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 Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Psalm 90:15.

## SPECTRE OF MALTHUS AND SUGAR

The development of the sugar industry, and the certain and steady per capita consumption, largest among the wealthiest nations, has been one of the marvels of the past 100 years and more, and the saturation point seems a long time in the future.

And there is a consideration little thought of up to the present that points to a future development of the industry outstripping its progress in the past. This is the fact that sugar yielding plants are the most efficient food producing crops that can be grown. Consequently, as the density of the earth's population increases, the cultivation of these plants may be more and more largely relied upon to resist the danger of food shortage and ultimate starvation.

While many fortunate sections of the globe are not yet compelled to worry about the problem of food supply, the spectre raised by Malthus in his writings a century ago has become a desperate reality to the congested populations of India and China. It is even laying hands on such a highly civilized country as England, where population long ago increased beyond the food producing capacity (as at the present time) of the home territory, resulting in chronic unemployment, a lowered scale of living, and other concomitants of the Malthusian principle. The populations of such distinctly agricultural countries as Italy and Japan are approaching painfully near a point where home production will fail to supply their needs. Other nations seem disinclined to follow the example of the French in keeping the birth and death rates approximately equal and must adopt the alternative of increasing their rate of production.

The problem can be solved only partially by applying improved methods of cultivation. Sooner or later it must be recognized that there are inefficient food plants, just as there are inefficient men and inefficient machines, and that as the struggle for existence becomes more intense, they must be discarded in favor of those that are efficient. At their best such cereal crops as rice, rye, and oats yield but a poor return on the soil investment required to produce them. If the dire conditions portrayed by Malthus are to be avoided or postponed it must be done by cultivation of crops which give the greatest returns of life sustaining food supplies on the investment of labor and the use of land.

By all odds the most effective producers of food values per unit of surface are sugar plants, and among these the first rank must be given to the sugar cane and the sugar beet. No other known crops can compare with them; they are the ultimate hopes of peoples oppressed by near or remote Malthusian terrors. Based on extensive tests, Dr. Ph. van Harreveld calculated that if the number of food units produced by a unit area of wheat be taken as 100, the same area in rice has a value of 40, in potatoes 146, and in sugar cane of 305 (average) with a maximum of 500 which is often attained. Wheat at 100 bushels to the acre (a distinctly uncommon yield) would give 6,000 pounds of dry vegetable matter directly consumable by man or beast; sugar beets at 25 tons (a fairly common yield in good beet farming) give 18,000 pounds of equivalent nutritive value. Compare this with the highest yield of rye noted by the United States department of agriculture—54.4 bushels, or 3,048.4 pounds. One fairly good crop of sugar beets will feed as many mouths as six maximum crops of rye or three very exceptional crops of wheat.

All countries are traveling at greater or less speed toward the Malthusian frontier, where population must eventually balance itself against a fixed limitation of land surface, and it is conceivable that even the United States may approach uncomfortably near this boundary within the time of persons now living. All far-sighted statesmen, or as many such as are desirous of leaving their countries in a better economic condition than they found them, will see the wisdom of encouraging the substitution of the more efficient for less efficient factors of food production. No other plants than those producing sugar to the best advantage—the sugar beet in temperate zones and the sugar cane in tropical lands—are better objects of wise economic legislation, or better repay investments in research and improvement.

And one of the wisest of all the things that could be done by congress would be the enactment of such legislation as would make the United States self contained in sugar at an early date.

And the biggest development that could possibly be made in the Willamette valley would be the securing of beet sugar factories to take the rotation crop yield of 250,000 to 500,000 acres of our land.

Congress could assure this by giving half the protection granted to sugar by England; by an increase in the tariff rates, and without any subsidy whatever, such as England pays.

KANSAS CITIES ARE DELUGED BY RAINFALL  
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Into a creek near Bison when a bridge there washed out. The train crew escaped injury. Water ran four feet deep through the streets of Hizer, and reached a depth of two feet in

the telephone exchange at Albert, 20 miles northwest of Great Bend. Russell, Kas., was cast into darkness when three feet of water invaded the city light plant, soaking the switchboard.

