season to flow more quickly, for one thing.

The eventual construction of irrigation works, and of power plants to utilize the flow of the streams down the slopes of the Cascades and Coast Range, will conserve the flood waters of the rainy season.

Still water, meaning a boating and barging stage the year through, as far up as Salem, and then on to Eugene, will help to make the Willamette valley what it is destined to be, the richest and most populous section of this country.

THE AGE OF GAS

The age of steam has gone. Or at least it is going. Steam has already lost its supremacy, by land as by sea.

As witness, the editor of the Eugene Register finds that Lloyd's, giving the shipbuilding figures for the quarter-year ending June 30, shows for the first time a tonnage of motor vessels exceeding that of steam vessels.

This handwriting is clear. Steam is losing to "gas." The Diesel engine, now being installed in ships as large as 30,000 tons and more, is responsible for this remarkable development on water, as the automobile gasoline engine is on land.

It looks as if the hard work of the world in the immediate future, at least, is going to be done by the impact of bottled explosions, supplanting the quiet, smooth, flexible pressure of steam.

And after that, evidently, will come electric power—the still smoother, quieter, cleaner operation of electric motors, for hard work and light work alike.

HISTORY IN STONE FACE

A mountain in the Black Hills will bear the great stone faces of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt.

The sculptor is Gutzon Borglum. President Coolidge dedicated the mountain as a national monument on Thursday saying:

"It will be decidedly American in its conception, in its magnitude, in its meaning and altogether worthy of our country."

The artist calls the work "a facial history of the United States."

Commenting on this, a writer in the Portland Telegram says: "The center of the nation's interest is gradually moving westward."

TAXES DEVOURING FORESTS

(Portland Telegram) Fires are devouring the forests, here and there—a little. Taxes are devouring the forests, everywhere—by wholesale.

Not fire is bringing timber to destruction, but taxes. A crop of trees takes 200 years, say, to grow. Taxes consume the whole value in 15 years or less.

That is, the trees can not grow fast enough to pay the recurring annual taxes.

So the owners, to save themselves, are cutting the trees fast as possible. They are glutting the market with surplus lumber, slashing prices, ruining capital investment, promoting waste.

The slaughter of trees makes jobs for office holders. Fire-fighting will continue unabated. But the effort should not blind our people to the worse menace of devouring taxes.

Spare that tree; the prune tree. Get prune pep. Get the country "full of prunes." It can be done. The prune is too fine a fruit to go into the discard, and adaptable to too nearly universal use, with benefit.

In the days of Jason Lee, there was a boating stage in the Willamette the year through. The U. S. engineers are to bring back the days of Jason Lee in this respect.

There are 100,000 people in the Salem trading district. The new press coming to The Statesman will help in centering the cream of that trade in this city. It will be put to

work for a greater Salem as fast as the erectors can assemble it after its arrival, less than 30 days hence.

Dairying is not over done here. It is under done. Nothing will bring it to the point where it should be like beet sugar factories. We must have them, for that and 100 other good reasons.

The prison flax plant will put out cow feed, prepared from the bolls. That will help the dairying industry and the net income from the plant, both.

COOLIDGE BELIEVES COUNTRY PROSPERS

Considers Labor Situation Satisfactory; Wages Declared Liberal

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 12. (AP)—Business of the country is calculated as fair at the summer White House where President Coolidge received a first hand report of conditions today from Secretary Davis, of the labor department.

Mr. Coolidge considers the labor situation very satisfactory and believes wages are on a very liberal basis. He realizes there is some unemployment in certain lines but nothing more than the usual lagging behind which prevails in one industry or another at some time.

Secretary Davis also brought with him a recommendation that congress be asked to make permanent the present regulations governing entry of aliens from Canada who work in this country but live in Canada. He said a satisfactory arrangement had been worked out with Canada whereby temporary passports were being given the 2500 aliens who must pass in and out of the country daily in work and he wants this made permanent.

Like the host of other administration officials and members of congress who have come to the Black Hills this week, Mr. Davis expressed regret at the declaration of Mr. Coolidge that he did not choose to run for president in 1928. He added he thought the president had no intention of continuing in office.

Mr. Davis did say that officials of the labor department had conducted an impersonal and unofficial survey on their own behalf and had reported that labor generally regretted the announcement of the president, but again, like the other summer White House guests, he had no candidate to succeed Mr. Coolidge.

Another caller today—Director Lord of the budget—brought a reminder from the president that he desired to cut appropriations for the next fiscal year down to the \$3,000,000,000 mark. However, Mr. Coolidge is not optimistic over this prospect. He will go over tomorrow in detail with Director Lord the tentative budget estimates for next year.

Bits For Breakfast

"Full of prunes"—Green shipments will be large—O. E. Brooks has entered the game. The canneries and green fruit shippers will make quite a dent, but only a dent in the supply, compared with the dried product.

