

Nature, like a loving mother, is ever trying to keep land and sea, mountain and valley, each in its place, to hush the angry winds and waves, balance the extremes of heat and cold, of rain and drought, that peace, harmony and beauty may reign supreme.—Stanton.

### Salem Should Be In It

THERE was a dispatch from Rainier, Oregon, in yesterday morning's Oregonian that ought to interest Salem—Telling of the organization of a unit of the Future Farmers of Oregon, made up of 17 students of agriculture in the union high school at Rainier, which unit is soon to receive its charter as a member of the national organization, Future Farmers of America.

The reason Salem ought to be interested in this news is the fact that it refers to a movement that is nation wide, and also state wide, representing ideals for better farming methods and the solution of farm problems that have been pressing in the United States.

There are now 29 high schools in Oregon in which there are classes in agriculture, the expenses being borne in part by federal funds under the Smith-Hughes law. In these 29 schools 1400 students studying agriculture are enrolled. In the Woodburn high school there are 40 such students. Newberg, McMinnville, Molalla and other valley schools maintain such classes.

The aim is to turn out better farmers for the districts in which the schools are located—

And this is the important fact: In the high schools of Oregon, 62 per cent of the students do not get beyond the grades taught there. Oregon is primarily an agricultural state, and will always be. Agriculture is our big line. We need better farmers; improved farm methods and management.

As to Salem, this is the city above all others in this state that is using and must use the greatest tonnage of raw products for canneries and packing houses. Ours is the canning and packing center, and it is the center of the nut growing industry, and most other industries on the land in western Oregon.

The farm of the future is to be a factory; a chemical laboratory; a business concern. Big business and large cooperative effort are entering into farming. These will need experts. It is up to Salem to turn out experts; to give our high school students their start and their bent in this line; more especially the sons and daughters among them of our farm owners and managers.

That department need not be made top-heavy. But it should be established in our high schools, without delay, along with the other departments now conducted under the Smith-Hughes act.

### Where Snow is Appreciated

SAYS a report from the Lehi, Utah, district: "During these first few days of the new year we have had several splendid snow storms."

To a resident of the Salem district, this statement needs an explanation, and it is furnished by what follows: "Not so much snow has fallen in the valley but from all indications it has piled high in the mountains, and there is where we want it most for next season's water supply."

The item is found in the "Sugar Cossette," published by the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, cossette meaning a slice of a beet in the process of manufacturing into sugar. The paper is published for the purpose of keeping the growers and the other people connected with that far-flung organization informed concerning the operations in which they are all mutually and more or less cooperatively engaged.

No beets, no sugar. No beets grown at a profit, little supply for the factories. No snow, no irrigation water. And in nearly all the sections in this country in which beet sugar is manufactured irrigation is the prime necessity for keeping the raw supply coming in sufficient volume to allow all the operations to function and keep on going from year to year.

So snow storms are splendid. Here in the Willamette valley, where we are illy prepared for them, we do not view snow storms in the respect of blessings that we are willing to call splendid—

But we will come to this condition in due time—especially for the fleecy substance "piled high in the mountains."

With all the jibes we have endured because of our mythical web feet and the hypothetical moss on our backs, we are coming to the era of irrigation. And it will be our great era. It will make for absolute crop insurance. It will give us beet sugar factories. It will double our strawberry and bush fruit production in most seasons. It will make this the greatest dairying country in the world. Then we will call snow piled high in the mountains blessed.

### Salem Has a Duty

SALEM has a duty to the Y. W. C. A., which should be performed with a will, as a matter of course—

Because that is the only agency in the city which does or can function in its many ways of saving and helpfulness to girls and women here. It is already doing a large work, and one the lack or lagging of which would be a blot on the very name of the capital city.

It will not be long till the institution will presumably have to look for new quarters, the building the second story of which it now occupies having been sold, with possession to be given at a future date—

And any way a larger service ought to be rendered than can be accommodated in the present cramped space. So the people of Salem must take into consideration a permanent Y. W. C. A. building, and this should not be delayed—

It should have preference right now. A building fund should be started, looking to the acquiring of a suitable site, and the erection thereon of a commodious structure especially designed for the class of work performed and that ought to be carried on in a larger way.

Why not now—during the campaign—  
The campaign for the \$7500 budget that is to be made next week, beginning on Monday?

### A Worthy "Industry"

SALEM in its worthy desire for new industries must not overlook those within its doors.

Willamette university, while an institution of higher learning, is as much an industrial advantage as any mill or factory.

Each year it brings to Salem or retains within the city, more than 500 alert young men and women whose aggregate expenditures run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Each year the university itself expends a budget of more than \$175,000 which goes largely for salaries and other expenses distributed in Salem.

At present Willamette is asking for \$300,000 for with this sum an additional \$147,000 may be secured from the General Education board.

Industrially minded Salem citizens as well as those whose interests are in things academic and cultural, will concur in the value of this request. Viewed from any standpoint, Willamette is one of Salem's great assets and should and will receive hearty support locally.

Dr. Thomas Jenkins of McMinnville, whose life has been spent in the Episcopal church ministry, has been elevated to the bishopric of his church. Elaborate ceremonies marked his consecration in Trinity church, Portland. People who know Dr. Jenkins are impressed by his devotion to his work and are sincerely happy in this marked advancement.

It is to be hoped that the Oregon legislature may not get into a state of "passing the buck," and thus leave the state budget hopelessly in the red for a long time.

