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Salem Should Adopt a Water Program

FOR many years Salem has permitted its water situation to drift along without determining on any well defined policy. Studies have been made by competent engineers, only to have the reports gather dust on the shelves. One such report was made in 1923, which was followed up by a letter in 1925 by Cupper and Simpson, engineers, urging upon the city the urgent necessity of formulating a definite program for meeting its water problem. Some effort has been made sporadically to have the city take over the present water system; but nothing has been done, no program has been adopted. The past winter the issue became sharp when the city's water supply suddenly "went bad" so far as its quality was concerned.

The question comes to the fore now because the state public service commission has called for a hearing on the Salem water situation on April 29th; also because the city has made certain filings on the waters of Marion lake as a possible future source of city water.

The Statesman wishes to discuss in this issue the question provoked by the public service commission hearing. That question is simply this: Does Salem want the water company to put in a filter system at a cost estimated by the company to reach \$250,000, the water source continuing to be the Willamette river?

If the company puts in the new intake and installs a new filter it means that the city is tied up to the Willamette for an indefinite term of years. It means that this added investment is made to the utility's capital account. It means that if the city does take over the water company plant in the future this added outlay must be assumed and paid for by the city. It means that when the city does decide to go to the mountains for water, the filter investment must be charged off.

We are firm in the conviction that Salem's water problem will not be solved until the utility is taken over by the municipality. Every city should own its own water system. Water is too important, too vital a factor in the very life of the community to be left a matter of private enterprise. Municipality ownership of water plants has become well-nigh universal, although there remain a goodly number of cities still served by private companies. In order to get an abundance of pure water cities go to much farther lengths than the private company would be justified in going. They assume larger indebtedness, and under those circumstances the people will more cheerfully pay higher rates. The city of Yakima a few years ago, after a long agitation, took over the private water system, issued bonds and went into the mountains for a water supply. The city of Hoquiam, served by the same company as Salem, is now preparing to take over the water system.

An incomplete study shows that Salem is now paying water rates much higher than those of other cities in the Willamette valley. The Salem rates are higher than those at Albany where Willamette river water is supplied by the Mountain States Power company. The rates are higher than at Corvallis where the municipality has gone 13 1/2 miles up the side of Mary's Peak to obtain pure water. They are higher than at McMinnville, a municipally owned plant with a source up in the hills. Against the amount of taxes which the utility pays, should be offset the payments of the municipal plants on bond debt which will mean ultimately that the cities will own the plants free of debt.

We set this down simply as a fact, not as a sin chargeable against the utility company which is a private corporation in the business for a legitimate profit. Experience has shown that the water business is one enterprise which the city can run for itself both safely and profitably.

Our water problem is difficult principally because it is a matter of choices. The pressing thing is for Salem to make a positive choice in the matter and not just drift along, play dog-in-the-manger on mountain power and water sites, and then do nothing. The mayor and the city council are the ones on whom the responsibility rests. It seems to us the part of wisdom for them to have the public service commission could lay out a program looking toward the final solution of the city's water problem. Certainly it is more vital than the question of the kind of roof Hicks should put on his garage.

In a later issue we shall discuss the issue involved in the disposition of the waters of Marion lake.

Two Reactions From the War

IT is strange how the war affected different men differently. Here is the commander of the American Legion praising the cruiser bill and evidently placing no reliance on treating as "scraps of paper." A week ago an ex-service man talked to the Christian Endeavor convention and attacked the underpinnings of the war problem. His war experiences had made him a pacifist. We have seen the same differences in reactions among others. Some emerged from the war confirmed pacifists; others militarists, skeptical of any permanent peace.

A similar contrast we have observed in reactions to the R. O. T. C. program in universities. Here is the editor of the university Emerald deriding the "army" on the university campus, while the editor of the state college Barometer is of the opposite opinion. The Emerald man thinks it sows the seeds of war; the Barometer editor that it builds up trained reserves against demands of wartime.

It is idle to try to reconcile the diverse views. They are radically in opposition. What we do resent is for one group to set itself up as the sole custodians of patriotism and brand as traitors those who have another opinion. The issue should be decided by appeals to intelligence and not to prejudice and arousing of the mob emotions.

Glendale Celebrates

ALL Oregon will rejoice with the lively little city of Glendale when May 1 the new lumber mill in that city will be dedicated.