More beet sugar factories will be operated in the United States this year than ever before. All the old ones and several new ones. Now is the time for a campaign for factories in the Salem district. With the right backing, it can be put over.

The best way to get even with an enemy is to forget him.

Idle money is an evil. It causes idle men; idle men among those who have the idle money and idle men among those who have no money at all. The time is coming—in the moral sense it is already here—when a man will be held to have no rights in money or property that he is not operating for the general benefit.

The selfish man profits for a time, but sooner or later rides to his fall. The prune grower who hopes to reap benefits from the growers' organizations without himself cooperating will find his mistake. If his example leads enough others to do as he does—Santa Rosa Republican.

A Mexican rebel general is taking a vacation in Chicago. He no doubt feels at home in that city.

WHAT'S A MOOSE? A scot was paying his first visit to the zoo.

"An' what may you creature be?" he asked a keeper who had been feeding the animal that had excited his interest.

"That's an American moose," replied the keeper.

"A moose?" exclaimed the Scot. "Hooah, moose, show me an American!"

Read the Want Ads

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

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

God and the Groceryman Editor Statesman:

Have you read the new book by Harold Bell Wright, "God and the Groceryman," sequel to "The Calling of Dan Matthews"? If you have not, read it. Then tell the people of Salem HOW to come in to the true life, that brings PEACE that passeth understanding.

—Mrs. Abbie Hatch Farrar, Salem, Ore., Aug. 9, 1927.

NAME CHICAGO MAN

Illinois, Land Dealer Nominated Real Estate Head

SEATTLE, AUG. 12. (AP)—Harry G. Zander, of Chicago late today was nominated for the presidency of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. Nomination is virtually equivalent to election.

Zander, a realtor and lawyer, has been president of the Chicago Real Estate board and the Chicago Civic Federation was divisional chairman of war activities in the seventh federal reserve district, and for the last five years, chairman of the national realtors committee on federal legislation and taxation.

Proposals to urge development of the Columbia basin and Colorado river reclamation projects were shelved by the resolutions committee. The committee at the same time passed a resolution asking congress to take "prompt action looking toward immediate relief and a permanent and adequate solution of the Mississippi valley flood problem."

DOCTOR FINDLEY ENJOYS EXPERIENCES IN EUROPE

net of the ailing of all the world, is operated by the city of Karlsruhe itself, conducted in a manner that is a model of perfection, and it is a great revenue producer for the city of which it is the chief reason for being.

The manager in chief is interested in the United States. He wants to come to America and look up prospects for a similar great institution in this country, and Dr. Findley is carrying on a correspondence with him.

The three weeks of rest at Karlsbad made Dr. Findley feel like a youngster. He shows the benefits plainly. He traveled from Berlin to Paris by air plane, in a ship of the air carrying 10 passengers, and making two stops, one for meals. The trip is made in six hours. Strong winds slowed the trip Dr. Findley took to eight hours. It was a very comfortable journey.

To give an idea of the lead Germany is taking in air navigation, the reader will be interested in the fact that the company operating the air craft of his journey maintains about 200 air vessels, carrying passengers and mails and freight all over Europe, diverging from Berlin.

Dr. Findley is hard at work again in Salem, feeling fit after his vacation.

LOCKJAW VICTIM DIES

Mary Aneta Crawford, young niece of Paul I. Davis, of Rl. 2 who was taken to a local hospital recently suffering with lockjaw died at the hospital at a late hour last night. The body was taken charge of by the Webb funeral parlors. It was reported that the home of the little girl is in Kansas, and that she recently came to Oregon to visit relatives here.

West Coast Greater Movie Season

FIRST OF THE BIG 4

"BEAU GESTE"

One Week Starting Friday, August 19

Oregon Theatre

Death caused by Automobile... BECKE & HENDRICKS Insurance of All Kinds, Tel. 161, Heilig Theater Lobby, 180 N. High

BROOKS IN GREEN PRUNE SHIPMENTS

O. E. Brooks, manager of the association black cherry pool for several years, who has built up valuable eastern connections, has decided to take up green prune shipments this year.

He is already on the job, at the cherry packing place, with the Pacific Fruit and Produce company. It goes without saying that Mr. Brooks will "work his head off" in this line—and he will get for the grower all the money that can be secured for his prunes in the green fruit market of the east.

SALEM'S CORPS MAY GO TO NATIONAL MEETING

SALEM, Aug. 12. (AP)—The Salem corps of the National Prune Packers' association, which met here today, is expected to be one of the delegates to the national convention of the association, to be held in Portland, Ore., Sept. 12-14.

Another watch was presented to H. E. Shade, as a mark of appreciation for his good work as manager of the corps. H. White acted as toastmaster for the occasion, with talks given by Director Shultz, Lyle Dansmoor, commander of Capital Post No. 9; Raymond Basset, adjutant of the post, and Irl McSherry, state vice commander of the Department of Oregon.

