

No man lives without jostling and being jostled; in all ways he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and receiving offense.—CARLYLE.

Salem's Biggest Business

NOBODY is being specifically quoted, but it is true nevertheless that Salem put into cans last year fruits and vegetables that made up a total of 1,400,000 cases, in round numbers.

In terms of family size cans, 24 to the case, the total was 33,600,000.

There was an increase of about 300,000 cases over 1927. Some growth. And this does not include the fruits put up in cold pack here—

And about half our 12,000,000 pound crop of strawberries was put into cold pack shipments. And we put up in cold pack also some red and black raspberries, loganberries, blackberries, cherries, and even gooseberries.

The total canned pack of the Pacific northwest last year in fruits and vegetables was 8,560,785 cases, of which the fruit total was 7,650,529.

The Salem district handled around a fourth of this total; and in a number of lines nearly all of it.

This is Salem's biggest business. Our canning and packing lines have been enjoying a great growth. We have to go back only to 1910 to find the one cannery of Salem packing in the whole year 30,000 cases. Our canneries and packing houses this year will in one single day of many days put up more than this in volume; likely in cans alone, to say nothing of barrels and other cold pack forms.

We had seven canneries going last year for the full season; counting the Oregon Packing company's plants on 12th and 13th streets as two.

This year we will have eight; possibly nine, counting the King's plant. Several plants will have increased capacity. A number of packing houses for cold storage shipments are and will be independent of the canneries.

Our canning and packing industries are helping very greatly in the growth of Salem and her patronizing territory. They are destined to be of increasing assistance; the limits of their possible growth cannot be foretold.

Our Next Door Neighbor, China

THE man on the street in Salem is apt to think of China as the country on the under-side of the world from us; as remote. But considered in another way China is our next door neighbor; to Salem and Oregon and the rest of the Pacific slope states—

And as Roosevelt said, this is the Pacific era. The world's mass movements of the immediate future are to be in the Pacific area in this Pacific era—

And in matters of commerce if not in most other relations China is rather just across the street from us than far away; rather joined to our shores than separated from them by the Pacific ocean, in terms of cheap water-borne freights.

China is on the eve of vast transformations. Four out of the ten cabinet positions of her new government are held by graduates of American universities. The other four are held by upstanding men, and friendly to our country. A highway program is outlined that will in time take billions to carry out. This will mean mass development; an enormous trade will come from this.

Dr. Y. C. James Yen, a graduate of Yale, is at the head of the mass educational movement of China. The great majority of China's over four hundred millions, about a fourth of the human race, could not read or write. Dr. Yen while at Yale volunteered his services to his country in the world war; was put in charge of some Chinese soldiers in France; they could not write letters home or read about what was going on in the war. He made a textbook and taught them; started a newspaper. The movement spread. The French asked Dr. Yen to head up a mass movement to teach the 200,000 Chinese laborers with the allies.

It is a long story; gripping. Dr. Yen returned to China. There are 40,000 characters in the old classical alphabet. They were reduced to 1300. Books were prepared; four primary readers, costing 12 cents for the course. In the common (spoken) language which the masses of China understand. "Recruit 1000 students to study 1000 characters" was the first slogan. Dr. Yen was told he could not get 100. They enrolled 1450. This was in March, 1922. By 1925, 150,000 students were enrolled in one province alone. A national council was called. The movement was outlined to cover all of China. Now there are 120,000 volunteer teachers. Millions are learning to read; all the Chinese people are to be taught to read—men, women and children.

China, with her four hundred millions of people and her four thousand years of history is to have something to contribute to the progress and peace of humanity—

Something epochal—

For soon, hundreds of years sooner than has been commonly hoped for, there is to be a condition in China when it may be said, as Paul of Tarsus said:

"Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Why A Soft Pedal?

THE idea of soft-peddling the unsatisfactory condition of Salem's water seems as unnecessary as it is impossible. People will drink water and as long as they do and the water is poor, complaint a plenty will be made. Already Salem's water situation has found a front page position in a Portland newspaper while local restaurants have been forced to advertise that spring water is served and thus invite unfavorable comparisons.

A sensible approach to the problem would be the frank admission that the quality of the water is not that which should be afforded a city. The water company should be given a reasonable time to give its report on an improved source, which the company is said to be in the process of securing. Meanwhile the city council should adopt the suggestions of the American Legion, which has asked for a public investigation into the water situation with the view to securing a new supply.

Poor tasting water, in more ways than one, cannot be doubted. The visitor to the city will detect it and will carry far and wide a poor impression of Salem. The complaints of townspeople too, will carry far afield.

Salem is entitled to know why water is bad and what changes will bring about permanent improvements.

