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The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:12, 13.

COST OF LIVING IN SALEM

(The Oregon Voter, Portland, printed the following leading article in its issue of last Saturday:)

Before the war, all through the war and following the war, the cost of living in Portland was and is the lowest of any northern or western city of its size or larger, according to the monthly and annual statistics issued by the U. S. Bureau of labor statistics.

This lower cost of living in Portland may be ascribed to the fact that costs of doing business are lower in Portland, especially as to taxes, business rentals and delivery costs. In all three of these respects, Portland has a slight advantage over other Pacific coast cities of the same size or larger, and a material advantage over the larger cities of the east.

Latest statistics by the labor bureau include a comparison of cost of living in 1913 wih June, 1927. Nineteen cities are covered in the comparison. Following are the figures for all nineteen, with the percentage of increase in cost of living from 1913 to June, 1927:

Baltimore	75.3
Boston	68.1
Buffalo	79.8
Chicago	77.1
Cleveland	80.2
Detroit	82.7
Houston	66.3
Jacksonville	75.7
Los Angeles	71.5
Mobile	65.3
New York	77.8
Norfolk	73.9
Philadelphia	78.0
Portland, Me.	66.8
Portland, Oregon	53.7
San Francisco	60.5
Savannah	58.3
Seattle	69.7
Washington	60.5

Note in the foregoing list that it includes several southern cities and also several cities of smaller population than Portland. In general, living costs are materially less in the south, and also are usually much less in small cities and rural territory than in large cities. The larger the city, as a rule, the higher the living costs. Taking all the foregoing into consideration, the showing made by Portland from 1913 to June, 1927, is less than for any one of the nineteen cities, big or small, south or north.

Along with its figures for the nineteen cities, the labor bureau shows the average increase of cost of living for the United States as 73.4 per cent over 1913, a per cent of increase far in excess of the 53.7 per cent increase for Portland.

Portland shows to advantage not only in the comparison of total cost of living, but in each of the five individual classifications within the total. Following are the comparisons of the per cent of increase under each classification, for Portland and for the United States as a whole:

FOOD	
Portland	39.2%
U. S., Average	58.5
CLOTHING	
Portland	53.2%
U. S., Average	64.9
HOUSING	
Portland	30.3%
U. S., Average	62.1
FUEL AND LIGHT	
Portland	56.9%
U. S., Average	80.8
HOUSEHOLD GOODS, FURNITURE	
Portland	87.8%
U. S., Average	105.2
MISCELLANEOUS	
Portland	76.4%
U. S., Average	104.5

Food manufacturers and dealers have supplied meats, groceries and other eatables to Portland residents at a less advance from 1913 prices than any of the nineteen cities except the southern city of Savannah.

Clothing merchants have supplied men's and women's apparel to Portland residents at a less advance from 1913 prices than any other one of the nineteen cities except the southern city of Mobile.

Coal, wood, gas and domestic electricity are supplied to Portland consumers at a less advance in price than for any other of the nineteen cities except Washington, Houston and San Francisco.

Furniture and household goods are supplied by Portland furniture dealers at a less advance in price than for any other one of the nineteen cities.

Streetcar fares, laundry and cleaning bills, medicines, physicians' and dentists' services, movies and other items classified as "miscellaneous" in the cost of living have been provided Portland residents at a less advance over 1913 than for any other one of the nineteen cities.

Living in Portland certainly is a snap compared with other large cities, so far as expense goes, to say nothing of other advantages.

STOP NAGGING

An editorial writer in the Portland Telegram Saturday night puts the case aptly, as follows: "Speakers at the Winona Lake meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition association assert that the great body of American students are dry, but that they are grossly misrepresented by the publicity given the misconduct of a few. As a student secretary says, the present generation is confused and dazed by the new world of experience about them and some have lost poise and dignity in their haste to enjoy their larger freedom.

