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He who freely magnifies what hath been nobly done, and fears not to declare as freely what might be done better, gives ye the best covenant of his fidelity.—John Milton.

Three Reasons

THERE are three reasons why Salem should have municipal ownership of her water system and an extension of the supply lines to a mountain source—three main reasons, with many collateral ones.

First, advertising value. That is of great moment. No one would be obliged to make excuses to a new-comer for the quality of our water.

Second, more adequate supply and better fire protection. The city can look to the future. It can build larger mains; extend mains faster to remote districts in process of growth.

Third, it can get money at a lower rate of interest, and thus show a profit on its investment above what is possible with a private concern. It can with a pipe line with gravity do away with the cost of pumping, besides getting an income from its hydroelectric power as the water comes down from the mountains.

Then there is the matter of going value, or franchise value. Salem is a growing city. Will be a growing city for many generations.. The franchise or going value will in the course of years more than justify the municipal ownership. This will accrue to future generations of residents here, instead of going to the stockholders of a private concern. It increases with every baby born; with every new resident. It is a legitimate value; but it should belong to the whole people who make up the increase, and not to a few people, the private owners, located here or at distant points.

Any reader can think of a thousand good collateral reasons in favor of city ownership of a utility that we must have; that we cannot get along without.

Girding for Battle

THE 300,000 farmers of the United States who grow sugar beets, and the growers of the south who produce sugar cane, will be represented in Washington January 21 and 22, asking for a higher protective rate on sugar produced in other countries—

And they will be backed by representatives of other men engaged in the sugar industry—

And further by men speaking for other hundreds of thousands of farmers who would grow sugar beets if they could have factories offering them contracts that would insure good profits for their work and the use of their land—

All depending upon a market not at the mercy of dumping of products from the countries where sugar cane and sugar beets are grown by labor living far below American standards.

On the other hand, the Wall street sugar trust, owning the Cuban factories and lands and the refineries along the Atlantic seaboard will be represented, along with all the foreign trade interests.

It will be a battle royal, and great issues are at stake. It is the biggest thing in the whole list affecting a better allocation of products of the land, in order to permanently settle the matter of major farm surpluses, about which we heard so much in the recent campaign.

It will be hard on Cuba and the Wall street sugar trust, and on Java; but the American farmers must win, for they stand for what is best for the great majority of the people of the United States.

We Would Not

SAYS an exchange: "Canada has slipped one over on the United States and the world at large by inaugurating penny postage as a Christmas present to its people. Uncle Sam is losing a good many thousand dollars on his mail service as it is and probably doesn't feel opulent enough to follow the example of his northern neighbor. On the other hand if he would stop paying postage for senators and congressmen on their campaign literature he would save enough to make up the deficit."

The above is 'cute as a cynicism. But there is very little of truth in it. The cost to the postal funds of the United States on "campaign literature" of senators and representatives is negligible; a mere bagatelle.

The big cost is the salary list; and the growth is in the increase of salaries. Perhaps they are all justified. Many of them are, without doubt.

Probably a million persons in the United States have the influenza, but the sickness of the king receives more news space. That may be the correct news emphasis. A king is more dramatic when fighting for death than you or I in a race to repel the "flu" bug. No prince has raced to our bedside and no waiting world seeks knowledge of our coming or going. Yet life for the ordinary person is probably as interesting as for the king and surely less exacting.

They have the compulsory liability insurance for motorists in Massachusetts, and in advocating such a plan for the District of Columbia Congressman Treadwell of that state says it is being given consideration in 44 states. It is a safety provision that is coming up, decidedly.

Five new inmates came to the state prison before noon Thursday; five new "fish" "dressed in." That made 693. It will run far above 700 by the end of July. But there will be employment for every one of them. And in the industries profitable employment.

That's a nice thing to think about. Forty-five flax pulling machines at work in the Salem district during the next harvest, in July and August. Possibly more than 45. You can see no such sight in any other country. There will be thousands of these machines working each harvest in the Willamette valley before many years.

Mrs. Lita Grey Chaplin who wedded the jester of movieland at the age of 15 and divorced him in short order, says she is again considering marriage, this time to Roy D'Arcy, screen villain. An old, wise woman is Lita! She's now 21.

Much that has been said about Coolidge as an economizer was stuff and nonsense. His will turn out to be the costliest peace time administration the country has had up to now. Practically all will be said truthfully for him is that he could have stood for more extravagance if he had tried.—Exchange.

Warner of Stanford first made formation A famous and now formation B has been added to the repertoire. When formation C appears the boys will surely know their A, B, C's.

