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On Mother's Day

It is Mother's Day for us; plural if you please. We can wear a bouquet, of pink and of white, for a mother of blessed memory, a kindly step-mother, and a gracious mother-in-law. Usually we are too averse to mობocracy to wear any flower at the lapel on Mother's Day.

Our mothers after all are the only ones we need not worry about. They each and all are of chiseled perfection. Some may be uncertain of the love of wife or husband; some may be deeply troubled over the ways of their children. But motherhood is secure.

When we think of mother, the simple virtues stand out. It is home again, the familiar room and chair, the familiar step and voice. We think of her loving and tireless service, her back bent with household labor, her face wrinkled with care, her hands gnarled with toil imposed by want. She cools the childish brow hot with fever. She mends the garments torn in play. She soothes the wounded spirit and fires to worthy achievement.

Always with the mother the test was the test of character. "Have you been a good boy today—a good girl?" Truth-telling, respect for others' property, deference to elders, these primary rules of ethics were the constant lessons of our mothers.

Styles are changing, in mothers as in fashions. We think the mothers of today merit pretty much the same adoration as the adult generation pays its mothers. Today's mother with manicured hands and marcelled hair is in some respects a better mother than the grandmothers—she knows more about the proper care of children, spends more time caring for her children because they are fewer in number and modern home economy is less burdensome. And she respects likewise those homely virtues of cleanliness, truth, honesty and seeks no higher aim than to have them learned and observed by her own children.

A tremendous lot of sob sentimentality will be discharged today. The rather foolish words said to be Lincoln's "all that I am and so forth," will be quoted. This "saint-worship" of motherhood is untrue and unwholesome. Motherhood is as natural as death. It is the mandate of biology not of theology.

On this Mother's Day men and women of the middle years, or even younger may well afford to pause, not simply to show respect to "mother", but to cast up accounts, in the privacy of one's consciousness, and compare our deeds and our thoughts with the standards of the wholesome virtues learned in childhood. What can we say, should mother ask again, at 40 as at 4: "Have you been a good boy today—a good girl?"

The Secret is Out

At last the secret is out. Nine out of ten divorces are caused by selfishness! Three members of the Shiwassee county ministerial association in Michigan are authority for the statement made after an extended national investigation.

Restaurant waiters are increasing three times as fast as families and restaurant owners are going up four times as fast as families. And mi-lady is more interested in bridge and teas and being on the go than ever before.

The result is that divorces have gone up 300 per cent since 1887. The older idea was that marriage was a contract with both parties giving and receiving and the legal view of the contract is still held. But in actuality, far too many marriages of today are those where both parties expect to get and not to give. Husbands want the comforts of home without the requisite expense; wives want the happiness of the home-maker without the cost of work, and the reduction of some of the carefree activities of their girlhood.

How to stop the rush to the divorce courts the ministers do not fully reveal but the "revival of old-fashioned religion and the abolition of ideas of companionate marriage" are two possible remedies suggested by the committee.

No one can secure a panacea or cure-all for the problem of divorce, not until someone can suggest a cure-all for selfishness. When mankind is better in spirit and action then the day of divorce will be waning.

Two practical remedies for a number of divorces would be more time between the issuance of licenses and the marriage vows. Flappers who rush post haste to the county clerk's office would change their minds many times if a fortnight of watchful waiting were required. Uniform marriage and divorce laws between states would also help. Great discrepancies occasioned by the present difference in divorce laws are to be noted in the divorce ratios of states. New York has only one divorce to 21 marriages while Georgia has one to 13 and Michigan one to 3.4.

Get Ready for the Census

THEY will be calling the roll in Salem in 1930.

How many will answer "Present"? Salem wants every man, woman and child to be counted when the federal census is taken. We do not want to read names off the tombstones or count folk who moved away the year of the big freeze. But every bona fide resident should be counted.

During this year effort should be made to extend the city boundaries. Many communities on the fringe are reported ready for annexation to Salem. The chamber of commerce is ready to put on the campaign for getting these districts annexed. But when it was found out that no funds were provided for a city election this year, the matter was permitted to drop.

That ought not to stop the activities of the chamber. Under its sponsorship funds surely could be raised to pay the small cost of the necessary election. If the chamber cannot do it, perhaps the various service clubs, restless for lack of anything to do, could pool their energies and supply judges without cost to the city.