"The very fact that these occasional excesses are classed as news material by the press show that they are the exception that proves the rule. If one doubts that manners and morals have improved, let him read the novels of Fielding, with their scenes of boisterous conviviality—of long hours of after-dinner drinking, where the talk was no more delicate than the fare.

"Taking everything together, there has probably never existed in the world so large a body of alert, intelligent, ambitious youth, clean in mind and body, as are to be found today in American colleges. Let us have done with nagging at them all for the lapses of the few."

The Portland Journal reports Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern Railroad, as saying his line is already considering the possibility of combination air and rail service across the continent. What is the revolutionary of today becomes the habitual of tomorrow. The world moves fast these days.

The authority quoted above does not give the percentage for Salem, but it is very safe to assume that the increase here in the cost of living from 1913 to June of this year has been less than for Portland—

And that the figure to start with was lower.

It is also very certain that food prices in Salem are lower on the average than for Portland, and the clothing prices, too, and housing, and fuel and lights, and household goods and furniture, and miscellaneous items, too.

The showing for Portland is very good; and the showing that can be made for Salem is far better.

In the month of June, 1958 jobless people registered at the free employment office in Portland, and 1764 in Salem. From the Portland office, 1923 were sent to jobs, and from the Salem office 1052. The Salem district needs only to keep on keeping on, with its industries on the land and in the city, and it will grow up to approximate the size of Portland industrially one of these fine days. The trend of industries employing large forces is away from the big cities, all over this country. It will continue.

A SATIRE ON MODERN LIFE THROUGH THE LIFE OF THE ANCIENTS

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HELEN OF TROY

by JOHN ERSKINE

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THE CHARACTERS

Helen, an ancient lady with modern ideas.
Menelaos, her husband while she stayed at home.
Hermoine, her daughter and severist critic.
Orestes, her nephew — young enough to be a reformer; old enough to have ambitions.
Eteoneus, gate-keeper by calling; Philosopher by instinct; moralist by observation.
Adrate, handmaiden and fiend to Helen; scandal to 'most everybody else.
Charitas, the lady next door.
Damastor, a boy who strayed from the family door-step.

After Troy came Sparta, with Helen reestablished in the home of Menelaos. It is the central figure of Helen back in Sparta, "unrepentant, too beautiful to kill," that this story is concerned with.

HELEN'S RETURN

Chapter I

The point of the story is that Paris gave the prize to Aphrodite, not because she bribed him, but because she was beautiful. After all, it was a contest of beauty, though Athena and Hera started a discussion about wisdom and power. It was they who tried to bribe him. They had their merits and they had arguments, but Aphrodite was the thing itself.

Her improbable remark, then, that he would some day marry Helen, interested Paris as a divine experiment in prophecy. It might happen or it might not. Meanwhile he did wonder what Helen looked like. He needed travel. He might as well visit Sparta as any other place.

When he came to the house of Menelaos, the gatekeeper let him in, and since he was a stranger they wouldn't ask his name nor his errand till he had food and rest. Menelaos put off a journey he had thought of, and practised the sacrament of hospitality. But when he found out who it was, he told Paris to make himself free in the house, and after polite excuses went down to Crete, as he had planned.

So they all intended well. But Paris saw Helen, face to face.

Chapter II

When the war ended in Troy, with the fall of the city, Menelaos went looking for Helen, with a sword in his hand. She was waiting, as though they had appointed the hour. With a simple gesture she bared her heart for his vengeance and looked at him. He looked at her. The sword embarrassed him.

"Helen," he said, "it's time we went home."

They tell the story another way, too. Menelaos was not alone, they say, when he came on Helen. Agamemnon was there, and others, to witness the final justice of the long war. When Menelaos saw Helen standing there, he was conscious of his escort. Anger and strength oozed out of him, but those sympathetic friends were at hand, to see a husband do his duty. He raised the sword—slowly—not slowly enough. Then he heard Agamemnon's voice.