Even the black cloud of increasing toll of life and limb from accident in this country, now principally maintained by the motor car records, has its silver lining. This was revealed in the award of Harriman medals for safety records in 1927 on American railroads, on which only 88 passengers were killed in that year, or one in each nine and one-half million carried—a new record. This is a material improvement over the previous record year, 1926, in which the proportion was one killed to each 7,216,000 carried.

If you have imagined that Salem is not going to go on growing, take a squint at what the telephone company is doing. Those boys are not spending their money to accommodate several times the present population just for the fun of spending it. Also, you might take a squint at the growth of our canning and packing industries.

Davis J. Pugh, former chief deputy treasurer of Utah, having confessed to stealing more than \$100,000 in state funds, is now lodged in the Utah prison for a 20-year term. Win or lose, he's been successful in living off the state.

Grow more pears if you can grow better ones. If you cannot grow better pears, it would be a fine thing for the industry here if you grew none at all.

Nature's Last Outpost



Who's Who and Timely Views

Brazil's Tremendous Resources Pictured

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The Way of the World

By GROVE PATTERSON

CARRIE NATION

Dispatches tell about a Kansas City woman who smashed a saloon. She was a wife and mother and believed she had good reason. Reminds the writer of the old days of Carrie Nation. Few remember this pleasant voiced, little old lady who used to smash up bars with axes in Kansas and elsewhere. The writer had a long interview with her once and found her to be kind and hopeful of a better day. She believed deeds mightier than words in bringing emperance. Were she here today she would be pleased by the eighteenth amendment but she would doubtless be doing something about the manner in which it is not enforced.

DEBS

Speaking of interviews and kindly people, there was none more kindly than Eugene Debs, several times Socialist candidate for president. Debs finally was sent to jail for making a speech, all of which furnishes a chapter in which the United States government need feel no pride. Debs had a big heart. He earnestly hoped and worked for a happier world. When he was mistaken he was mistaken. He was never anything else. The writer remembers a two-hour Sunday afternoon talk with him in the cheap room of a cheap hotel. And he found Debs a gentleman unafraid.

WHERE'S THE MONEY?

Farmers especially in the north-

study it, even superficially. The first thing that impresses us is its truly enormous extent. As it spreads its vast reaches over the map of South America, it touches every one of the other 12 countries on that continent except Chile and possibly Ecuador (some boundary uncertainties there). Its area is more than 3,250,000 square miles—a quarter of a greater than continental United States.

It is Brazil that forms the great bulge of South America toward the east—that very pronounced protrusion in the direction of Europe and Africa which is undeniably (and to us somewhat disturbingly) significant from the standpoint of transportation, community and trade.

west are hardly happy. They want more relief from their financial troubles than congress will ever be able to give. Word comes now that the dairymen of Minnesota in a year produced \$113,000,000 worth of butter. That's some money. Who gets all this money that farmers and dairymen produce? Can it be true that farmers are doing better than we have suspected, or is somebody else getting most of it? Those of us who live in towns know food is high enough to hurt.

WORKERS

A few years ago it was disclosed that the Methodist Episcopal church paid out \$25,000,000 in salaries in a year, despite the fact that there were only 218 churches that paid \$5,000 a year or over. Today the situation as to salaries is a little improved in most denominations. The fact remains that the average clergyman is sadly underpaid for the long hours and the wear and tear on his nervous system. Comforting the sick, sitting up with the dying, burying the dead, bearing on their hearts the burdens of scores of their parishioners, and trying to find time to prepare sermons that will satisfy the self-appointed critics of the congregation is a job that can hardly be paid for in money.

The barn on the Circle H ranch, located on the North Umpqua and belonging to Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Hopkins, caught fire Sunday from some unknown origin and burned while the family was visiting in California.

We don't understand why so many scientists are so much concerned as to our origin; we are here, and expect to make the most of it, regardless of our past; they had better be more interested in our future.—Amity Standard.

The Grab Bag

January 7, 1929



Who am I? What is my profession? Who was my great-great-uncle?

What is the real name of Jack Dempsey?

What town just over the border of Scotland used to be a haven for runaway couples from England seeking to be married?

What is the capital of Nova Scotia?

"And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be meted to you; and unto you that hear shall more be given." Where is this passage found in the Bible?

JIMMY JAMS

TEACHER SAID TO BE KIND TO DUMB ANIMALS SO I KISSED OUR CAT



Today in the Past
On this day in 1800 Millard Fillmore, 13th president of the United States, was born.

Today's Horoscope
Persons born on this day possess much mechanical ability and are good financiers. They must be careful to curb their stubbornness.

A Daily Thought
"Thou shouldst eat to live; not live to eat."—Cicero.