Kellygrams

BY FRED C. KELLY

THE salesmanager of a paper box company was telling me about the hard luck all such companies have suffered because of modern fashions in women's clothes.

A short-skirted dress can be folded up and placed in a box only about half as large as those formerly needed. Since it takes just as much selling effort to market small boxes as large ones, but at correspondingly lower prices, the manufacturer is compelled to obtain new business of some kind or else suffer reduced profits.

And the trouble doesn't stop with the boxes for the skirts themselves. Skirts that do not quite reach down to the knee are natural foes with stockings with cotton tops. When a woman's knees and even part of her thighs are exposed to the full view of one and all, she wishes to have them incased as attractively as possible and her stockings must be silk all the way up. Maybe you never thought about it before, but silk stockings will go into a much thinner box than if they had cotton tops. One inch from the depth of a box makes it look so much less valuable that the manufacturer cannot ask the same price for it. Yet it is almost as costly to make and just as hard to sell.

Who's Who and Timely Views

Growth of Civil Aeronautics Described as Phenomenal

By WILLIAM P. MacCRACKEN, Jr. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics.

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COMMERCIAL aeronautics has entered into the business world and, without subsidy, it has become an integral part of American business and transportation.

W. P. MACCRACKEN

In air transport service alone there has been an unprecedented route increase. By comparison with a scheduled route mileage of 8,396, which was the total one year ago, the transport companies now operate routes covering 11,191 miles over which their planes fly a daily mileage of 27,817. Eighty-eight cities are now directly served by these routes with a total trading area population of 80,000,000. On several of the routes passenger service was inaugurated during the year and preparations are now being made to include it on various others.

An important step was taken in the agreement between air transport interests and railroad executives to inaugurate several air-rail passenger lines, at least one of which will enable a passenger to cross the continent in two days and two nights, flying by day and using the railroad to cover the less favorable stretches by night.

Equipment used by the lines is steadily being improved and in several cases there are already in use multi-engined planes with heated and lighted cabins, easy chairs, and many devices to bring the traveler comfort as well as to assure him safety.

These planes operate over established civil airways equipped with various aids to navigation such as beacon lights suitably spaced and marked and lighted intermediate fields at proper intervals. The government now maintains air routes equipped for day and night flying, aggregating about 6,000 miles. Weather forecasts and warnings transmitted along such airways by a fast communication system enable pilots to know unfavorable conditions in advance and to avoid them. Radio equipment is being installed to aid pilots in maintaining their courses under conditions of poor visibility and to expedite the transmission of weather and other information.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

This is our winter—

Mr. Tenderfoot, and if we are going to get any more of it, we will likely have it in the next two or three weeks, and it will probably be short.

Here is a tip to the Bitts man, by a Salem grocer. He ordered seven sacks of walnuts and filberts from a grower, for his store. He paid the current prices, and the check was $175.

There are few products we grow that run into money so fast for the pound or the bulk. And there is very little shrinkage, like that of prunes put through the dryers. And there is sure profit for the grower of nuts at present prices; especially for the grower who has mature walnut or filbert trees.

Multiply the present number of trees by 10 and look into the future 10, 15 or 20 years, and you can visualize a vast annual sum coming to our growers. The filbert tree increases its crop fast after it is five to eight years old, and the walnut tree very fast after ten or twelve years. A Salem district walnut orchard 10 years old made a gain this year over last of more than 50 per cent in tonnage. Salem is the natural walnut and filbert center of the United States, and it is going to become famous and rich as such. This will extend to black walnut trees in the forests and to chestnuts, and perhaps some other varieties.

The Bits man has this letter: "The editor of the Statesman hit the nail on the head in his editorial under the caption, 'Mountain Water,' in this morning's issue when he said: 'The city should own its water system. It should go to the mountains for the supply. It should provide for selling power all the way down.' Until that is done we will be plagued with this 'vegetable soup.' W. M. Garner."

The Statesman has no quarrel with the owners of the Salem water system. They are evidently doing everything in their power to rid the water supply of the algal or vegetable substance with which it is contaminated. And they no doubt made a good investment when they bought the Salem water system. And they are entitled to every honorable and decent consideration in the range of justice and business fairness.

If the city shall conclude to own its water system, the present system ought to be bought, and the owners should be paid what it is worth; both the physical value and the going concern or franchise value. And the courts would grant them this, according to fixed rules backed up by a long line of decisions.

But the Bits man believes, for many reasons, Salem should own its water system. He has been in the fight for this since 1910 and before. Had the matter been concluded in 1910, when the people voted in favor of it, Salem would now be in much better condition. There would have been a saving of several hundred thousand dollars for one thing.