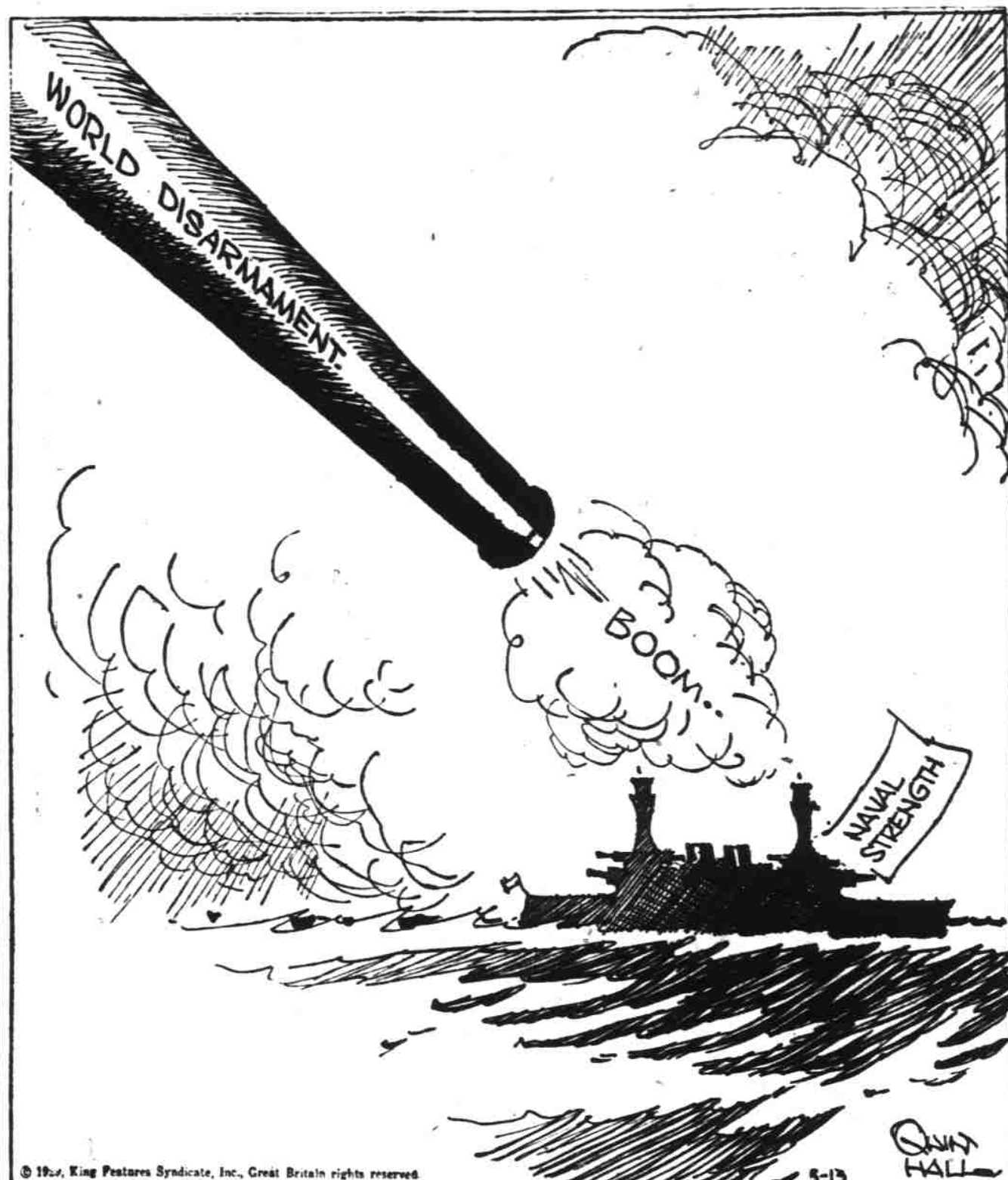
Here is a real "service" task. Let's get the thing over.

A Community Asset

SALEM has a distinct community asset in its general hospital. Built by private donation, maintained entirely on a mutual basis without a cent of profit accruing to anyone, this institution is strictly home owned and home managed property for the protection of the health interests of Salem.

