

The New Year

SALEM and the Salem district enter the year 1929 with bright prospects. With full assurance of growth and of expansion of business.

Salem has become an industrial city, still retaining all the advantages of a state capital, with the payrolls and activities of state institutions that proverbially limit the initiative of the people of some other state capital cities.

There has been built up in Salem a great canning and packing industry, backed by and supporting large industries on the land.

And these are growing and bound to grow together; not for a short time, but throughout the unfolding years, with ever increasing volume and direct as well as indirect beneficial effect upon every branch of progressive activity here. There will be more and larger canneries and packing plants, and greater and ever greater tonnage of products from our orchards and farms and gardens to supply them.

We have a paper mill industry that is well established and has grown fast and is scheduled for greater growth along the special lines it represents.

With almost unlimited possibilities for development along the same lines and in other branches of that trade; with the exhaustless and ever renewing sources of the Cascades forest reserves to draw from an unceasing source of supply of raw materials; and many other available supply sources.

Already we see many indirect benefits from industrial developments already made, as for instance increasing cold storage room, manufacturers of cannery and packing house machinery and equipment.

We are entering an era of nut growing development that, alone, will justify a city much larger than the Salem of the present; with indications of rapid growth.

There is a bright future in the continued growth of our educational and cultural institutions in all branches.

Our flax and linen foundations, now solid, are due for such expansion as to more than satisfy the wildest dreams of its pioneer protagonists. It will overtop the imaginings of present day visions. It will justify a Salem ten times the city of the present size. How soon? Things travel fast these days. It may not require a long time. It will come certainly, in due course.

So the list might be spread on and on, pages long. For this is verily the land of diversity and the country of opportunity; above any other section of like extent on the round globe.

With fifty strings to its bow of potential wealth where like expanses of valley and plain and mountain have only one or two or a scant half dozen.

This is Salem's true vision for the opening year; it is the true picture for all this broad and fertile valley, between the upper spaces of the Coast Range and the sky line of the Cascades.

An Income Tax Bill?

THE newspapers of Oregon, representing public opinion, are tackling the income tax question anew.

Since the state tax commission, some of its members at first protesting it was not necessary, with only three dissenting votes, finally declared for an income tax with a property offset.

It is argued by at least one Oregon editor, who has opposed all income tax measures in this state so far proposed, that instead of being a detriment to Oregon industries an income tax with both personal and real property offsets would prove a benefit to existing industries here, and would work in favor of securing more of them.

The argument being that such an income tax would uncover perhaps \$2,000,000 a year of revenues for the state treasury that now escapes taxation entirely.

Thus reducing instead of increasing the amounts required from industrial concerns, whose assets consist largely or mainly of machinery and plant material.

Such an income tax, it is asserted, would equalize the state burden by "getting state taxes out of the thousands who do not now pay a cent," citing for instance "the fellow in the city who rents an office with a desk in it and makes his \$10,000 to \$100,000 a year selling bonds, writing insurance, dealing in real estate and so forth, and hasn't a dollar that is taxable." He "would be required to pay an income tax to the state that permits him to do business therein."

The Oregon editor being quoted believes an income tax of the kind he favors, with both real and personal property offsets, would place industrial concerns in Oregon in a preferred position as regards California and Washington, where capital and going concern fees are exacted in order to get away from the supposed bad odor of the name income tax among men engaged in industry.

The Editor's Year

THE editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, reviewing his work for the past year, and for all the years of his busy editorial career, prints the following:

"This year is about over and merchants are beginning to look over their books to see what amount of business they did. Our business has averaged about two columns per day. Some days Tom Nolan has taken an extra column away from us and it has been so much better stuff than ours that the business management didn't have the heart to leave it out. But, on the whole, we have averaged about 2 1/2 columns per day. That's about 775,000 words used up, so, if you find yourself short in your vocabulary, you will know what's the matter. We have thrown together over 16,000,000 words in our time, and we do not recall that any of them ever amounted to anything. They have, however, made a lot of people mad, a lot of people happy and have served to amuse those who don't take themselves nor life too seriously. And for us—we have had a lot of fun writing them!"

(The Tom Nolan of the Gazette-Times editor refers to is a leading Corvallis merchant who has preferred position on the editorial page of that paper for his advertisements, and the days he leaves the editor very limited space for his ads; hence the preference of the business management.)

No man who has had faith in Salem and kept his feet on the ground, throughout all the years that there has been a Salem, since the town started to grow around the school that developed into Willamette university, has been disappointed in his calculations. And the great future of Salem is as certain as its modest past. Have faith in Salem. Paraphrasing J. P. Morgan the elder when he loaned the Cleveland administration a hundred million dollars when everybody else was scared, and said a man was a fool who was a bear on the United States government, do not be a bear on the town. That's a New Year thought some one may welcome. Analyze it fore and aft and down the middle, and inside and out, and you will conclude it is sound, unless you are in the class of the people Mr. Morgan referred to when he put up his hundred million dollars.

The Chicago News approves the idea that there should be no more reclamation projects because we have too much in cultivation already. Next thing we know the News editors like it will come out in favor of birth control because there is so much unemployment in the country.

First, buy the city water works, and then go where you please for the supply, so it is pure.

The happy New Year spirit is in you.