### "Herbert!"



### The Grab Bag

January 31, 1929



Who am I? What position did my father hold during the early days of the World war? In what field have I made a place for myself?

Who were the Parcae?

Of what state is Salem the capital?

What popular song did George M. Cohen write that enjoyed a tremendous vogue during the World war?

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings." Where is this passage found in the Bible?

Today in the Past  
James G. Blaine, American statesman was born on this day, in 1830.

Today's Horoscope  
Persons born on this day are likely to demand cold facts before they will believe anything. They are prone to be skeptical and opinionated.

A Daily Thought  
"A cheerful look makes a dish a feast."—Herbert.

- Answers to Forgoing Questions and Asquith.
1. Margot. Countess of Oxford
  2. The Fates.
  3. Oregon.
  4. "Over There."
  5. Philippians II, 14.

### DINNER STORIES

Too Familiar  
"Hey, mister, who discovered America?"  
"Ohio, sir."  
"Ohio, you're crazy. It was Columbus."  
"Yes, sir, I know. But I didn't think it necessary to mention the gentleman's first name."

### Just Among Us Girls



### The Way of the World

FLYING ACCIDENTS  
Let us not get the idea because we read of airplane accidents that amazing progress is not made in safe flying. As a matter of fact, flying is becoming increasingly safe. The reason, of course, that our attention is called to a number of accidents is that the use of the airplane is increasing at a tremendous rate. Thousands of people are now flying, as a matter of course, when but a few years ago the flyers could hardly be numbered in hundreds. In proportion to the number of machines in the air, the mishaps are far less frequent than formerly. The traveler by plane is probably as safe today as in almost any other common form of travel.

OPENING OUR EYES  
A Polish inventor by the name of Matska was consuming a bowl of soup—tomato soup. He noticed that every time he touched his teeth with his spoon he got an electric shock. He walked back to his laboratory and reflected. Few people reflect, Matska did. He experimented with types of foods. He found what kind of food, containing acid, in contact with a silver spoon and his gold filled teeth, set up electric shocks. Now comes a discovery that does for sweet grape juice what pasteurization did for French wine long ago and for the world's milk supply. The pasteurization method kills bacteria by alternate heating and cooling. The new invention by Matska, kills by electricity. Most of us receiving new impressions, forget them. We turn over and go to sleep. Now and then a man, receiving a new impression, walks around the block and reflects. These do the creative work of the world.

THE MEDIEVAL MIND  
Occasionally the spotlight rests for a moment on a man who has never pulled both feet out of savagery. He suffers from perpetual immaturity. Much to be regretted that, it is the immaturity of the middle ages. Comes now a man who has actually been elected to the legislature of the good state of Nebraska. He proposes a law to destroy the freedom of the press. He is seized with the amazing idea that he knows better what is good for a republic than did George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Alexander Hamilton, to say nothing of Lincoln and Roosevelt. These men knew the immeasurable value of a free and uncensored press.

### Who's Who & Timely Views

Income Tax Problem Discussed  
By OGDEN L. MILLS  
Undersecretary of the U. S. Treasury  
(Ogden Livingston Mills was born at Newport, R. I., Aug. 29, 1884. He was graduated from Harvard and admitted to the bar in 1908 and since then has practiced in New York City. He was defeated for election to congress in 1912 and served as a member of the state senate from 1914 to 1916. Serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during the war, he was commissioned a captain in the army. He was elected in 1921, served six years, and then resigned to accept the office of undersecretary of the treasury. His home is in New York City.)

THE department of the treasury is hopeful that the recent discussion of the general question of tax refunds may result in a definite statement of policy on the larger question of what tax shall continue to be handled by the executive branch of the government, or completely under the control of the judiciary.

It is neither my purpose nor desire to promote or encourage the active interest of lawyers as a class in income tax matters. Quite the contrary, from my standpoint, lawyers who like litigation—those representing the government as well as those representing taxpayers—have had altogether too much to do with the income tax, from the very outset. What was fundamentally an administrative problem developed almost at once into an unlimited and interminable series of legal battles. The substance of administration for litigation is the essence of our present income tax problem.

If litigation is to be avoided, if tax cases are to be settled with promptness and certainty, the ultimate responsibility must definitely rest on the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Its employees must recognize that responsibility and be willing to assume it, and they must receive the wholehearted support and encouragement of those at the top. There need be no fear of laxity, carelessness or failure to protect the interests of the government. We are proceeding cautiously, slowly, and with adequate checks and review in all cases. The bureau is at least as well equipped as the courts to reach sound determinations.

I do not want to convey the impression that what we are undertaking is something revolutionary. We are not compromising determined or admitted taxpayers.

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They saw to it—the earlier ones—that freedom of the press was guaranteed in the constitution. No thinking man has tried to take it out. As to what the unthinking do or try to do—one never can tell.

The idea of censorship of the press on the part of state or federal government is one of the things we mean when we talk about a "throwback to barbarism."

### Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

Jan. 31, 1904  
The Willamette University girls were forced to throw up the basketball game with Monmouth on account of roughness. Score was 17 to 3.

The first leap event to take place in Salem so far this year occurred at Willamette when the Philodorian entertained in honor of the Philodorian.

The Oratorio society is preparing the dramatic composition, "Miriam's Song of Triumph."

J. C. Atwood and D. W. Fisher have purchased the grocery from Branson and Ragan and will take charge immediately.

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### THE ONE MINUTE PULPIT

The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.—Psalm xli, 4-5.

### High Pressure Pete