"Your wrath might as well stop here, Menelaos; you've got your wife back—why kill her? Priam's city is taken, Paris is dead, you have your revenge. To kill Helen would confuse those who ask what caused the war. Sparta had no share in the guilt; it was Paris entirely, who came as a guest and violated your hospitality."

Menelaos understood why his brother was called the king of men. But later in the evening he was heard to say he would have killed Helen if Agamemnon had not interfered.

He had to take her to the ships for the night, and sent her on ahead to take unprotected whatever insults the curious army might care to hurl at her. But the men gazed in silence, or almost so. They didn't notice him. He heard one say she looked like Aphrodite, caught naked in the arms of Ares, when Hephaistos, her ridiculous husband threw a net over the lovers and called the other gods to see her shame. A second man said he felt like the other gods on that occasion, who expressed a willingness to change places any time with Ares, net and all.

Chapter III

Some other men, that night when Troy was sacked, showed less restraint than Menelaos. Ajax found Cassandra in Athena's temple, where she served as priestess. There, as it were in the very presence of the goddess, he took his will of her. Afterward he admitted he had injured the woman, but asserted that he had not desecrated the temple, for Odysseus had already stolen away the sacred image, and the room, therefore, if a shrine at all, was an abandoned one. But the distinction was not likely to commend itself to the diety, and Agamemnon announced at once that the fleet would delay its homeward sailing until prolonged and thorough sacrifice had been offered, lest the goddess should wash their sins away in cold water. Agamemnon was tender in the matter from the moment the prizes were distributed. Cassandra fell to him.

All day he stood by the priest while the flames were fed on the altar, and Menelaos stood beside him—the two kings without a rival, now that Achilles was gone. At dusk they let the offerings burn down and smolder.

"The sacrifices are well begun," said Agamemnon.

"For me," said Menelaos, "they are ended. It wasn't our own sins that brought us to Troy, but as you said last evening, the sins of others. As to what happened to Cassandra, I look upon it as justice, though a bid crude. Paris was her brother. The fault of Ajax was haste. He might have had her in the partition of prizes, to take home and treat as he chose, beyond the criticism of the gods and secure from the wrath of mankind, for he has no wife waiting for him as have you. What you really fear, Agamemnon, is your wife!"

"My wife," said Agamemnon, "has caused no scandal in the family as yet. In some respects she differs from her sister. How many men have captured Helen, or she has captured them. Our special philosophies, brother, are evolved that we may live peaceably with our own past. You are in no position to condemn the work of Ajax. Cherish your philosophy; you will need it."

Helen was sitting in the tent, motionless, by the flickering lamp. The scented flame of smoke of the tripod went up before her face, and made Menelaos think of goddesses and altar-fires. Why was she there? Out at the sacrifices he had imagined her humbled among the other captives.

"Tomorrow we sail for Sparta."

"So soon? Why, there must be sacrifices, there are gods to think of, the wide dark ocean, the ghosts of so many dead to quiet before we go."

"The dead are at peace and the gods are satisfied," said Menelaos; "we've given the whole day to sacrificing. The ocean remains wide and dark. Agamemnon will continue the sacrifices for that, and for some other things prayer cannot change. He and the host will stay a while longer, I go home tomorrow with my men and my captives."

With her, he meant. He didn't know how to say it. Not "with my wife and my captives." He hadn't the courage for "you and my other captives."

"Menelaos," she said. "You are wrong, and your brother is right. Those who are conscious of wrongdoing need time for regret and for remorse, and those of us who are conscious of no wrong-doing, we most of all should offer sacrifices against our pride. If you had more visitors you would be more conventional."

"If I hear you," said Menelaos "you are advising me not to depart from established rules of conduct?"

"That is my advice," said Helen.

"I am overtired and my head refuses to serve me," said Menelaos. "Will you return to—whatever place you have just come from, or shall I leave this tent to you? We start early in the morning."

(To be continued)

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HOLDUP STAGED, SMALL CHANGE ONLY OBTAINED

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robber failed to discover in his search.

