

Every year I live I am more convinced that the waste of life lies in the love we have not given, the powers we have not used, the selfish prudence that will risk nothing and which, shirking pain, misses happiness as well. No one ever yet was the poorer in the long run for having once in a lifetime "let out all the length of all the reins."—Mary Cholmondeley.

**Our Loganberry Industry**

SOME information of vital importance was brought out in impromptu remarks made by W. G. Allen, doyen of the canning and packing industries of this district, to the Salem Rotary club at its noon luncheon meeting yesterday—

Of vital importance to those who are engaged in the loganberry industry, and therefore to all of our people.

Mr. Allen said several of the market outlets upon which we formerly depended have fallen down or become smaller, including the juice, dried and dehydrated and fresh berry outlets; but in 1926 England took about half our canned loganberries, and that gave a hope of the stabilization of the industry of the present acreage—

But in 1927 and again last year England took only about half the number of cases bought there in 1926.

Also, of late, England has been asking for the Washington canned loganberries, regarding them of superior quality; larger berries, etc.

So the outlook right now is something like this: If our growers would cut out about 20 to 30 per cent of their tonnage, there would be a prospect that all the rest of their crop could be handled, mostly in the canning pack. The demand in the United States was last year about the same as the year before and in 1926.

Mr. Allen said there is a movement to severely cut back the bearing canes, in order to increase the quality, and also to some extent curtail the quantity.

But Mr. Allen gave a heartening note in the fact that the frozen loganberry experiments, in cans and cartons, have proven very encouraging. The quality is high. The frozen berry retains its flavor and aroma; comes out like a berry fresh from the vines—

And there is reason to hope for big market outlets for this product. Mr. Allen cited a New England district that has taken a much larger tonnage of frozen strawberries the past year than it ever consumer of canned strawberries. And what the cold pack process does for strawberries it does even in fuller measure for the loganberry in preserving all the original excellence of the fruit.

Last year Oregon and Washington packed 544,181 cases of loganberries, Washington contributing 90,324 to the total and Oregon 453,857. And the Salem district made up most of the Oregon supply.

The two states also sent in large and small barrels and in large and small cans and in cartons 13,298 packages of cold pack loganberries. This is one of our big industries. If the cold pack outlook shall develop as it now promises to do, the industry will be stabilized on the present acreage, especially with the growing of a higher quality product—

And in time we may expect an increase in the acreage.

**Higher Duties for Flax Growers**

BEFORE the ways and means committee considering the writing of the new tariff law, Colonel W. B. Bartram was given 10 minutes on Tuesday to explain the demand for higher duties on flax fiber in the primary stages—

And the members of the committee took up an hour in asking Colonel Bartram questions about the flax industry. Quite a compliment. And significant. Congressman Hawley is chairman of the committee, and has charge of the sub-committee considering agricultural schedules.

Colonel Bartram asked for a protective duty of three cents a pound on tow, six cents on rough long fiber, and eight cents on hatched or dressed line fiber, against three-quarters of a cent, one cent and two cents a pound as now. (The Associated Press reporter got mixed on the items.)

This would enable threshing, retting and scutching plants to be conducted by private capital in the Willamette valley at a profit, with modern machinery and appliances and methods now employed by the state flax plant.

Colonel Bartram told the committee that we have 300,000 acres of land in the Willamette valley suitable for flax growing. He might have doubled it, and trebled it, and more, counting all the land that will some day be devoted to the growing of this staple.

Colonel Bartram was conservative. He answered the questions of the members of the committee on the basis of past experience, with common sense. Had he been disposed to show the real prospect, he might have multiplied some of his figures by three—

For that is about the proportion of increased fiber that will come from flax grown from the new seed—

And he might have predicted that flax fiber, five times as valuable in both durability and wearability, will be produced here cheaper than cotton fiber can be produced in any section of this country, or in most other cotton countries of the world.

That is going to mean more for the Willamette valley than any other thing, for all time—and this is saying a lot, for in other industries this valley will grow great beyond the dreams of our pioneers, or ever even the average of our present day population.

**Snow Man's Land**



**The Way of the World**

**SLOW DISASTER**  
Disaster is not always sudden. It would not be so tragic if it were always over in a moment. The real tragedy of life is found in the acceptance of the second best. That is slow disaster. If we are not watchful we shall be doing it over and over again. Then it becomes the policy of our lives. We are satisfied to let things go as they are, because the effort to improve is inconvenient.