It was only last July that the press carried reports of a disastrous fire which had swept away the principal industry of that locality. Now the mill has been rebuilt, better than ever before, a tribute to the fact that Glendale can come back. Roseburg and Grants Pass are sufficiently happy over the event that they will participate in Glendale's all-day celebration. Salem would do well to send its representatives there to show the appreciation of the capital city in the recovery of one of the important communities of southern Oregon. Watch Glendale go ahead; it has the spirit which makes for progress.

Most men are cross to their wives and friendly to the crowd; Lindbergh seems cross to the crowd and we hope its indication of better temper for the bride-to-be.

Another Heat Victim



Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

At Champoeg next Saturday—

Oregon people will assemble to celebrate the 86th anniversary of the historic vote in favor of organizing the provisional government, being the 29th celebration there of that event under the auspices of the Oregon Historical society. The date was May 2, 1843; but the nearest Saturday to the second day of the month is observed each year, for convenience.

The Salem chamber of commerce, according to its custom, will celebrate Champoeg day at its noon luncheon tomorrow, by entertaining as its invited guests all persons who have lived in Salem 70 years or more. There are 25 to 30 of them.

These observances bring up many epochal historic incidents, affecting not only the old Oregon country but that of the whole nation and the entire world. Those were great times in the Oregon country. The country west of the Rockies between the Russian (Alaska) and Mexican (California) line belonged to nobody. Joint occupancy had been arranged for 10 years, in 1818, between the United States and Great Britain, and extended in 1823 till such time as either nation should give 12 months notice of terminating it. In 1846, the pioneer residents here being in a state of expectancy and excitement after the "54-40 or fight" campaign of 1844 that elected Polk president, and both Great Britain and the United States having their fleets of war ships in the Pacific, of about equal strength, expecting war over the boundary question, celebrated the Fourth of July for the first time those isolated colonists had so disported themselves with the demonstration of their patriotic emotions. On that fatal day of the republic in 1846, the people of Oregon City, a tall libel on the Stars and Stripes, fired 31 guns and marched in procession to the Methodist church to hear the orations of Supreme Judge Peter H. Burnett, who was afterwards the first governor of California, which state, full-orbed broke into the United States without going through the provisional or territorial form government, excepting for a few short days as the "Bear Flag Republic." Then there was at Oregon City a big banquet and hot post prandial speeches, with such toasts as "The United States of America, an example for the world, a bone of jealousy to tyrants, the home of the free, the land of the brave, and an asylum for the oppressed," with 13 cheers and five guns. Another one, "May the time soon come when the lion and the unicorn may cease to go about the North American continent seeking whom they may bite!" with more cheers and guns.

This was flaunting firebrands

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In the face of the British, for the ship of war Modeste was at Fort Vancouver with her fighting men, and with William Peel, son of Sir Robert Peel in diplomatic control; the British frigate Fisgard, with 42 guns and 350 fighting men were at Nisqually, on Puget Sound, and a whole fleet of other British fighters were within call in Pacific waters.

At Salem, the celebration was under the management of the newly organized military company, the Oregon Rangers, under the provisional government, expecting war. The company was presented with a flag made by Mrs. Horace Holden and Miss Looney; the oration was delivered by W. G. T. Vaunt, postmaster; general of the provisional government, and editor, explorer, Indian fighter, lawyer and prominent in other directions in the early days. Then there was a barbecue and big public dinner, all these proceedings being held on the hill south of Chemeketa plains (Salem), where the Bush house now stands in the Bush pasture.

At Oregon City, the festivities wound up with a grand ball at night. But nothing of the kind happened here, for this was a missionary settlement, and there was instead a patriotic sermon in the evening, delivered by Harvey Clark.

The reader noted the toasts at Oregon City. But they were drunk with Adam's ale. Early Oregon was bone dry, up to 1846. It was against the laws of the provisional government to give away as well as to sell ardent spirits, with a \$50 fine for each violation. And the outfits of moonshiners were confiscated and destroyed, with a fine of \$100, half to go to the informer and the other part to the arresting officer.

But if there was any such fine, it was not paid in money. There

was no money of any consequence among the settlers. They paid their bills and even their taxes in wheat. "As good as wheat" meant something in early Oregon days, if the expression did not originate here.

They Say...

Expressions of Opinion from Statesman Readers are Welcomed for Use in this column. All Letters Must Bear Writer's Name. Though This Need Not be Printed.