Answers to Foregoing Questions
1. Gertrude Atherton; novelist; Benjamin Franklin.
2. William Harrison Dempsey.
3. Gretna Green.
4. Halifax.
5. St. Mark iv. 24.

Poems that Live

LULLABY, O LULLABY

LULLABY: O lullaby:
Baby, hush that little cry!
Light is dying
Bats are flying.
Bees today with work have done,
So, till comes the morrow's sun,
Let sleep kiss those bright eyes dry!

Lullaby: O lullaby.

Lullaby: O lullaby!
Hushed are all things far and nigh;
Flowers are closing,
Birds are reposing,
All sweet things with life are done.

Sweet, till dawn the morning sun,
Sleep, then kiss those blue eyes dry,
Lullaby! O lullaby!

—William Cox Bennett (1820-1895)



There Was a Girl

By ALBERT RICHARD WETJEN of Salem

There was a girl in Timor's place;
Wind-whipped hair and a mouth of red . . .
(Here went the road to the sea's blue face) . . .
Eh, but she's old, or maybe dead!
(Time and Trade took the mills away,
So the town moved over and crossed the Bay)

There was a girl in Timor's here;
Sea-green eyes and her voice was gay . . .
(There's not much left of the old Chain Pier) . . .
Eh, I was young and I would not stay!
(See how the mud lifts a flank of tan
Where once the deep-sea channel ran?)

There was a girl in Timor's then;
Rounded arms and a slender throat . . .
(Deep in the roads sat the Merchantmen) . . .
Eh, so I said, but I never wrote!
(We used to lay with the wharves abeam,
Bare to the winds in the open stream).

Once was a girl in Timor's place;
Such eager hands and dancing feet . . .
(The roof is gone and the walls are bare) . . .
Eh, but the wind is cold in the street!
(The clear sea surged at our anchored bow,
But the jetties shelter the whole Bay now)

There was a girl in Timor's bar;
Wind-whipped hair and mouth of red . . .
(Here was a beacon, hung like a star) . . .
Eh, but she's old, or maybe dead!
(The old wharves rot in the black tides fret)
Love must die as youth shall cease . . .
(Here is the spot where the captains met) . . .
Eh, but the gulls can nest in peace!
(There was a girl . . . but the weeds grow rank
In Timor's bar where the sailors drank!)

—The Frontier.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

Legislature a week away—

And then the weather man can safely predict a rising temperature from the hot air—

To say nothing of the radiating influence of the lady clerks.

If you are a pear grower, you are invited to stay in the game and grow better fruit or get off the earth. If you cannot improve the quality, you are a barnacle on the ship of the industry.

What has become of the whilom cry for a public market; a real public market like the one Eugene has?

Read about China being out near neighbor on the editorial page. Near, in terms of ocean freight rates.

Jim Hill said, when he built his big ships, the Minnesota and Dakota, that if we could get the Chinese people to eat a biscuit a day the question of marketing our wheat from the old and the Pacific northwest would be solved.

And an English authority said later that if the shirriffs of all the Chinese people could be lengthened six inches, the British weavers in the cotton mills would all have steady work.

There are so many Chinamen, compared with any other people. Can you visualize 400,000,000 people and more in one long line, or even two abreast? Well, that's China.

There is a man up above Plety hill in Salem who has five English walnut trees in his front and back yards. Not very old trees, either. Well, he gathered about 400 pounds of nuts from these trees last year. About \$100 worth of nuts, at market prices. If that man lives long enough to see that man trees come to maturity, he will not have to worry about any old age pensions. The five walnut trees will keep him and give him three meals a day, and then some.

The telephone company is going right along preparing its equipment here for a city of 100,000 people and more. And the managers of this "soulless corporation" are not bugs on Salem, particularly, any more than on any other town where they do business. They just see it coming—that is, the time when Salem will have 100,000 people, and then be only fairly started in its growth. You are welcome to the tip. If you need it in making your calculations of any kind.

Salem's seven canning plants put out last year 1,400,000 cases of fruit and vegetables—in terms of family sized cans, 24 to the case, 33,600,000 cans. Can you visualize that? You figure it out. Measure a can in your cooling closet and find out how high a column 33,600,000 of them would

make. Or laid end to end on the highway, how many miles of cans you would have.

But, big as it is, the canning and packing industry of Salem is as yet only in its infancy, mostly in its swaddling clothes.

King George is improving very satisfactorily; a newspaper friend at the Bits man's elbow says he has been removed from the front page and is now resting easily next to the classified ads.

As Mr. Hoover nears the scene of domestic political turmoil, the Associated Press reports him as being very mum. He cannot be blamed for being mum in 47 different languages, as he thinks of the best of office seekers in the one city of Washington alone.

The One-Minute Pulpit

Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God; let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
He shall cut off the spirit of princes; he is terrible to the kings of the earth.—Psalms lxxvi, 11, 12.