After scattering about some paper in search for more money, the bandit ordered him to step outside, where another man, also armed, was waiting. The second man, Kletzing says, was dark and rather heavy set, with a black shirt.

Commanding him to go ahead of them down the road, the two bandits took him to a point beyond their car, which they then entered and drove as if heading north, but soon turned and headed toward Salem. Their machine, Kletzing says, was a small touring car, with side curtains up.

Kletzing returned to his home, and from there notified the Salem police, but no trace of the men had been found at a late hour.

Entrance to the station had been effected through a window at the rear, which had been broken by the bandits, according to Kletzing.

General Markets

LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Cattle unevenly steady to 15c lower on good beef steers and all grades she stock; receipts cattle 2875 including 315 through; calves good 9. @ 9.35; ditto medium 800 pounds, up 8. @ 9.; ditto common 6.75 @ 8.; ditto fed calves and yearlings 750-950 pounds good 9. @ 9.50; heifers good 7.25 @ 8.; ditto common to medium 6.90 @ 7.25; cows, good 6.75 @ 7.25; ditto common to medium 5. @ 6.75; ditto low cutters to cutters 2.50 @ 5.; bulls (yearlings excepted) beef, good 6. @ 6.50; ditto cutters and medium 4.50 @ 5.75; calves 600 pounds down, medium to choice 7.50 @ 10.; ditto culls to common, 6.50 @ 7.50; vealers (milk fed) good to choice 10. @ 12.50; ditto medium 8.50 @ 10.; ditto culls to common 6. @ 8.50.

Hogs active 15 @ 25c higher; receipts 945 including 85 through; heavyweight 250-350 pounds medium to choice 10.50 @ 11.75; medimweight 200-250 pounds medium to choice 11.50 @ 12.35; lightweight 160-200 pounds medium to choice 11.75 @ 12.50; light lights 130-160 pounds medium to choice 11.50 @ 12.35; packing hogs, rough and smooth 7.50 @ 8.; slaughter pigs 90-130 pounds, medium to choice 11.25 @ 12.25; feeder and stocker pigs 70-130 pounds, medium to choice, 10.50 @ 12.25.

(Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.)

Sheep, steady; no choce on open market, choice 12.70 including 540. Quotations; except on lambs, on shorn basis; lambs 84 pounds down good to choice 10.50 @ 11.50; ditto medium 92 pounds down 9.50 @ 10.50; ditto culls to common, all weights, 7. @ 9.50; yearling wethers 110 pounds down medium to choice 7. @ 9.; ewes, 120 pounds down, medium to choice 5. @ 6.50; ditto medium to choice 120-150 pounds 4. @ 5.; ditto culls to common all weights, 3. @ 4.

PORTLAND GRAIN

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Wheat bids: BBB hard white Aug. 1.34, Sept., Oct. 1.35; hard white, B. S., Baart Aug., Sept., Oct. 1.31; federaton Aug., Sept. 1.30; soft white Aug. 1.30, Sept. 1.31, Oct. 1.32; western white Aug. 1.30, Sept. 1.31, Oct. 1.31; hard winter Aug., Sept. 1.30, Oct. 1.31; northern spring Aug., Sept., Oct. 1.33; western red Aug., Sept., Oct. 1.25.

Oats, No. 2, 36 pound white feed Aug., Sept., Oct. $33; ditto gray Aug., Sept., Oct. $33.

Corn, No. 2 E. Y. shipment Aug. $46.25.

Millrun, standard Aug., Sept. $25.50.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Wheat encountered realizing sales in the late trading and much of the early gain was lost. Initial firmness was due to higher Liverpool quotations and unfavorable weather advices from the northwest. At the finish wheat showed a net gain of ½ to 7-8c; corn advanced 1 to 1 3-8c and oats were 1-8 to 5-8c off.

PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Bids to farmer:

Milk, raw milk (4%) $2.25 cwt. f. o. b. Butterfat 43½c f. o. b. Portland.