At Great Bend several residential streets were flooded and streets were flooded with limbs torn from trees by the wind. Walnut creek, four miles north, was

two miles wide. Dikes were built along the Arkansas river near Great Bend as the river steadily climbed to flood stage.

At Wilson, one man was marooned on his house top as the waters swirled about the eaves and efforts to rescue him tonight had been unavailing.

## "THY BLESSING, LORD, ON ALL VACATION DAYS!"

By Molly Anderson Haley

Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!  
 For weary ones who seek the quiet ways,  
 Fare forth beyond the thunder of the street,  
 The marvel of Emmaus Road repeat;  
 Thy comradeship so graciously bestow  
 Their hearts shall burn within them as they go.

Grant those who turn for healing to the sea  
 May find the faith that once by Galilee  
 Flamed brighter than the glowing fire of coals.  
 And when Thou hast refreshed their hungry souls,  
 Speak the old words again, beside the deep,  
 Bid all who love Thee, Master, feed Thy sheep!

Be Thou with those who bide where mountains rise,  
 Where yearning earth draws nearest to the skies!  
 Give them the peace, the courage that they ask:  
 New strength to face the waiting valley task,  
 New light to lead through shrouding valley haze!  
 Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!  
 —The Churchman, New York

**Bits For Breakfast**  
 Still Bigger State Fair—  
 All inside exhibit spaces are already taken—  
 And the fair does not open till the last Monday of next month; ending October 1st.

The Salem Y free employment office for the week ending Friday night had 245 applying for jobs, and sent 137 to work. Too much unemployment. But there will be more work from now on, and plenty for every one in hop picking time.

Henry Clews & Co., Wall Street authorities, have a cheerful outlook in their current weekly report. The business of the country is sound, with an upward trend and for the better. Going to be a good year, taking the country over.

Salem will keep on growing. Will have to, in order to keep up with the apartment house expansion. But this will be done. When, year before last, Salem was building a dwelling every week day, some people were saying the city could not keep up such a pace. Last year, when the rate was about one and a half new houses a day, the same people repeated the like statement, and they are sure of it now, that 1927 shows about two new dwellings for each week day in Salem. Well, the rate will be larger next year and the year after. Salem will grow as long as the back country develops, and that will be indefinitely.

**ACHESON CHOSEN SPEAK AT OUTDOOR SERVICES**  
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to be very popular during the hot summer days, when the cool of the park calls Salem people from their homes, and large numbers have enjoyed the outstanding speakers who have been secured for the meetings. Arrangements have been made so that in case of bad weather, the meetings will be held in the lobby of the YMCA.

Two more of the summer services remain after today, with next Sunday's speaker not yet announced, and Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church speaking at the last meeting, on the subject "Youth and his Religion."

**YOUNG SCHOOL MA'AM ENTERS HAWAIIAN RACE**  
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ous entrants in the race and the remote possibility that any one of the fliers might take away for Honolulu before the fixed take-off time next Tuesday at noon.

The departure of Frank Clark, flying the small monoplane, the Hollydale, from the airport at noon today gave rise to speculation that he might attempt the dash for Honolulu regardless of the prize money. This however, was discounted by the field report which showed he carried 150 gallons of gasoline and was probably headed for his home hanger, Santa Monica. He carried as a passenger, Charles E. Babb, secretary of the Southern California chapter of the National association. Clark withdrew from the race several days ago, because he considered his plane too small

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
 Sealed bids will be received up to 10 A. M. August 24, 1927, at the office of the undersigned, for the erection of an extension to the heating system at the State Institution for Feeble Minded, Salem, Oregon.

Bidders are requested to bid on all material and labor, including all excavation and filling necessary for a complete installation. Also, furnish alternate bid covering all material and labor with the exception of the excavation and back filling. Plans and specifications may be secured from the undersigned and P. A. Legge, architect.

