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Petaluma's Progress

S. S. Knight, president of the Poultry Keepers association at Petaluma, California, was a visitor in Salem Monday. He called at the Statesman office for a visit with W. C. Conner, editor of the Northwest Poultry Journal, a publication which is perhaps more highly valued in distant states among poultry authorities than it is right at home. While we were waiting for Mr. Conner to get down in the morning, the writer had a visit with Mr. Knight. It took no prompting to get him to talk about Petaluma. That, as everyone knows, is the poultry capital of the Pacific coast.

The association there last year handled 1,300,000 cases of eggs. There are 30 dozen to a case. We know because one of our tasks in boyhood was holding down an egg-candling job. Mixed together that number of eggs would make an omelet that would reach to the moon or fill the Pacific. Now 35% of that production was shipped to New York, clear across the continent. The eggs brought top prices there too.

Petaluma just entered the New York market in 1916, so the growth has been phenomenal. During all that time other parts of the country no doubt were complaining that the New York market was "overdone," suffering under surplus, etc., but California, and the rest of the Pacific slope, notably Washington, shipped quality eggs, closely graded, and they captured the market.

Egg production is what Petaluma emphasizes, says Knight. No poultryman tries to get along with fewer than 2500 hens. Bank resources there, he stated, were over \$22,000,000. The town is about 7000. The interest rate, he said, was never over 6% on agricultural loans, and the rate paid on time deposits is 4%. How do they do it? The banks don't take any losses on account of bad loans, Knight says.

We were interested in how all this has come about. It has been planned progress, said Mr. Knight. Committees of civic organizations, the growers' organizations and bankers meet to plan each step in expansion. The result is that nothing happens as in the raisin industry when raisin growing expanded so rapidly it almost wrecked the San Joaquin valley. This seems to be one example of a community that was able to get together and forge its own destiny through cooperative effort.

Knight thinks there should be a federation of the poultry organizations along the Pacific from Seattle to San Diego. Many of these cooperatives now dump into Los Angeles or San Francisco markets and compete with each other. Under proper overhead control the movement of eggs could be controlled and price slumps because of market glut avoided.

The story of Petaluma is one of real achievement. Planned progress is just what Salem has needed and still needs in the control and expansion of its berry and fruit industry and fruit industry particularly.

Handling the Public Lands

THERE is going to be a mixed reaction to the proposal which Joseph M. Dixon, assistant secretary of the interior, will present to the conference of governors in Salt Lake City next week. Dixon has written that he will present a "concrete proposition looking to the taking over by the western states of the remaining unappropriated public lands." Just what Dixon means by "taking over" and how far the control would pass to state hands are questions that must await the full disclosure of his plan.

Thus is revived what was one of the bitter political controversies of twenty years ago. "Pinchotism" was damned from Point Barrow to Nogales by westerners eager for "development" and clamorous for the privilege of acquiring in private ownership the timber and mining lands and water power sites of the west. The forest service particularly came in for serious attack. The Ballinger episode, in which the secretary of the interior was driven out of office because of public resentment at his discharge of Pinchot, was one of the rocks on which the Taft administration was wrecked.

Times have changed in twenty years. The forest service has changed, too, and its program of fire prevention and opening up the recreational possibilities of the national reserves has won quite general approval. The West Coast Lumbermen's association recently reversed its stand of 20 years ago and expressed itself as favorable to having the forest service continue the administration of the forest reserves.

If Dixon means to turn over the lands outside the forest reserves, it is hard to see where anything would be gained. They are open to homesteading now, and yet lie idle because most of this land is valueless.

It is hard to see what advantage would be gained through state administration of the public lands. They would continue untaxed of course. Land sales would have to finance land administration. Why make a shift from the present method of administering the lands, throwing out the organization which has been built up over a long term of years, and throwing open to the machinations of local politics valuable public resources? Many of the lands are interstate in location, and call for federal rather than state control.

The governors will do well to open the poke and look the pig over carefully before they throw the sack over their shoulders and start home thinking they are bringing back some bacon.

Buyers for Fruit Ranches

THERE is a revival of interest in orchard lands in southern Oregon. A number of big deals have been pulled, reaching above the \$100,000 mark. The sales are hailed as marking the end of the long period of stagnation in orchard land values and the beginning of fresh activity in real estate. A new deal is reported from Medford in the impending sale of the Illihee orchards there by a Los Angeles man to L. A. Banks and E. C. Corn of Medford. The figure is \$123,000.