Editor of The Oregon Statesman: Your editorial entitled, "Surplus of Useless Women," is fine so far as it goes. Pardon the correction. The correct title is "Surplus of Useless Men and Women." Men and women walk the same path of life, that which is wrong for women to do is equally wrong for man, regardless what it be. God never made any distinction. When we face our Creator we will be judged by the way our time has been spent here. Our laws come from the Book Our Guide and Inspiration.

Man do not think, just for the fact that you are a man, that you can get away with anything that your sisters can't get away with. And since God made man the stronger, and woman's protector. Please kind men carry your task honorably and do not place stumbling blocks in our pathway. For the best of us are only weak flesh and blood, and not perfect as you would have us, no, not any more perfect than our brothers, and we all expect to make many mistakes before we pass on.

This is all we ask of the men, treat us as you would treat your own mother or sister, and men and women together will carry on, to raise the standard of life to a higher level.

AN INDIVIDUAL

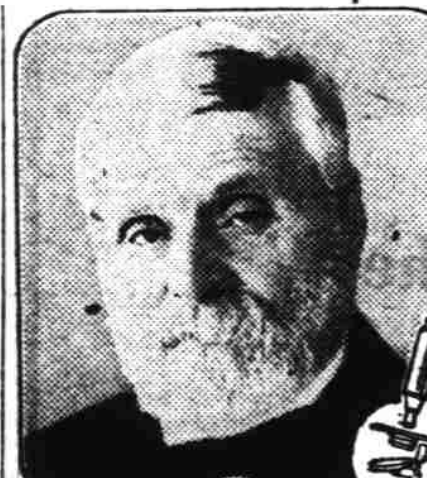
New features now in The Oregon Statesman daily, "Polly and Her Pals," "Tillie, the Toller," "Little Annie Rooney," and "Toots and Casper."

Doctor Found Women and Children Sick More Often than Men

As a family doctor at Monticello, Illinois, the whole human body, not any small part of it, was Dr. Caldwell's practice. More than half his "calls" were on women, children and babies. They are the ones most often sick. But their illnesses were usually of a minor nature—colds, fevers, headaches, biliousness—and all of them required first a thorough evacuation. They were constipated.

In the course of Dr. Caldwell's 47 years' practice (he was graduated from Rush Medical College back in 1875), he found a good deal of success in such cases with a prescription of his own containing simple laxative herbs with pepsin. In 1892 he decided to use this formula in the manufacture of a medicine to be known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and in that year his prescription was first placed on the market.

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Editors Say:

FROST DAMAGE NOT NECESSARILY MONEY LOSS

Speaking of frost damage, we note that the California state department of horticulture maintains the total losses in the April freeze approximate \$100,000.

Such an estimate is obviously incorrect, for the losses in dollars and cents simply can't be computed at the present time.

That thousands of car loads of fruit were destroyed by the recent frosts, no one denies. But it is also undeniable that the fruit grower loses 80 per cent of his crop, but secures a 100 per cent increase in the net income from the fruit remaining. Instead of losing money, makes it.

In other words, until this year's fruit crop has been sold, the monetary loss to California horticulture simply cannot be estimated, much less computed.

So we would suggest to the California state department of horticulture, and all other departments of a similar nature, that they abandon estimating frost losses in dollars and cents. Put the losses in tonnage, and there will be no cause for complaint.

Whether this destruction in tonnage represents a profit or loss to the individual grower, can only be determined after the books for the season have been closed.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

Opinions of Marion County Editors

We heartily commend Secretary of State Hal Ross, on his stand in regard to employment of married women. We have long advocated this same question of married women filling positions that should be occupied by men who have families to support. There are many instances where both husband and wife are employed at good salaries when heads of families are without work. It is a bad condition and leads to divorce, crime, suicide, etc. Married women may be exceptionally efficient at office work but their home life is exceptionally inefficient.—Jefferson Review.

Too many Woodburn boys are going to jail or being paroled. Does it not seem to the home leader and the authorities that there is more than one way in which to clean up Woodburn? Some of our young men are drinking, others are performing other criminal acts while there are too many boys in leggers and places of supply. Why is there not a greater effort made to clean up the community by reforming it? Pretty homes and lawns aid in beautifying the city, and should be encouraged, but nothing seems to be done much in saving the youth. People coming here to locate are as much interested in that subject as any other.—Woodburn Independent.

