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Insinuation in Lieu of Argument

THREE column advertisement from the water company on the editorial page of the Statesman Thursday morning along with a two-column editorial rallying to the water company's defense maybe explains a lot of things.—Slips in Capital Journal.

O no it doesn't. This is a vicious insinuation that the editorial influence of the Statesman is for sale for a twenty dollar ad. The Statesman doesn't have to peddle its editorial support for a stipend. Its editor has no such venal conception of the ethics of journalism. In the instant case the editor did not know there was any ad from the water company until he picked up the paper at home and saw it.

The Capital Journal has long essayed the role of town bully and village scold. The Statesman called it on its sham battle of razing the water company for rendering estimated bills when snow and cold made impractical the reading of meters. In lieu of argument its columnist thus resorts to false insinuations.

To date The Statesman is alone in committing itself definitely in favor of municipal ownership of the water system. The Capital Journal relies on razing, obstruction, and abuse.

Authorities Fail to Agree

IT seems that Salem isn't the only city that has a complaint about the weather records which the weather bureau accepts from local observers. Over in the Yakima valley the towns are wondering why they should be so much colder than Yakima and attribute it to the fact that Yakima, like Portland, et al., keeps its thermometer on top of a building down town. But while the weather forecaster at Portland tells Salem that the proper place for thermometers is out at an airport where they get the benefit of all free breezes, the Yakima Republic comforts the other valley towns with the assertion that the weather bureau prefers to put thermometers on top of buildings so they will not be affected by ground temperatures.

We don't know just which position is correct; but the weather bureau ought not to have one practice in the Yakima valley and another in the Willamette valley. If the recording instruments ought to be put out at the airport, okay, but put Portland's out on Swan island, and so forth. Here is what the Yakima Republic has to comment on the weather reporting in the Yakima valley:

"The Toppensh Review would have it generally understood that a reason why there is so much difference between minimum temperatures here and at other points in the valley is that the official thermometer here is on top of a nice, warm building, while elsewhere it is down on the ground. Hoping thereby to relieve the uneasy condition of our contemporary in connection with the water, we will say that weather stations must everywhere be put up in the air if possible, not in order to provide an unfair report, but to avoid ground temperatures which may fluctuate on account of ground conditions which usually would do more to make temperature readings inaccurate than the influence of a building below. Here the variations between the ground and the weather station do not regularly run as great as the Review advertises, but sometimes may run to four or five degrees. On the first cold night the difference between the official thermometers of Yakima and Toppensh was but one degree—a difference so slight that it need not be accounted for by extensive explanation. The Yakima station is not the only one placed on a building in this valley, and all of the reports from Seattle, Portland and Spokane are readings of thermometers on buildings. Two or three times a year the Republic mentions the location of the official thermometer so that its readers in town may possibly account for variations between it and their own instruments purchased often with a guaranty of accuracy. Probably the range in temperatures reported up and down the valley would be almost as wide either in summer or winter, if all the thermometers were on buildings."

Scenery in the East

WESTERNERS are proud of the scenery which the great Pacific coast region possesses. From Pike's Peak to the Golden Gate and from Glacier Park to the Yosemite there is such a wealth of scenic grandeur that we westerners may be excused for concluding that all of natural wonder and beauty and majesty are located west of the Mississippi valley. But there are other beauty spots scattered over the United States as those who have traveled over it or read about it well know.

There is the coast of Maine, rugged, wild; the verdant mountains of Vermont; Watkins glen and Niagara falls in New York. We recall too crossing the Alleghenies by moonlight over the old Cumberland road in Maryland. The mountain regions of Virginia and Kentucky have many points of scenic appeal.

Recently there has just been created the first great national park east of the Mississippi, the "Great Smokies." North Carolina and Tennessee have donated to the federal government 150,000 acres of forest land about Great Smoky mountain and it is hoped to enlarge this area into a park of 700,000 acres. This region is described as "the grandest wooded mountain region in the east, unrivaled in the variety of its forestation and the richness of its flora." As it is only 600 miles from New York and from New Orleans it is located where it is easily accessible to the great masses of people.