Visitors who take advantage of today's open house and visit the general hospital will find a plant well equipped, well arranged and exceptionally well staffed. They will observe an institution doing commendable public service yet an institution dependent of others for its maintenance expense. It will do every citizen good to know now about his city hospital and the good it offers the community.

The Perpetual Target



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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

This is Mother's Day—

And that means everybody's day. We all had mothers, and some of us are fortunate enough to have them with us yet.

And there is no jewel of earth to compare with a good mother; So we like a mother's love, no patience to equal that of a true mother. So we can all celebrate this day, and most of us can do this joyously and reverently.

The Salem chamber of commerce on Friday wired to Congressman Hawley and the other members of the Oregon delegation in his care, these words: "We urged amendment to flax schedule on two items, making rate on tow one and a half cents a pound, and rate on long rough flax fiber three cents a pound."

The purchase is to encourage establishing scutching mills at various points in the Willamette valley, to run with free labor. Other valley points are more interested than Salem. This city will be interested only when the point of 10,000 acres of flax is reached for the prison plant—it is 4500 acres this year—

And every commercial body and interested individual in Oregon should join in this request, by wire to the delegation in congress—and everyone in this state is an interested individual; concerns in the development of the flax industry here; the coming greatest permanent Oregon industry, or at least among the greatest.

The jump from flax straw and tow to hackled long flax fiber, reported in the pending bill, will do no good to the primary scutching plants that are needed here. The hackling is done in the spinning (and weaving) mills. What the industry in Oregon needs right now is protection for the spinning tow and the long rough flax fiber to be turned out by the independent scutching plants, that will be built all over the valley in time, and at a much earlier date.

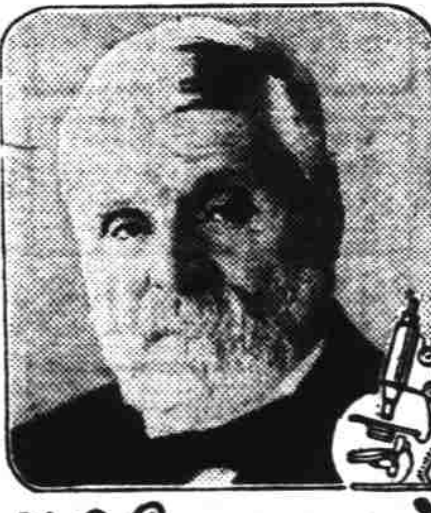
General Lane had written Nesmith: "When it shall come my time to cross over, I shall expect you to be present at the laying away of all that remains of your old friend."

Millions of Families Depend on Dr. Caldwell's Prescription

When Dr. Caldwell started to practice medicine, back in 1875, the needs for a laxative were not as great as they are today. People lived normal, quiet lives, ate plain, wholesome food, and got plenty of fresh air and sunshine. But even that early there were drastic physics and purges for the relief of constipation which Dr. Caldwell did not believe were good for human beings to put into their systems. So he wrote a prescription for a laxative to be used by his patients.

The prescription for constipation that he used early in his practice, and which he put in drug stores in 1892 under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is a liquid vegetable remedy, intended for women, children and elderly people, and they need just such a mild, safe, gentle bowel stimulant as Syrup Pepsin.

Under successful management this prescription has proven its worth and is now the largest selling liquid laxative in the world. The fact that millions of bottles are used a year proves that it has won the confidence of people who needed it to get relief from headaches, biliousness, flatulence, indigestion, loss of appetite and sleep, bad breath, dyspepsia, colds and fevers. Millions of families are now never without Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and if you will once start using it you will also always have a bottle handy for emergencies.



Opinions of Marion County Editors

MOTHER'S DAY
Whether mother is far or near, do not forget her on this important occasion. A few kind words, a little, inexpensive gift, mean more to mother than the grandest eloquence and the most elaborate entertainments can to anyone else.

Many a mother, separated by distance from her children, pining for them, is made glad on this day by affectionate messages and thoughtful gifts. Others, fortunate enough to have their children about them, beam with delight at their manifestations of love on this day.

Of course every day should be Mother's Day—never for a moment should her kindness and self sacrifice be forgotten. Too often, however, mothers are taken for granted, though experience has shown to mankind that the love of a mother is the only really unselfish love that one is liable to meet in a lifetime.