Southern Oregon has excellent crops this year at very fine prices. A large share of the money will go right back into the lands which produced it. The activity in southern Oregon may be taken as an index of a revival which may embrace the whole fruit growing area of western Oregon.

The mighty Alexander, not the Macedonian, but the 20th century one who also is entitled to the name of "The Great" to his name, pitched his 373rd baseball victory recently, passing the record previously held by Christy Mathewson. The veteran Alexander was called in to bring the St. Louis Cardinals back into victory. He did so, to the surprise of many of the fans. But now the great Grover Cleveland gets sent back to the home town under suspension for breaking training rules. The old Alex must be getting smart sleeky in his old age.

Youngsters Who Need Looking After



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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

About the seven wonders—

A good deal is being said just now in Oregon. The discussion was started by some one in the Portland Oregonian suggesting a list of the seven wonders of that city, and many trials have since been made at improving upon the original enumeration.

One of the editorial writers of that paper ventured in its Sunday issue a list of the seven wonders of Oregon, as follows: 1. The Columbia gorge. 2. The forest wealth of the state. 3. Crater lake. 4. The highway system. 5. The University of Oregon and Oregon State Agricultural college. 6. Salmon fisheries. 7. Mount Hood.

The seven wonders of the ancient world were usually enumerated as follows: 1. The pyramids of Egypt. 2. The Pharos of Alexandria. 3. The walls and hanging gardens of Babylon. 4. The temple of Artemis (Diana) at Ephesus. 5. The statue of the Olympian Zeus (Jupiter) by Phidias. 6. The mausoleum erected by Artemisia at Halicarnassus. 7. The Colossus of Rhodes.

The Oregonian writer admits that his list of the wonders of Oregon might be almost indefinitely extended; that his suggestions are merely tentative, and when one gets started on such an undertaking there is scarcely a stopping point.

The Bits man was asked to suggest for the Sunday Statesman a list of the seven wonders of Salem and he ventured the following: 1. Her history and historic shrines. 2. Willamette university. 3. Her position as the state capital. 4. The Willamette river. 5. Her civic center and natural settings for the City Beautiful. 6. Her franchise crops. 7. Her geographic location.

He attempted a slight elaboration of the theme, giving explanations of what was meant by Salem's history and historic shrines, her geographic location, the franchise crops of the district, and the rest. Now the subject may be said to be open for discussion. What are your seven wonders of Salem? Your idea of the seven most important foundations of greatness for this city and its trade territory?

It is the idea of the managing editor of the Statesman to give opportunity for full discussion of the subject. And that would be a good thing. If every thinking man and woman in this city and this district can get thoroughly enthusiastic on the subject, much good will be done. For the first and perhaps most important result, the inferiority complex that has persisted here more or less, vastly less of late than formerly, will be overcome and dissipated.

Salemites will be sold on their city. They will find by comparison that no city in the world has more of the natural advantages leading to greatness and general prosperity. Can you think of any one thing that will do as much good? The Bits man cannot. If the people of Salem can all come to see and appreciate the potential value they have here, they will work to realize their full development with perfect confidence, and there will be no halt in growth and progress, but a mounting prosperity on foundations as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. There can be nothing but hope for a section and a city that continually increases the volume and improves the quality of the products of its industries on the land, to furnish the raw materials for its industries in its cities and towns. This brings and will bring new money every year, from an exhausted

source, coined from its sunshine and showers and soil—from mines of wealth that can never fail or pinch out or be worked to exhaustion. The Bits man hopes many Salem people will respond to the invitation of the managing editor. It would furnish interesting as well as beneficial reading.

One year contracts have been made in the Lacomb district for Marshall type strawberries at 7 cents a pound, and there are being offered four year contracts for these berries at 6 cents a pound. That is likely to bring a very largely increased production of these berries, for the cold pack demand, especially after next year. Only a little while back, in fact up to the present year, fears were entertained for the growers of this type of strawberries. The cold pack process in cans and cartons was new and largely untried, up to last year, and there seemed to be an over supply of these berries put up in barrels.

Last year the Salem canners and packers took about 12,000,000 pounds of strawberries from the growers; about half of them Marshall type or cold pack berries. They took about as many this year; and perhaps an increased tonnage of the cold pack varieties.