But that is neither here nor there. This is 1928; another year will be ushered in next Tuesday. Every day this is neglected, the going concern value will increase, and the cost to the city will be that much higher, when a decision is finally made for city ownership. The future Salem will not be satisfied with anything short of municipal ownership and a mountain supply. Why do we hesitate and thus pass onto our successors this higher cost, growing higher every day? No citizen will feel the cost of the system. It will pay for itself, and finally retire the bonds and then be in position for lower water rates. And lower rates might not be long deferred, with good management.

Marion county is not a welcher. It lives up to its obligations, written or otherwise. The full five year term of the county health demonstration will be finished, according to the original understanding. It is a good thing; but the understanding should have been carried out without respect to that point. A contract must be a contract, in this county, as it should be everywhere.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The States-man Our Fathers Read

Dec. 29., 1908

While in Portland today, Governor Chamberlain will confer with Major Langfitt, government engineer chief, upon what action is necessary to obtain the right of way for the The Dalles-Celilo canal on the Columbia river.

The increase in Salem property for 1903 as shown by the tax rolls computed by County Clerk J. W. Roland is $100,000. Total valuation is now $2,039,559.

Dr. E. B. Hoover was appointed hospital physician at the Old Soldiers' home in Roseburg, succeeding Dr. George E. Houck of Roseburg, resigned.

The Willamette river steamer Pomona of the Oregon City Transportation company sank in the lower river yesterday afternoon, between Newberg and Oregon City. The steamer was commanded by Captain A. J. Spong, considered one of the most capable pilots on the river.

The One-Minute Pulpit

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with jewels.—Isaiah, lxi, 10.

The Way of the World

By GROVE PATTERSON

NO DEBATE

Dispatches recently carried the trivial news that a college debate team had been defeated in a debate on the question: "Resolved that we deplore the influence of modern advertising upon the public welfare."

There is no debate possible on that subject for it has but one side. Only a man too dumb to be kept out of an asylum would doubt the beneficial effect of advertising upon the public welfare. Sensible advertising, has taught men how to live in comfort. It has raised them from contentment with dirt and shabbiness to a reasonable demand for comfort and cleanliness. Advertising has created desires, the satisfaction of which has led to culture and a new spirit.

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BABIES AND BABIES

Archeologists digging for evidence of the ways of early man, find a cave baby's rattle. The toy is excavated near Kish, in Mesopotamia. Shaped like a hedgehog it contains a hard mud ball. No matter how far down the ages man has been coming the cave baby was not unlike the baby of civilization. Mental tests would doubtless reveal little difference. A baby's rattle has been in demand since the beginning of the human race.

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THE TIRELESS JAPS

Yokohama, in Japan, has been more than 70 per cent re-created since the earthquake five years ago. The Japs do not appear much in the news except at the coronation of an emperor, an infrequent war or an earthquake. But they are a working people, tireless, ambitious, apparently unafraid. What is destroyed they rebuild. They have the knack of taking care of themselves. They go ahead. They move up and on. Let us watch the Japs, not in fear, but in proper and helpful curiosity.

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NICE AND SIMPLE

Don Alfonso, cousin of the Spanish king, who has been visiting us, sails for home. The two Americans who impressed him most are Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh. He said:

"Your Henry Ford is the embodiment of simplicity. Colonel Lindbergh is nice and simple. You ought to take off your hat to him."

That is a significant remark, coming from royalty. Don Alfonso by birth and training is an aristocrat. Interesting to see that he recognizes the value and the power of simplicity.

"Nice and simple," he says. "You ought to take off your hat to him." That's worth thinking about.

Dinner Stories

INDIGNATION, PLEASE!

"Stop! For the love of Mike stop!" shrieked the film producer, and obediently the cameras ceased clicking.

The producer walked over to the leading man.

"Your expression is hopeless," he scowled. "Try to look as if you really were indignant."

"I've done the best I can," retorted the actor, sullenly. "Nobody could do any better."

"Very well, your salary is reduced plenty from today on," snapped the other. Then: "Now, that is the idea. Hold it. Take, please!"

And the cameras clicked again.

EXACTLY

Rastus—I tells you, Sambo, I done found out de deffence between men and de women at las'.

Sambo—What—what is it.

Rastus—Wall, a man'll gib two dollars for a one dollar thing dat he wants, and a woman'll gib one dollar for a two dollar thing what she don' want!

MISS PANGBORN VISITS

HUBBARD, Ore., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Miss Margaret Pangborn, who has made an extended visit with her parents in Hubbard, returned to California Friday. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pangborn of Peggie's Tea room.