ROOM AT THE TOP

In a few short weeks hundreds of thousands of boys and girls will graduate from high schools and colleges and face a world in which opportunities are almost endless. For it is one of the paradoxes of civilization that the more opportunities are utilized, the more new ones are thereby created.

The automobile, for example, has created a new field for the exercise of human ingenuity, while the by-products of this invention are amazing in their reach and scope. It might seem to the young graduate that everything worth while has been invented, discovered or utilized. Yet there is not a thing that contributes to human welfare and comfort, not a stick of furniture, not a household necessity, but is capable of improvement.

There is still a big field for human enterprise in the trifles which others pass by. Men have made fortunes out of the commonest and meanest things: traps of leather, slag, junk, grit and the by-products of mine and mill.

Opportunities? They are all around us. There is power lying latent everywhere waiting for the observant eye and ingenious mind. Find out what the world needs and then supply that want. The patent office at Washington is filled with

Lay Sermons

THE GIFT OF TONGUES

"Howbeit in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than ten thousand words in tongues." I Corinthians 14:18

There has been a singular revival of "speaking in tongues." Sects have sprung up, offshoots of older and now more conservative communions which seek to revive primitive gospel. These give a literal interpretation to new testament references to the "gift of tongues." Late one night we observed in the meeting place of one of these sects a small group of men clustered in the dim light of a few small electric bulbs about one man. All of them were swaying and groaning, with the man in the center giving an occasional ejaculation, "Praise the Lord." A few on the outskirts of the group were seated either exhausted or continuing their imprecations. The men were calling on the Lord, so we were informed, for the "gift of tongues."

Religion has great power to useless inventions and discoveries that have wasted human time and energy without adding a single dollar of wealth to the world. Do not add your bit to this mountain of wasted effort.

The greatest hindrance to advancement in life is the lack of observation and the lack of inclination to take pains. The great things of the world have not been done by men of large means but of a large vision. They have usually started where they stood as Edison began his experiments in a baggage car when a newspaper boy.

There's plenty of room at the top. The history of America seems like the last effort of Providence in behalf of the human race. Never before were such fine openings, chances and opportunities. This is especially true for girls and young women. Emerson says, "The world is no longer clay, but rather iron in the hands of its workers, and men have got to hammer out a place for themselves by steady and rugged blows.—Silverton Tribune.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

April 28, 1904

E. H. Waggener of Kansas City, national superintendent of Christian Endeavor, will speak at the First Christian church this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Albert departed on last evening's train for San Francisco, where they will spend a two week's honeymoon before returning to be at home to friends at the home at Oak and Liberty streets.

County Judge Scott addressed Pomona Grange on good roads at the meeting held at Turner.

Rez Davis, the progressive young merchant of Shedd, is in the city on business.

RILEY SPEAKS TO TEACHERS WOODBURN, April 26.—The J. U. G. rural teachers' organization, entertained the members of the Woodburn Teachers' association in the new St. Luke's parish hall Wednesday evening. Dr. P. O. Riley, editor of the Hubbard Enterprise, addressed the teachers, and a splendid program was presented by the rural teachers. Refreshments were served to the guests after the program.

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touch the emotions of men. It is a power which may be played upon until emotions are so deeply stirred that reason itself may be unsettled. From the standpoint of psychology much of the so-called revivalism results in an emotional intoxication. The results are somewhat the same as a spree; mind and body are exhausted and unstrung. It is a very easy matter for religious feeling to pass into fanaticism where the whole being is so absorbed in the religious passion. Those who can carry this fanatical devotion to success become oftentimes the leaders of large sects; and their teaching, when properly filtered may give inspiration to the followers. But among many an excess of religion is but the avenue to insanity.

Science gives scant credence to unintelligible babblings of the emotionally drunk. Jazz religions that send some religious up and leave others mentally warped are not set down as portions of the "true faith." Feelings may be aroused to move the will, but reason must remain the final ruler of the human mind, and the appeal of faith must be to the reason as well as to the feelings of man.

So Paul must have thought when he said he would prefer to speak five words with his understanding than ten thousand words in a tongue? Surely his auditors would prefer to hear five words of wisdom than ten thousand of incoherent mumblings. We would not scoff at those souls who seek to become private vehicles for divine grace; we would warn them that the nervous system will not stand continuous upheaval; there is danger of the madhouse before the gates of paradise swing ajar. Speaking with the understanding is for the common mortal safer than the "gift of tongues".

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