When will they double the tonnage? Perhaps soon. They will have no difficulty in getting the growers to supply 24,000,000 pounds, if they will show their ability to take them at fair prices. Seven cents, or even 6 cents a pound, is a good price for Marshall type berries, and our people with the right kind of land who know how to grow them can make mighty good money in supplying them to the packers.

This development will give encouragement, also, to our loganberry growers. If cold pack strawberries can be put over in increasing volume, surely loganberries can be also, with the state's fruiting, for no better pie berry grows, and there are many other uses for this great bush fruit. And it stands up under the cold pack process even better than our strawberry, which is saying a great deal. It stands up 100 per cent. in retaining all the qualities of the fresh fruit from the vine, down to the flavor and aroma. There is one canner in Salem who tells the Bits man that the cold pack process even improves the quality of the fresh loganberry. That is putting it pretty strong, for 100 per cent is strong enough, and no other known fruit reaches that point.

Who knows how far the cold pack process is going to push our strawberry and loganberry industries? Salem is already the strawberry center of the world, in volume of berries sent to the markets in the form of jams and jellies and canned and cold pack supplies.

FRENCH APPROVE NEW AMBASSADOR

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The French government despite the absence of Premier Aristide Briand at The Hague, took prompt and favorable action in declaring Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey personal grade as United States ambassador to France. Although acceptance was decided upon at the Quai D'Orsay on Friday the French thought it a matter of courtesy to the American government that any publication of the official announcement be made from Washington rather than Paris.

RELIGION HELD BIG OBLIGATION

Calvary Baptist Church Pastor Delivers Sermon Sunday Night

Adherence to religious obligations, sacrificial, God and prayer, are the three dominant needs to the building of a successful man, Rev. W. Earl Cochran, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, showed in his Sunday night sermon on "God's Search for a Man." His text was from Jeremiah 5:1: "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now and know, and seek in the broad places thereof if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seek truth."

High points of Mr. Cochran's sermon follow: "Successful men in every walk of life are looking for men to assist them in carrying on their business. In the major leagues every team has a scout out looking for ball players to fill the ranks depleted by age, accident and inefficiency. Ever since God asked the question in the garden of Eden: 'Adam, where art thou?' he has been asking every individual the same question. In other words, 'God is searching for men to carry out his purpose. Man is the sum and total of his teachings and experiences. If man's nature and training lead him to give his very best and he bows to the will of his Heavenly Father, no matter what may be the opinion of his fellows, he cannot but be a success in the sight of God.'

God's man will always be a man who takes seriously his religious obligations. Deut. 10:12: 'God gave some very specific instructions regarding man's obligations to his children, which takes in his neighbors' children as well. Kiwanis has in its work the care of the underprivileged child and in all of its activities the spirit above the material is emphasized.

"Human hearts are hungry for some unseen power to give them peace and help to fill a void that this world can not fill. God is the only one who can fill this void, and many of our troubles can be traced directly to the fact that we have not put God first. How shall we get this satisfaction? Let the Psalmist answer: 'Whosoever shall call a young man cleanse his ways, by taking heed thereto according to Thy word. Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee.' How many young men can you think of who are living defeated lives, selfish lives bound by chains of habit that will not let these young men take the higher and better ways of life, whose all the while God is calling these young men to leave the low paths of selfishness and seek the higher paths of the unselfish, the sacrificial ways of life?"

"The story is told of General O. Howard, who occupied a commanding position in the American army and who, when on a visit to one of our large cities, was asked to attend a social function in his honor. He told the committee in charge that he had an engagement that evening. The committee could not understand how General Howard could have an engagement when they had wired directly to headquarters in Washington to make sure of General Howard's presence. When pressed for an answer, he replied, 'My engagement for the evening in question will be the regular prayer meeting in the First Methodist church, of which denomination I am a member.' It is quite the common thing in this day to ridicule prayer, or, but my contention is rather than a sign of weakness, it is a sign of strength. God's man will be a praying man.

"When God created man, he created him with power to will, to love, to hate, and man is the only one of God's creatures that has this power. God's man will keep in mind always those who are coming after. With all of the hates, jealousies, the strife and the discords of this life, surely we should diligently train our young people in the ways of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Saviour, who always went about doing good—who declared himself to be the Saviour of all mankind."

CHEMAWA, August 20.—Lowe Billak, formerly of St. Paul, Ore., now a student of Chemawa, is taking a course in cooking and baking.