The Grab Bag

December 29, 1928 ..

Who am I? What is my profession? In what Ibsen play did I score a success?

Of what is Sinapore the capital?

What Roman slave extracted a thorn from the paw of a lion?

What French explorer founded Quebec?

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Where is this passage found in the Bible?

JIMMY JAMS

Today in the Past

On this day, in 1845, Texas was admitted to the Union.

Today's Horoscope

Persons born on this day are free thinkers and they have no fear. Underhandedness is not a part of their makeup.

A Daily Thought

"Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle."—Michael Angelo.

Horoscope for Dec. 29

Persons born on this day are capable of much serious study. They delve beneath the surface of things and often make great scientists.

Answers to Foregoing Questions

1. Alla Nazimova; actress; "A Doll's House."
2. Straits Settlement.
3. Androcles.
4. Samuel de Champlain.
5. St. John, xv, 7.

Cellini is Caught In Own Gun Trap

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Louis Cellini, whose home has been receiving considerable attention from burglars of late, mounted a double barreled shot gun over a picture frame, and attached a long cord from it to the door of his room. If a burglar opened the door he would be the target from both barrels. Cellini forgot the trap today when he opened the door. He was taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

DILLON VISITOR

HUBBARD, Ore., Dec. 28.—(Special)—W. S. Dillon, former principal of the Hubbard grade school, but now principal of the grade school in Molalla, was exchanging greetings with friends in Hubbard Thursday.

Observations

By Col. E. Hofer

New Liberty street business houses and the project for making it one of the short cuts to the fair grounds and Hollywood shows the rapid growth of the capital city. It is not a too swift guess to think of Liberty as lined with shops and markets as far north as Mill creek and a business district with a theatre and a bank on the north side of the creek and out to the water front. Market street in San Francisco has the Twin Peaks looking west but Liberty and the business streets of Salem all show views of Mt. Hood and half a dozen snow peaks from 12,000 to 14,000 feet high. The Twin Peaks at the head of Market street, San Francisco, are only about 2000 feet high, while Mt. Jefferson, directly east of State street is over 12,000 feet elevation. Best we can say, we ar poor advertisers.

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The Community builders have been holding noonday meetings with free lunches and a booster lectures, that makes California expansionists look white around the gills, to locate scores of new home builders in the Ben Lomond district. New buildings are going up and work on the new Frederick Lamport $50,000 home starts early in 1929. To have a realtor show how Oregon has California faded off the map in forty ways, and Salem the Queen Bee and busy spot of all towns in the northwest is a credit to the real estate profession.

Watch buildings spring up on south Liberty street where the new viaduct, to match the new bridge on South Commercial street, is going in. That street will be open in a few months and will be an occasion for a celebration to rattle the bones of conservatism harking back to a time when Salem was noted for having the widest and muddiest streets in the webfoot state.

The Chamber of Commerce advises keeping an eye on West Salem, the beautiful residence addition across the river. Salem real estate and every business house in Salem will be benefitted by the rapid development of West Salem. There is a wise conservation of the water front and preservation of the forest beauty of the camp grounds and tourist cottages between the West Side highway and the mile of river bank extending south. In time there will be the choicest residences fronting on the river bank on both sides of the Willamette. The owners of the property on the east bank of the river could not do a wiser thing, than to preserve the bank from further caving down and washing away, preserve the natural trees and shrubbery and build a driveway on the river front and encourage residence building fronting the river. These would command a sunset view of the Polk county hills of great beauty that could never be hidden The state highway commission or some progressive public body is topping and preserving the growth of forest that extends for several miles between the river and the highway from Albany to Corvallis. The highway commission is not overlooking its best bet in preserving trees and shrubbery and scenic beauty of fine groves along the state highways, and not leaving it all for the tourist camps to do.

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Salem is today experiencing the delightful sensation of having many new business buildings being erected and three new business districts coming into existence before the very eyes of anyone who will take the trouble to walk over the territory described in the foregoing fact summary. Other parts of the city are experiencing group construction that will soon blossom into business districts. No part of Salem is over stimulated, but all growth and development is along natural and normal lines. That is why all property investments are safe investments. If they are not already in an area of expanding values, it is only a question of time when they will be. Members of the zoning property into business zones. Could there be a better indication, or a more inviting existing condition, in what is already a community maintaining rapid growth and spreading on both sides of the river?