**WHAT IS SECOND BEST?**  
Where our judgment is most called into play is to learn for sure what is and what is not "second best." We may be persisting in an ambition, in seeking something that has always seemed to be the thing we wanted to do. Perhaps the time has come to abandon our ambition. Perhaps it was a mistake on one. The acceptance of something else and our reasonable adjustment to it may not be the acceptance of the second best. The choice of another road may prove the way to character, without which there is no such thing as success.

**THE HOUSE OF QUIET**  
There is a book called "The House of Quiet." It has been an appealing title, who does not desire a house of quiet? First and more important is to have a house of quiet within. Some people seem to have marvelous self-control. They do not lose their tempers, fly off the handle, make spectacles of themselves. Why? Some think it is a gift, that one is born that way. It is not so—always. Men with furious tempers have learned by thoughtfulness and patient effort a new way.

If we teach ourselves to control our thoughts and our statements in the time of trivial annoyances we gradually build up the habit of self-control. When bigger and nastier more distressing things happen the carefully accumulated habit of self-control is still working.

**JUST ANOTHER CLUB**  
When the next man comes around to your office and tries to get you to join a new organization, turn on the most powerful spotlight you can command—and then use a microscope. Analyze his suggestion through and through. There is a club for about everything in this world now. Be very sure the suggested organization not only has a definite purpose but a definite likelihood of accomplishing something worth while before you join it. What's the use of belonging to something just for the sake of belonging? What's the good of spreading out your time so.

**Who's Who & Timely Views**

**Flood Control Work Asserted as Progressing**  
By DWIGHT F. DAVIS  
Secretary of War  
(Dwight F. Davis was born at St. Louis, Mo., July 6, 1879. He was graduated from Harvard and Washington universities. Active in civic affairs of St. Louis for many years, such membership on the public library board and the public recreation commission, he became director of the War Finance Corporation in 1921. In 1923 he was named assistant secretary of war and has been secretary since 1925. He was a colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps in 1923 and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for service in France.)



The department of war expects to spend \$30,000,000 next year in levee building and bank reclamation work on the Mississippi river flood control project. A total of \$24,000,000 is being expended in the work for the current fiscal year. For next year the acquisition of necessary rights of way for floodways and spillways is being planned so that work on these can be pushed. Contemned only after the completion of 10 years' work contemplated by the project.

Similarly, work being done on the Atchafalaya river levees, as well as the Mississippi river levees, gives additional protection to the lands on each side of the Atchafalaya river. The levees of the Ponchartraine district north of New Orleans are also being raised and strengthened.

In the Upper river in addition to levee raising and enlarging, much reclamation work is being done to stabilize the banks for the purpose of aiding navigation and preventing the caving of levees into the river. About \$11,000,000 is being spent this year for such work.

The mock trial held by the West Salem Literary society was an interesting and well-attended event.

I. A. Manning, son of Honorable William Manning of this city, is on his way home from Matagalpa, Nicaragua. He has been superintending a large coffee plant at Matagalpa. The junior Manning is a former city editor of the Statesman.

Daughters of the American Revolution in New England have just tried unsuccessfully to prevent the appearance of a troop of girl dancers from Russia on the ground that it might "encourage the reds." The Russian girls, most of whom are hardly more than mere children, were not accused of trying to spread bolshevism nor of any untoward act. Their sole offense in the eyes of the New England ladies was that they had come from Russia. Ancestors of these New England Daughters ought for freedom. This present activity marks a very great departure from that ideal.

**The Grab Bag**

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Who has taken my father's place in the musical comedy in which I am appearing?

What is a "ship of the desert"?

What is the weekly magazine of the Salvation Army called?

How many ribs has a man on each side?

"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honour." Where is this passage found in the Bible?

Today in the Past  
On this day, in 1779, George Rogers Clarke and 170 men set out across the "drowned lands" of the Wabash to attack Vincennes.

Today's Horoscope  
Persons born on this day are capable of shining socially and they have interesting personalities if they will forget their bashfulness.

Answers to Foregoing Questions  
1. Dorothy Stone; Fred Stone; Will Rogers.  
2. A camel.  
3. War Cry.  
4. 12.  
5. Proverbs xxi, 21.

**WORDS OF THE WISE**

"And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."—Kipling.

"What maintains one vice would bring up two children."—Benjamin Franklin.

"An unkindness has no remedy at law" let its avoidance be with you a point of honor."—Hosea Ballou.