The 15-year old lad gives promise of becoming an exceptional baker and is preparing to become a chef.

A band of 50 musicians, accompanied by the largest portable pipe organ ever built, is scheduled to furnish the music for "Jerusalem and the Crusades" spectacle coming to Salem as feature of the Ringling Brother's circus.

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Editors Say: FOOLISHNESS BREEDS PUBLICITY

Silverton golfers, male and female, put their little city onto the front page yesterday by appearing on the course clad in their nightgowns. Nothing guarantees publicity more than an insane stunt. The Silverton people had been reading about Editor Saunders' proposal that men wear loose-fitting, light clothes in summer. It was this editor who set out to practice what he preached by parading the streets of the nation's metropolis in smart-looking pajamas. Hence the big idea of the Silverton golfers.

The weather man was heartless however, and he failed to cooperate. The players must have felt his cool breath, too, but if they did they showed no signs of it. Snapshots taken of the pajama-clad crew showed them all laughing.

There is one thing, nevertheless, that nothing guarantees should do if they follow the example of the Silverton people. They should bar members from wearing the old-fashioned "nightie" on the links. Men and women golfers who are still so old-fashioned as to wear nightgowns have no place on the roster of any smart and up-and-coming country club. And besides the nightgowns look terrible.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

BRITISH TROOPS TO LEAVE RUHR AREA

THE HAGUE, Aug. 20.—(AP)—With the only positive development of the day, an announcement that British troops would begin to leave the Rhineland on September 1, the conference discussing the young plan for German reparations is for the moment in the hands of experts of the creditor powers.

Two things are holding up the financial and political committees of the statesmen and must be decided before further progress is possible. The jurists must decide whether the committee for control of armaments on the left bank of the Rhine, which the French asked for as a condition for evacuation, is legally justified by the treaties before dates can be fixed for complete liberation of the occupied German territory.

The financial experts must decide what is the money value of the offer made by the four other leading creditor powers to Great Britain to satisfy her demand for a greater share in reparations before further effort can be made to come to an agreement on adoption of the young plan.

Both of these committees of experts worked steadily today without any definite indication on when they will be finished. The financial experts believe they will have something to report tomorrow.

CHEMEKETANS SEE VIEW OF CASCADES

Fair views of the Cascades were obtained by the 13 Chemeketans who climbed High Deck, a peak east of Cascadia, Sunday. Several members made the trip to the overnight camp near that town and remained in the vicinity Sunday.

Camp supper, a sleep in the open and breakfast in the mountains were enjoyed by the party. The meal on the return from the climb was particularly welcome, according to all reports.

After a climb through a thickly wooded area the trail came out into burnt over country that was covered with snags and fern. The party found the climb not too difficult but enough so to make the view better appreciated.

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WILLEBRANDT SUED \$1,000,000 LIBEL

Former Assistant Attorney General Named Defendant in Action

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant attorney general of the United States and the Current News Features company, were made defendants in a \$1,000,000 libel suit filed Monday by Gus O. Nations, former chief of the St. Louis federal prohibition enforcement unit.

Nations under garnishment proceedings, also tied up funds due Mrs. Willebrandt, from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which has published her articles on prohibition and its enforcement. Nations charges the articles were intended to make the public understand that he, while acting as federal prohibition agent in St. Louis, had been guilty of official misconduct in connection with the Griesedieck brewery case.

The petition, signed by Nations as his own attorney, refers to publication of articles by Mrs. Willebrandt, the first one of which describes how Mrs. Willebrandt "had to fight the anti-saloon league to remove a popular agent," which the plaintiff believes referred to his activities as an experienced agent.

BIGAMY IS LAID TO EUREKA ATTORNEY

EUREKA, Cal., Aug. 20.—(AP)—J. Logan Beamer, Eureka attorney, will face trial for a third time on a bigamy indictment. District Attorney E. E. Metzler declared here today.

Beamer and Mrs. Louise Beamer, whom he married in Oakland, Maryland, in 1907, secured a "mail order" divorce in Nogales, Sonora, last March from a judge, who had sworn allegiance to the rebel cause.

Following receipt of his decree, Beamer married Mrs. Ann Antonovich, at Portland, Oregon, and the grand jury here indicted him after his return to this city. In his first two trials the jury disagreed.

Beamer was a candidate for district attorney at the last election.

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