Poems that Live

SONNET

(On his having arrived to the age of twenty-three)

How soon hath Time, the subtle thief of youth,
Stolen on his wing my three-and-twentieth year!
My hasting days fly on with full career,
But my late spring no bud or blossom shew'th.
Perhaps my semblance might deceive the truth
That I to manhood am arrived so near;
And inward ripeness doth much less appear,
That some more timely-happy spirits endu'th.
Yet, be it less or more, or soon or slow,
It shall be still in strictest measure even
To that same lot, however mean or high,
Toward which Time leads me, and the will of Heaven:
All is, if I have grace to use it so,
As ever in my great Task-master's eye.

—John Milton (1608-1674)

Listen In

SATURDAY

KWBS—200 Meters, 1500 Kilocycles
9:00-12:00—Housewife's hour.
6:00-7:00 p. m.—Semi-classical program.
10:00-11:00—Request hour.

KFEC—219 Meters, 1370 Kilocycles
10:00-11:00—Request program.
11:30-12:00 m.—Request program.
12:50-1:00—News items and weather report.
1:00-2:00—Semi-classical.
2:00-3:00—Novelty program.
6:00-6:15—New York stock quotations.
6:15-7:00—Novelty program.
7:00-7:05—Weather report.
8:00-9:00—Hawaiian quartet.
9:00-10:00—KFEC novelty, dance orchestra.
10:00-10:15—Amos 'nd Andy.

KTBR—231 Meters, 1300 Kilocycles
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6:00-7:00—Staff trio and road reports.
8:00-9:00—"The Gypsys."
9:00-10:00—Request program.
10:00-11:00—Jack Medland.

KOIN—319 Meters, 390 Kilocycles
11:45-12:00—Louise Webber, dietitian.
12:00-12:30 p. m.—Farm program.
3:00-4:00—News and music.
5:15-6:00—Topsy Turvy-Times.
6:00-7:00—Organ concert.
7:00-8:00—Orchestra.
11:00-12:00—Merrymaker's frolic.

KGW—484 Meters, 620 Kilocycles
8:00-9:00 a. m., NBC—"Happy Time."
9:30-10:00—Home information service.
10:00-11:30—Town Crier.
12:00-1:00 p. m.—Luncheon concert.
1:00-2:00—"Farmer's Hour."
2:15-4:30 p. m.—East-West football game description from Los Angeles.
5:00-6:00—Orchestra concert from New York over NBC.
6:00-7:00—Diversified popular program from New York.
7:00-8:00—Dance music (transcontinental.)
8:00-9:00—Program from KOMO.
9:00-10:00—"Golden Legends."
10:00-12:00—"The Big Show," NBC.
NBC—2:15-4:30, East-West football description; 5-6, National orchestra; 6-7, "The Vagabond King;" 7-8 dance orchestra; 8-9, "The Carnival;" 9-10, "Golden Legends;" 10-12, "The Big Show."
KORE—Eugene (211), 8:30 a. m. housewife's program; 10, music; 12, concert; 1, music; 5:30, music; 6:45, news; 7, sponsored.
KSL—Salt Lake City (265) 6, NBC; 7, dance orchestra; 8, novelty; 9, amateur night; 9:30, dance music; 11, Coyote club.
KNX—Los Angeles (285), 6, playgoers' club; 6:30, organ; 7, mystery; 7:30, feature; 8, feature; 9, "Mr. and Mrs."; 10-12, orchestra; 12, dance hour; 1, Midnight Express.
KMO—Seattle (326), 6-8, NBC; 8 with KGW; 9, orchestra; 10, orchestra; 11, news; 11:15-12:30, dance orchestra.
KHJ—Los Angeles (333), 6, doings; 6:45, news; 7-9, chain program; 9, symphony; 10-12, dance music, 12, frolic.
KGO—Oakland (379), 6-8, NBC; 8, sports, 8:15, NBC; 9-12, NBC.

Lions Get Bid For Midwinter District Meet

Members of the Salem Lions club were invited to attend a midwinter meeting of Lions in the northwest district, to be held at Longview sometime in February, by Harry Swart, district governor, when he attended the Friday luncheon here. The exact date has not been set.

Mr. Swart announced that Lloyd T. Reynolds of the Salem den had been appointed chairman of a committee to "sell Oregon" at the Lions International convention and at other national meetings next year.

The Friday luncheon was billed as a "father and son" affair, but a number of the "sons" present were daughters. Justice Harry Belt of the supreme court delivered an interesting address relative to the occasion, Charles Knowland told some father and son stories and Edward Fisher, University of Oregon student, sang appropriate songs.

A kindly Providence has so arranged it that the hunting and housecleaning seasons coincide.

High Pressure Pete

By Swau