**Wheels Well Oiled**

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Washington Correspondent for Central Press and The Statesman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Herbert Hoover's administration will not exactly BEGIN at noon, March 4. Rather, it will be GOING then. It will start, if it can be said to start at all, under full headway. Yet there will be no yank and jerk—no suddenness—about it. It simply will be going as if it had always been going.

Mr. Hoover has been doing his starting, since his return from South America, like a brakeman jumping a swiftly-moving freight train.

The brakeman does not ask the train to stop for him, or slow up, even.

He grabs a rail and runs alongside—the car partly carrying him and then altogether carrying him, until finally he shins up the side—and at last, as the train passes a given point, fairly kiting, there's the brakeman stop, sailing right along with it, calmly-viewing the landscape.

Hardly will the administration have flashed past noon, March 4, ere Herbert will be seen, safely on top of it, gracefully swaying with the motion.

Mr. Hoover has been the object of a good deal of sympathy because he will have to deal with an extra session of congress so soon after his inauguration—in less than a month probably.

Why, shucks! All the "dealing" that Mr. Hoover will have to do with congress for some time to come, he has done already.

What does anybody suppose Herbert was doing all that confabulating for?—with, the G. O. P. leaders—during the two weeks he spent in Washington, following his vacation the other side of the equator.

Mr. Hoover has not done much talking for publication, to be sure.

However, there are plenty of c.

**Bits for Breakfast**  
By R. J. Hendricks

They cannot stop—  
The workers in the YWCA budget campaign; though the flu and the cold weather is hampering them.

That \$7500 has got to be pledged, and there should be enough over for a start on a new building campaign.

The district of the main Willamette valley of which Salem is the center has more institutions of higher learning than any district of like extent and population in the world. The developments of the past few days, when four of them have fallen help unexpectedly to \$100,000 each, indicate that the central point of such a group is going to have increasingly great

benefits from its primacy in this respect.  
Looks good for an increase of the protective tariff rates on the primary products of fiber fax, the tow, rough line fiber and hatched or dressed fiber.  
That will make still more important a local supply of fiber for our linen mills. And at the same time more certain. With the rates fixed for, we will very soon have independent, privately owned threshing, retting and scutching plants. They will pay, in time, we will have scores of them in the Willamette valley.

We must have municipal ownership of the Salem water system. No private concern can afford to do so at a low rate for such a purpose as a city like Salem can. This means that the city itself can go further and do more in the securing of a proper supply, and in distributing of it, than any other city can afford to look to the future farther than a private concern can. The city does not have to declare dividends. They will come in due course of time in two ways in a better supply and in lower rates.

There is a bill before the legislature to reduce the powers of assessors by removing them from the boards of equalization. It is wrong in theory. If we are to achieve a fairer distribution of the tax burden, we must strengthen the assessors instead of weakening them.—Eugene Register.

Concerning a bill to... (is)lature to provide railway fare free or at reduced rates for executive officers of chambers of commerce a state agency item says "hat it is understood the Grange, the Farmers' Union, various cooperative organizations, mutual insurance companies, women's civic organizations and a number of other organizations engaged in what they believe to be good work for their communities will ask to be included in the bill." Well, why not? Why not also all officers of lodges and church organizations, and service clubs and all executives of schools and colleges? Let us give half fare to every man on his way to visit a sick friend or act as pallbearer at a funeral, if chamber of commerce executives are to ride free on the ground that they "go about doing good" why plainly all who best themselves in an activity whatever from a similar motive ought to receive similar consideration. The state chamber of commerce is said to sponsor the reduced fare measure. The reasoning behind it when followed to its logical conclusion is absurd.—Eugene Register.

**Just Among Us Girls**



I met your wife, Harold, she reminds me very much of a girl I used to know.  
Yes, and she constantly reminds me of girls that I used to know!

**High Pressure Pete**



**Our Compliments**

THE Baker Democrat, a gentleman of 58 years, was wed this week to the Baker Herald, a maiden of 27 summers, and under the new name of the Democrat-Herald these two newspaper residents of the eastern Oregon city have started what seems destined to be a long life of wedded bliss.

Lucien P. Arant and Bernard Mainwaring are the publishers of the combined newspapers and in their first announcement predict that the "Democrat Herald will be a permanent fixture in Baker." People who know these two young men are confident that their prediction will come true and are glad to see that they have accomplished a merger which will provide Baker citizens with a paper of merit without the expensive duplication caused by competition.

By Swau