Dinner Stories

A Slip
With the lecture season in full swing we are reminded of a certain lecturer who talks about explorations he has made into dangerous lands.

Once he held an audience spellbound with the recital of a South Seas adventure he had had in a skiff. Into the craft dropped a large and agile python which coiled a native woman who was in the boat. Another native drew a long knife. "I saw him raise it," said the lecturer. "There was a flash and off fell the python's head. The native had severed it with one blow."

There was a momentary pause while the audience murmured its awe and its envy of the man who had witnessed scenes like this. "And they tell me," resumed the lecturer a moment later, "that actually have happened."

In 1880 vaccination for smallpox was brought to America by the Waterhouse.

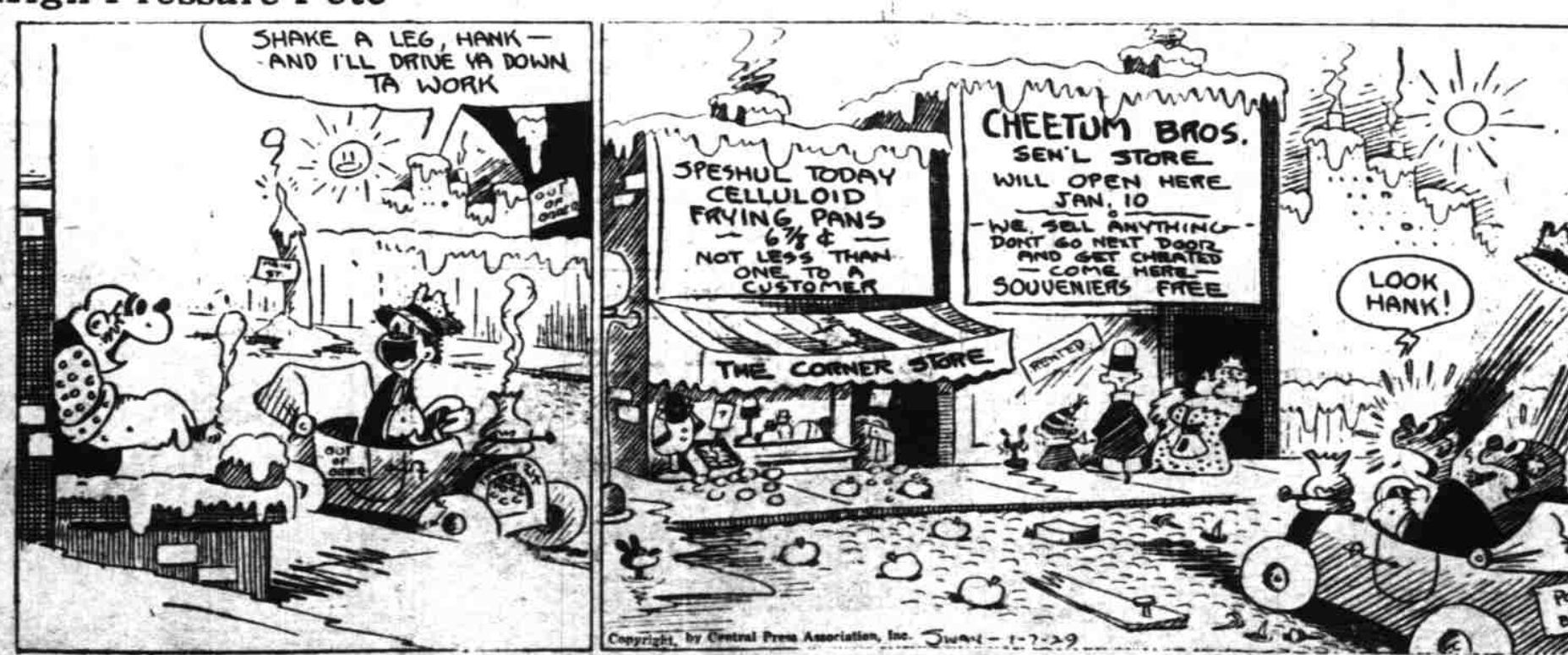
Checkers were played 1600 B.C.

Linseed oil was made in Connecticut in 1718.

In 1890 the cotton-wool appeared in South Carolina.

By Swan

High Pressure Pete



THAT DIRTY CROOKS - TRYIN' TA PUT AN HONEST MAN OUTTA BUSINESS - I'LL UNDESELL 'EM IF I HAVE TO GIVE 'EM STUFF AWAY. I'LL BURN TA PLACE DOWN - I'LL LICK THOSE GUYS TO A FRAZZLE - ETC - ETC - I'LL D - I'LL ROBBERS - ETC - ETC - ETC