Mr. McSherry, in his talk, assured the group that provided the same class of work was done during the coming year as has been done in the past, he would lend every possible support to the plan for sending the local corps as Oregon's official delegation in 1928.

Members of the executive committee who will consider the matter of granting financial support to the trip are George E. Love, Eugene, commander; Irl S. McSherry, McMinnville-Salem, vice commander; Victor McKenzie, Salem, national committeeman; Thomas D. Stoughton, Portland, finance officer; Carl R. Moser, Silverton, adjutant, Rev. Schuyler Pratt, Hood River, chaplain; and the following district committeemen: John A. Beckwith, Portland; Ed Bayliss, Sheridan; W.

General Markets

PRODUCE PORTLAND, Aug. 12. (AP)—Milk: Raw milk (4%) \$2.25 cwt. L.o.b. Portland; butterfat up 1/2c at 40c L.o.b. Portland.

EGGS Portland, Aug. 12. (AP)—Cattle and calves steady; receipts 30; cows, low cutters to cullers, 2.50@3.50.

PORTLAND GRAIN PORTLAND, Aug. 12. (AP)—Wheat: Hard white, hard white, 38; soft white, western white 1.33 1/2; hard winter 1.31 1/2; northern spring 1.32 1/2; western red 1.27.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12. (AP)—Hay: Hay prices: Eastern Oregon Timothy \$22 @22.50; ditto valley \$17@18; cheat \$14.50; alfalfa \$17.50; oat hay \$12; straw \$6.50 per ton. Selling prices \$2 a ton more.

DAIRY PORTLAND, Aug. 12. (AP)—Dairy exchange, net prices: Butter, extras 41 1/2; standards 41c; prime firsts 40c; firsts 38c.

CHICAGO GRAIN CHICAGO, Aug. 12. (AP)—Nervousness pervaded wheat market today and prices averaged lower despite strong rallies at times. Weakness of stock in New York had a bearish influence. Closing quotations on wheat unsettled at 1-3/8 to 3-8c net decline, with corn showing 5-8 to 1-2c advance and oats 1-8 to 3-8c up.

NEW BUILDING STARTED

Permit Issued For Smith & Watkins Structure On Center

A permit was granted yesterday for the construction of the new \$20,000 Smith and Watkins building at the southwest corner of the intersection of Center and Liberty streets, plans of which were announced some time ago.

With construction starting at once by the Capital Builders, Salem will have another evidence of the rapid northward movement of the business district shown recently in the beginning of construction of a number of projects on the Valley Motor company block just north of the new Smith and Watkins building.

The building is to be of one story concrete construction, with a large tire and equipment sales room, a modern repair establishment, and a service department.

30 Eloping Girls Seek Probe of El Rito School

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12. (AP)—Thirty girls who staged a riot and left El Rito school near San Fernando, trooped into juvenile hall here late this afternoon after making the 25 mile journey by walking and catching rides and demanding an investigation of conditions at the school.

The girls declared the institution, ostensibly a place of education for homeless girls, had been transformed into a reform school. The trouble at the school began several days ago when Rosemary Good was appointed matron. Things came to a head this morning when five of the inmates ran through the gate toward the highway. A half hour later four more followed. The other 21 left in a body shortly afterward.

Capital Punishment Needed Says Congressman Johnson

TACOMA, Aug. 12. (AP)—Congressman Albert Johnson, of Washington, took direct issue with William Franklin Penn, president of the American Prison association, on the subject of capital punishment tonight at the opening session here of the 57th annual convention.

Mr. Penn, superintendent of the Pennsylvania state training school at Morgantown, Pa., in his address to the convention, favored the abolition of capital punishment.

Congressman Johnson declared

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Aug. 12. (AP)—In 252 languages spoken in 124 countries, the Seventh Day Adventists are preaching and teaching the gospel, it was stated here today at the 22nd annual camp meeting of the denomination of Oregon. Denominational statistics recited show that the church is supporting 9,957 Christian workers outside of North America. The church operates 46 sanitariums and dispensaries, conducts 851 schools, including mission schools in foreign lands and 35 mission printing plants, supplying the printed matter of the denomination.

EUGENE CHEN RESIGNS

Conflict Between Generals Over Hankow Armies Reason

LONDON, Aug. 12. (AP)—Resignation of Eugene Chen as foreign minister of the Chinese nationalist regime at Hankow is reported in messages to British official quarters. The reason given is a conflict between Chen and General Tang Sen-Chi, who has established firm control over the Hankow armies.

It is reported that Chen is succeeded by Ku Ning-Yu, whose appointment the messages say, appears to have been unpopular, as the whole staff of the Hankow foreign office has threatened to resign.

According to British sources, the evodus of Russians from Hankow continues. It is confirmed that General Galens, ex-military adviser to the nationalists, is going to Russia.

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