Poultry steady; heavy hens 21 @ 23c; light 12 @ 14c; springs 20c; broilers 19 @ 20; pekin white ducks 18c; colored nominal; turkeys alive nominal.

Onions steady, local $1.75 @ $2.

Potatoes steady $2.50 @ 3.25 sack.

HAY

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Hay buying prices: Eastern Oregon timothy $20 @ 21.; dito valley $17 @ 18.; cheat $14.50; alfalfa $17.50; oat hay $13 @ 13.50; straw $7 per ton. Selling prces $2 a ton more.

DAIRY

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Dairy Exchange net prices:

Butter, extras 43½c; standards 42½c; prime firsts 41c; firsts 38c.

Eggs, extras 30c; firsts 29c; pullets 24c; current receipts 24c.

Salem Markets

GRAIN—	
No. 1 wheat, white	$1.18
Red wheat, sacked	$1.13
Oats, per bu. milling	$ .48
PORK, MUTTON AND BEEF—	
Top hogs	$12@$12.50
Sows	.06½@.07
Top steers	.06@.07½
Cows	.03@.05½
1927 lambs, under 66 lbs.	.10½
Top live veal	.10
Dressed pigs	.15
POULTRY—	
Light hens	.18
Heavy hens	.22
Springs	.17
Roosters	.06@.08
EGGS, BUTTER, BUTTERFAT—	
Standards	.36
Pound	.12
Butterfat	.43½
Cream butter	.45½@.46½
VEGETABLES—	
Vegetables, beets, sacked	.03
Onions, per bunches	.60
New cabbage	.03½
New potatoes	.03

TIME TO PLEAD HABEAS CORPUS GONE BY, CLAIM

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unconstitutional, the convict had no remedy in habeas corpus. Willis Moore, assistant attorney general, assisted in handling the proceeding for the state.

If Kelley was detained illegally in the Oregon state penitentiary under a faulty commitment issued by the Josephine county circuit court he was within his lawful rights when he attempted to shoot his way out of the institution, was the contention of Martin L. Pipes, attorney for Kelley.

Attorney Pipes not only contended that the statute under which Kelley was sentenced to serve 20 years in the penitentiary from Josephine county was unconstitutional, but he also alleged that the law had been repealed and was not operative at the time the convict was tried and convicted in the Southern Oregon court.

The contention also was stressed by Judge Pipes that the sentence of 20 years imposed upon Kelley for aiding and abetting in the escape of Bert (Oregon) Jones from the Josephine county jail was unreasonable and not proportionate to the gravity of the offense committed.

Authorifies were submitted to the court by Judge Pipes showing that somewhat similar statutes enacted in other states had been declared unconstitutional by the United States supreme court.

The jurisdiction of the Marion county circuit court in which Kelley was tried and convicted of first-degree murder was questioned by Judge Pipes on the grounds that if the convict was detained illegally in the penitentiary he had not committed any crime when he attempted to escape. Hearing of arguments on the petition for a stay of execution in the case of James Willos until he is examined for his sanity, probably will be heard by Judge Percy Kelly today or Wednesday. The reprieve in the Willos case expires at midnight Friday.

Willos and Kelley were under sentence to be hanged last Friday for the slaying of John Sweeney and Milton Holman, guards, during a break at the state penitentiary here in August, 1925. The executions were stayed by the filing of legal proceedings.

TWO WOMEN FOUND HELP

Their Sickness Banished by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Mrs. Nina Matteson, Box 206, Oxford, N. Y., writes—"If it had not been for your medicine, I could not have done my work as it should have been done. Mother told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I had read in different papers what it had done for different women. She wanted me to try it, so my husband got me one bottle at first; then I took two others. * * * Now I am feeling quite strong again."

Mrs. Ernest Tanguay of Adams, Mass., says she was ill for four years and could not sleep nights or go out on the street. She read about the Vegetable Compound and decided to try it. After taking eight bottles she was able to do all her work and go anywhere and is quite herself again.