Those whose mothers have gone realize what a precious boon has passed from their lives. They, too, may observe Mother's Day, if your mother has passed on, put a flower at her resting place—surely she will know.—Silverton Appeal.

This Makes Us Blush
Salem is arriving. We may let a street carnival operate on a main street but we have a spanking new Hunt club. This new organization will help give the town "It". As Doc Riley of Hubbard would say, we hall the new organization with "ecclat" whatever that is. Maybe after a while the banks will close on Saturday afternoons and we can really record that Salem has arrived.—Salem New Statesman.

Now, now, Charlie, we bet you had in mind a chocolate "ecclair". But we're off that ecclair stuff for life ever since one of the gold darn things squirted all over our dollar shirt front at a community meeting in Salem. However, we just want to throw a few bouquets at

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Space forbids further reference to this final tribute of the former bosom friend and later political enemy to the hero of Buena Vista, and the Bits man will resume this interesting subject in a later issue.

Instructors For Playground To Be Chosen Soon

Life guard for the Fourteenth street playground and instructor for the Salem playground will be chosen Monday night at a meeting of the playground board at the Y. M. C. A. Members of the staff chosen are Louis Anderson, director; and Gladys Mills and Ethel Balderes, instructors. The opening date will be set and the tentative program developed more. Completion of the budget is also planned for Monday night.

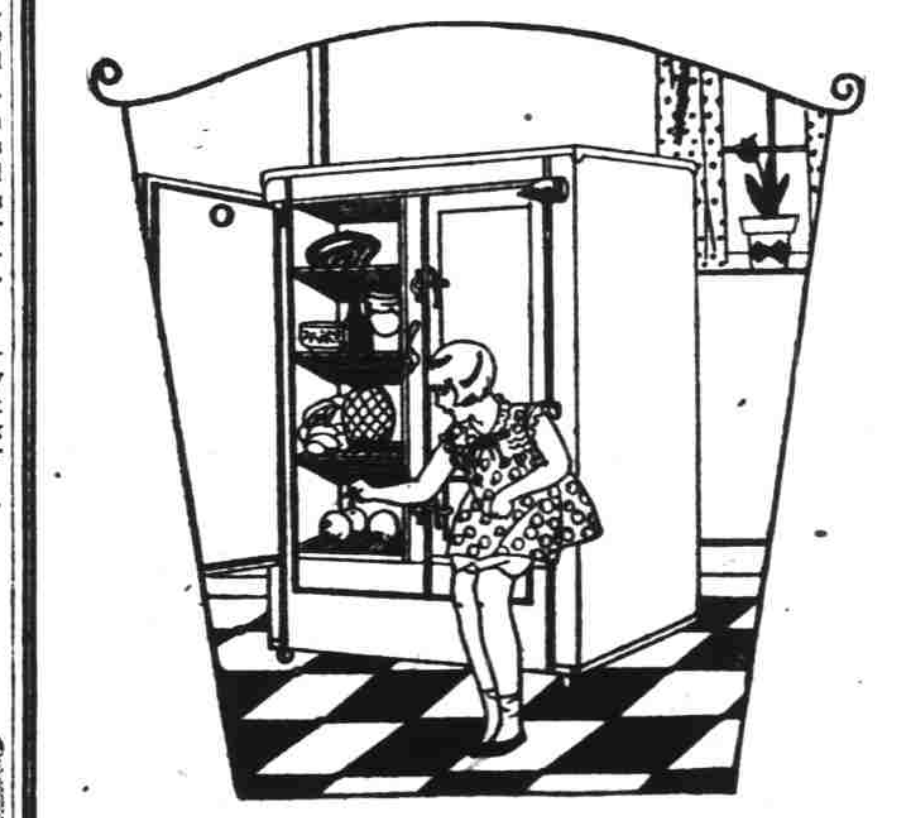
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ful of "ecclat"—Hubbard Enterprises.

GOING INTO BUSINESS
STAYTON, May 11—W. F. Klecker who conducted a general merchandise store here a number of years ago is going into business again. He has leased a room in the Deidrich building and will open up a store there about June 1.

Read the Classified Ads.

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