The west rejoices at this development in the east. Knowing full well the virtue of these parks as recreational areas for all the people, we are sure the "Great Smokies" will become increasingly popular as its fame spreads.

The Bryan University

THE Bryan Memorial university has been started in Dayton, Tenn., where Bryan died while prosecuting John T. Scopes for failing to obey the monkey legislation of Tennessee. The university starts in the same building where Scopes did his teaching, the Dayton high school. The daring of the founders is breath-taking, for they must realize that the walls of this building may be contaminated with the Scopes heresy. But they do not expect to stay long in this high school. The school is building a \$250,000 administration building on an eighty acre campus and the promoters are trying to raise \$5,000,000 from the fundamentalists to keep the institution going.

One requirement of the school is that each member of the faculty must affirm his belief that the bible is inspired and infallibly true. With all the church colleges there are in the south that rival each other in bibliology one fails to see why another should start. Probably the Dayton town boosters saw a chance to get their town on the map and get "publicity" like Albany with its twin round-up.

The pastor of Salem's First Baptist church is now reported ready to receive the conference of the fundamentalists with the question of whether the ancient texts—Bible and Koran—

JUST LIKE A PARENT



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Our franchise crops:

The Bits man has long sounded their praises and been an enthusiast concerning their importance, as most readers know. But there is greater reason for what some readers of The Statesman have regarded as over abundance of enthusiasm than the Bits man knew prior to his visit to and investigations in California during the past four weeks.

These reasons may be summarized by a conversation on the Southern Pacific train a few days ago with a prominent and well informed wholesale dealer in canned goods, and fruits and vegetables in other forms, well known in Salem cannery circles, who has offices in San Francisco and other California cities, and who is a veteran in the trade.

Among many other things, this man, who did not know he was being interviewed, for which reason his name is not given, said that if he were younger (and more ambitious) he would attempt right now to organize in a large way for taking advantage of the cold pack trade that is developing, with especial reference to the opportunities that are looming for the marketing through this outlet of Oregon fruits and vegetables; and with more particular reference to Oregon strawberries, and Oregon loganberries and other bush fruits grown or that may be grown in the Willamette valley.

He went on to say that California is "out of the running" on the crops on which Willamette valley growers have every reason for expecting much greater things than most of them have dreamed of. He said California is limited, in the canned goods markets, to four major crops—peaches, apricots, pears and tomatoes. And he added that Oregon and Washington peaches are better flavored and textured, and make a higher class canned pack, than California peaches at their best. California puts up a spinach pack, but it is not as good as Oregon can send to the markets. Also, California cans a lot of beans, but the dealers know that the stringless beans put up in the Willamette valley, like our famous Kentucky Wonders of the Saptah district, far outrank the California canned product.

Northern California, this wholesale dealer said, ventured, a few years ago, into loganberries. But the product was not worthy to be mentioned in the same breath with the big, luscious logans of the Willamette valley, grown under the right conditions. It is just not in the cards, he said, adding that the golden state growers have about abandoned these loganberry yards. They cannot grow a good canning loganberry, much less one that is fit for the fresh market, where the consumers know what good loganberries are. The same is true, he said, perhaps to a lesser degree, with cherries; there is no substitute, "just as good," for our Oregon Royal Anas, Lamberts and Blags.

Last year, for the first time, they put up in cold pack a large tonnage of evergreen blackberries—many of the orders being special, and coming late. Who knows how great this thing may grow, and quickly?

Mr. Noble, of the Sky Line orchard, gave the impression, as will be remembered, last year, that Californians were saying little or nothing about the annual falling of the water table in their irrigation wells. That was the truth, for the average Californian there everywhere, is a boomer

and he broadcasts every advantage of his state and soft pedals or is silent about every disadvantage.

But the men at the heads of the water boards are by no means silent about the need in California for water, and more water—more than they can ever get, when they shall have conserved every possible drop of it. The reason is that they must get their people to vote bonds, and more bonds, for more water, and more and more—and this is not easy, with the average voter. He considers the cost and overlooks the necessities and the benefits, or is apt to.

These heads at Los Angeles must get their voters to authorize \$6 millions in bonds, to extend their present system, and two hundred millions more for the so-called Boulder dam water from the Colorado river. And this keeps them awake at night. The Bits man knows, in some ways that are very personal.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

Jan. 29, 1930. West Salem, Ore.