A certified check in the amount of \$400.00, payable to Carl Abrams, Secretary Oregon State Board of Control, must accompany the bid as evidence of good faith and a guarantee of performance by the bidder.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Carl Abrams, DLU KPQJJ  
 CARL ABRAMS, SECRETARY,  
 OREGON STATE BOARD OF CONTROL, 8-14-27-23.

## OLD JOEY DOUBTS EARS WHEN TOLD OF 5 RINGS



JULES TURNOUR AND ONE OF THE 200 RIDERS WITH THE RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS

Jules Turnour, dean of the hundred clowns with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus, is of that "old school" who depend upon the art of pantomime. He is coming here with the Big Show, Salem, August 27.

This season the "world's worst band" of twenty clown musicians goes marching across the rings on stilts. The smallest player walks upon sticks twelve inches high. Then the stiffs range upward to those twenty-foot "peg legs" worn by the leanest of Diggelby Dabs. But though this is a new stunt it is not to Jules' taste. He craves the old days and the old ways.

"It's a changing world of the white tops," says the veteran Joey. "It seems only yesterday that I

played in a one ring show. Now we have five rings! I couldn't believe my own ears when they told me that two more had been added! Time was when a clown, a rider and the ring-master entertained the audience for full twenty minutes. Now we have more than 70 bareback riders. As for horses—there are 200 in one number, each ridden by an expert horseman or horsewoman. And ninety camels, zebras and stallions in one display! Still, beautiful ladies in fine feathers are no the only things, even when they ride upon fine steeds. For we make the children laugh. And as long as the little ones stand by us, I guess there will be a place for an old Joey, even though he has passed his seventieth mile-stone."

**JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY**  
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100 years old.

Besides his keen interest in conservation Curwood was deeply interested in civic enterprises in his home city, contributing liberally to these undertakings.

Two daughters are children of Curwood's first marriage. A son, James Oliver Curwood, Jr., and his second wife, who was Miss Ethel Greenwood, also survive.

Mrs. Curwood and one daughter, Mrs. Antonio Jirus of Detroit, and the son, a school boy, were with him when he died. Another daughter, Miss Viola Curwood, is convalescing from an illness in Albany, N. Y.

California sends news of a girl whose body lived seventy-eight days after her brain had died. Pooh, they're common around here.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**PLANE TAKES NOSE DIVE**  
 Aviators Crash to Ground When Attempting to Land

WHEATLAND, WYO., AUG. 13. (AP)—Fred A. Ullman, Enumclaw, Wash., is near death in a hospital here, and T. C. Moore, Seattle, has a broken leg and arm, following the crash of their airplane at Guerneville late today.

Ullman's skull was fractured, his back and one arm was broken. He had not regained consciousness

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## CLARION SECOND AMONG OREGON HIGH ANNUALS

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150-400 with the "Oregon Trail." Second honors were taken by the Molalla "Arrow" which was good enough to crowd the Gresham "Munkinota", present cup holder, to first honorable mention. The Silverton "Silvertonia" rated just a shade below the Gresham book, with the Grants Pass "Toka" and North Bend "Hesperia" tied for next place.

The third division cup for high schools below 150 is the only one that will not move this year, as the Enterprise "Hi-Life" again finished at the top of the heap, though Estacada "Hicada" was a close second.

The Sheridan "Sheridanian" took first honorable mention with the Corbett "Cohimora" and the Malin "Modoc" tied for next place

and the Bandon "Tiger" taking the final merit position. All books were judged on value, form and originality of contents, makeup, cost, printing, engraving, and cover. It so happened that the first division winner was low in cost with a cleverly designed paper cover.

**Threaten to Close Public Market Due to Argument**  
 SEATTLE, Aug. 13. (AP)—Closing of Seattle's public market due to a controversy between the farmers and the city, seemed unavoidable tonight.

The 300 farmers who rent stalls in the market place said they will not open for business Monday if the city maintains its insistence that they help to pay for the erection of 32 new stalls. City officials gave no indication of relenting in their demands.

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