This dependable Vegetable Compound is a household word in thousands of homes. The fourth generation is now learning the merit of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. If this medicine has helped other women, why shouldn't it help you? At your druggist's.

THE MORNING ARGUMENT

Aunt Het
By Robert Quillen

"The woman that comes an' tells me tomething hateful somebody said about me is just repeatin' what she'd like to say herself if she wasn't scared to."

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Poor Pa
By Claude Callan

"I can remember back when times was so hard that I wasn't in debt. I just felt that I couldn't afford debts then."

(Copywright, 1927, Publishers Syndicate)

Bits For Breakfast

The Hop Vine Scratch

This is the latest newspaper in this field.

It is published three times a week, at the Lake Brook hop ranch to T. A. Livesley & Co., by the health and recreation service there, and it gives the news of the hop pickers. They are commencing picking the fuggles hops there today, and they will have about 1000 pickers when the main crop comes on, in about a week.

This is the best equipped hop ranch in the world; with most of the conveniences of city life in the camp, including apartment buildings, store, play grounds, etc., etc. They have movies Monday, Wednesday and Friday, entertainments every other night, bonfire every night, Sunday school, community singing, first aid, baseball, boxing and sports and contests of all kinds.

The facilities are such that full forces of pickers are booked in advance of the picking season. They call their theater the Lakebrook Elsinore.

The Statesman of Thursday will be the annual live stock number. When we get a sugar beet industry, we will have a live stock industry that will be worth while, and that will grow with that industry.

City of Monmouth Will Have Big New Theatre

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, AUG. 20.—(Special)—A ten year lease has been signed between K. R. Minkler and H. C. Zurfluh of Centralia, Washington and Elliott Brothers of Monmouth and a motion picture house will be established in the building now occupied by the Elliott Furniture company. Plans for a new up-to-date front and a sloping floor are under way. The building has a seating capacity of about 500. Since the enrollment at the normal school has increased till it more than fills the school auditorium, the townspeople have not been able to attend the pictures given by the lyceum department of the normal school.

RESIGNS TO TEACH AT SALEM

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, MONMOUTH, AUG. 20.—(Special)—Graduates of the Monmouth normal school who received appointments to teaching positions for next fall through the appointment service bureau are Roy Mallery who will teach at Sandy, Mildred Bush, Stanfield, Lillian Schmidt, Washougal, Wn., Karla Sorenson, Clatsop county, Ethel Thienes, Yamhill county, Helen Overman, Sherman county, Agnes Smith, Corvallis. Margaret Simms has resigned from the Stanfield schools and will teach at Salem.

With all of these successful trans-Atlantic flights to occupy the public attention it doesn't seem to us that there is as much interest in Babe Ruth's home run record this summer as usual.

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Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, will, at or about 7:30 p. m., on the 6th day of September, 1927, or at any subsequent meeting of the said Council thereafter, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of Salem, Oregon, proceed to assess upon and against each lot or part thereof or parcel of land liable therefor its proportionate share of the cost of improving South 19th Street from the north line of Bellevue Street to the north line of Lee Street, in the City of Salem Oregon.

All persons interested in the said assessments are hereby notified to appear before the said Council at said time and place and present their objections, if any they have, to said assessment, and apply to said Council to equalize their proportionate share of same.

By order of the Common Council August 15, 1927.

M. POULSEN, City Recorder

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE COST OF IMPROVING OXFORD STREET FROM THE EAST LINE OF CHURCH STREET TO THE EAST LINE OF HIGH STREET.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, will, at or about 7:30 p. m., on the 6th day of September, 1927, or at any subsequent meeting of the said Council thereafter, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in Salem, Oregon, proceed to assess upon and against each lot or part thereof or parcel of land liable therefor its proportionate share of the cost of improving Oxford Street from the east line of Church Street to the east line of High Street, in the City of Salem, Oregon.

All persons interested in the said assessments are hereby notified to appear before the said Council at said time and place and present their objections, if any they have, to said assessment, and apply to said Council to equalize their proportionate share of same.

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