Editor, Oregon Statesman: I wonder if you would give me space in your excellent paper for a few comments on the "Lay Sermon" using as a text Rev. 7:1, which appeared in last Sunday's issue of The Statesman.

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This special blessing upon the study and understanding of its contents is pronounced upon the perusal of no other book of the Bible; therefore, it would seem that this "Revelation" or "Lay Christ" is worthy of our most profound study and our most earnest thought.

The first thing one should do in beginning the study of this highly important prophetic portion of the Holy Scriptures is to seek to know the true significance of some of the symbolic references. Instead of guessing at their meaning, there must be one right method of interpretation, and one only; for we are told in 2 Peter 1:20-21 that "No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; and we are further told in 1 Cor. 2:13 that in seeking to know "the deep things of God" we should use compasses, "spiritual things with spiritual."

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There are other symbols used in this text which are worthy of earnest study, and of our best efforts to arrive at a Scriptural interpretation, especially the symbol "The seal of God," and the symbolic "sealing" to be accomplished by the angel who commands that the winds be withheld until the work is done; but that subject is of so much importance and interest that it would require too much space to consider in this article.

In closing, let me beg the readers of the "Statesman" to beware lest in striving to avoid the dangers of too literal an interpretation of these symbolic prophecies, we fall into the error of going to the other extreme, and idealize them out of all real meaning by giving them an interpretation wholly poetic and imaginary. There is a deep significance in each symbol, and the prophecies they illustrate bear an important message for our day—and age. Let us not misinterpret or disregard it.

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Yesterdays

Of Old Oregon

Town Talks From The Statesman Our Fathers Read

January 30, 1930

The day's work in the legislature may be summed up as follows: the governor is empowered in a bill passed by the house, to name a board to investigate the system of taxation and assessment; a measure providing for laboratory at the U. of O. was passed; senate adopts a bill prohibiting sale of wild game.

Pete Francis, the livery man, found the leg off a pair of trousers bearing the fatal stripes of the penitentiary, in a bale of hay he opened. Pinned to the trousers was a note bearing: "The relics of a wasted life." The hay was baled by convicts and came from the Tom Walker farm.

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HEALTH

Today's Talk
By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

THERE has been great progress in the past twenty years in reducing blindness in America. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness has been carrying on a most laudable work in the prevention and cure of blindness. An attempt to eliminate the principal diseases causing blindness and to reduce the enormous number of eye injuries in industrial life have resulted in a great reduction in blindness.

We must begin with the youngest infants in care of the eyes. One of the commonest causes of blindness in the past has been the "sore eyes" of babies, or "ophthalmia neonatorum," as the doctors call the disease.

In most States there are laws requiring all doctors, nurses or others attending the birth of infants to care for and treat the eyes of infants at birth. As a result, this disease has diminished yearly as a cause of blindness among those admitted to schools of the blind. It is said now to be 64% less than in 1900. Eventually this prolific source of blindness will be eradicated.

The public is fast becoming educated to what the care of the eyes means in our schools, in clinics and institutions for the blind, children are now given eye tests. Children with seriously defective vision attend sight-saving classes. Many of these are four years of age, are successfully tested for eyestrain. Among these children cases of serious eye troubles are removed from the schools. Some 232 sight-saving classes have been established in public schools of 80 cities in 18 states. Here children with little vision are given the same education as other children who have full vision. They are taught, also, how to conserve their remaining sight. Isn't this a wonderful achievement towards better eyesight for the coming generation?

What about your eyes? Are they bothering you? Many people suffer from eyestrain without knowing it. Eyestrain may cause symptoms far removed from the eyes themselves. One may have a pain in the back of the head or sickness of the stomach. There may be headache, indigestion, or lack of ambition to work. Itching of the eyes, redness of the eyeballs and swelling of the lids are all symptoms of eyestrain.

These are symptoms resulting from a need of glasses. It is possible to have eyestrain without having poor eyesight. Some of the best of eyes, so far as vision is concerned, may be the ones that are under the greatest tension every minute.

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