Kellygrams

BY FRED G. KELLY

ALTHOUGH bobbed-haired women are supposed to have been life-savers for barbers in battle competition with safety razors, I find that most barbers do not like women customers. "A man lets you alone," one barber told me, "but women go into great detail about just how they want their hair cut. Then, no matter how it's done, it doesn't quite suit them. Moreover, they don't give tips, and pay rather grudgingly."

Well! We'll! Well!



The Grab Bag



Who am I? Of what publication am I the editor? Where is my home?

Which amendment to the United States Constitution abolished slavery?

What is the capital of Louisiana?

Who is the governor general of the Irish Free State?

"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly." Where is this passage found in the Bible?

Today in the Past
On this day, in 1927, Governor Alfred E. Smith was inaugurated for his fourth term at Albany, N. Y.

Today's Horoscope
Persons born on this day are of determined character and they have much executive ability. If they make New Year's resolutions they keep them.

A Daily Thought
"He who talks much cannot always talk well."—Goldoni.

- Answers to Foregoing Questions
1. Henry L. Mencken; American Mercury; Baltimore, Md.
 2. Thirteenth.
 3. Baton Rouge.
 4. Timothy M. Healy.
 5. Proverbs, xiv, 29.

The great earthquake in Spain in 1755 caused many people to emigrate to America, among them many Jews, who settled in Rhode Island.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

Thank you—

And many happy returns!

Here is a prediction: Salem will round the corner twelve months from today with the biggest year in her history to her credit.

Biggest in new buildings, biggest in business and biggest in manufacturing and payrolls and all the indirect benefits that accrue from them.

This sounds good: Most of 50 elected newspaper editors of the United States and Canada say the election of Hoover was the greatest domestic event of 1928, and the Kellogg treaty the greatest international matter. Can you beat it? Can you find any fault in the decision?

Of course, mountain water is not pure. Even rain water is not pure. No water is pure unless made so chemically. But mountain water from the right source is so nearly pure that the public regards it as absolutely pure, and it can easily be made germ proof by chlorination.

And mountain water for the future large city Salem will be the cheapest, because the cost of pumping will be obviated, and the hydroelectric power generated on its way down to Salem will pay the interest charges on its maintenance.

And the advertising value of mountain water is very large. No one would ever have to make excuses for mountain water.

However, even with city ownership of the water works, no pipe

line to the mountains should be built till it could be shown conclusively that it would be a paying investment, as compared with the cost of putting into the mains some other near pure supply.

Here's hope: The legislature will be in session a week from next Monday, and during all the time the legislature has been held in January, beginning in 1885, there has not been a period of very severe weather here, or snow that remained for over a few days.

An Albany man has brought suit for \$400 damage for the killing of his dog. We have known for many years that cows greatly increased in value when they were struck by a train, but we had no idea that dogs had the same habit. Apparently, however, dogs have the habit developed even to a greater degree than cows. Cows seldom increased in value more than 400 per cent. If a man sued a railroad company for \$400 for a cow, it could be safely set down that the cow's value was in the neighborhood of \$100, but when a man asks \$400 for the death of a dog—why we know right away that there is an increase of 10,000 per cent. Hot dog!—Corvallis-Gazette-Times.

Some heartless wag released a lot of counterfeit money in New York for the holidays. Ah well! It will be spent no doubt for a lot of counterfeit booze so that after all, nature evens things up.

SALEM, Mass. (AP)—A false alarm is just a false alarm to some people, but it's \$100 to George Gagnon. He drew a fine for that amount for playing with an alarm box.

Franklin's Birthday

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The two hundred twenty-third anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birthday will be observed here on January 17.

In 1756 Georgia and South Carolina quarreled over the navigation of the Savannah river. Georgia captured several vessels belonging to Carolina.



May the path of your life during the coming year be filled with joy and prosperity!

BISHOP'S
135 N. Com'l.

NOTICE!
AUTOMOBILE
LICENSES
MAY BE SECURED
ON
NEW YEAR'S DAY
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At State License Division
State Building

12th St. between State and Court St.

HAL E. HOSS,
Secretary of State.

Happy New Year to You From All of Us

Mrs. I. Kay - Bernard Kay
Agnes Snapp - Della Hayden
Marie Kilmurray - Mae Kakara

High Pressure Pete



Gundersons Are Hosts to Young People's Class

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gunderson were hosts at a Christmas party at their home on East Hill Thursday night. Guests were members of the young people's Bible class of Trinity church.

These included Martha Thompson, Helen Thompson, Arnold Thompson, Hilman Lovlien, Cora Goplerud, Inga Goplerud, John Goplerud, Julia Slattum, Harold Slattum, Clifford Eklund, Mildred Lee, Francis Nelson, Martha Sather, Gladys Dahlen, Richard Holm, Edward Holm, Arnold Johnson, Esther Towe, Ludvig Meyers, Althea Meyers, the Rev. H. L. Fos, Karen Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson.

Mr. Gunderson is in charge of the class. A Christmas tree and the exchanging of gifts were features of the evening.

A man has been quoted as saying: "If you teach a boy to blow a saxophone, he'll never blow a safe." Still it's hard to decide which is worse.—Nogales (Ariz.) International.

MEXICO CITY (AP)—An enterprising milliner here has placed a mirror in front of his store with the suggestion that the senorita look into it to see whether her hat is in style or good condition.

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