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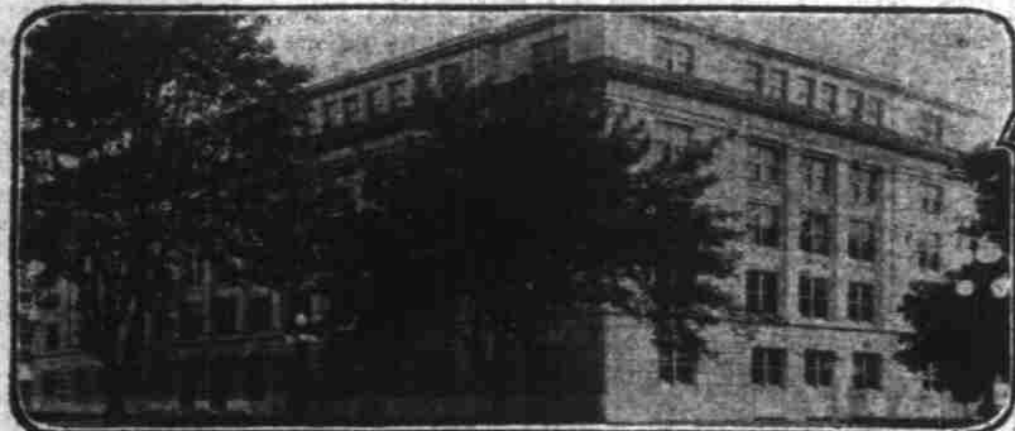
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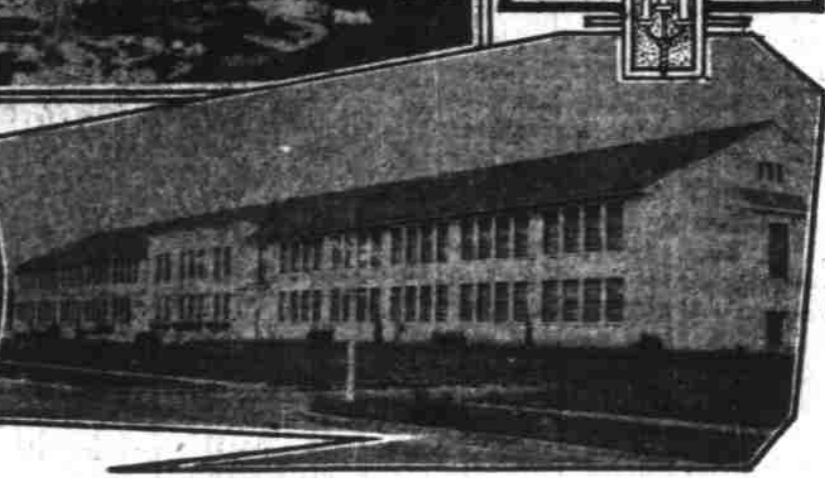
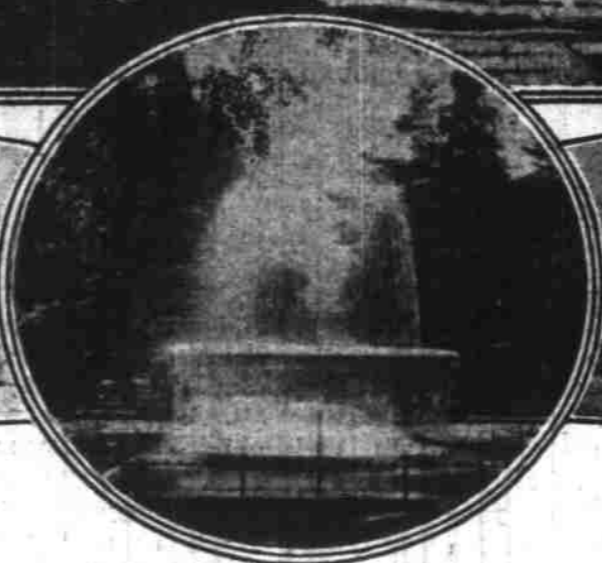
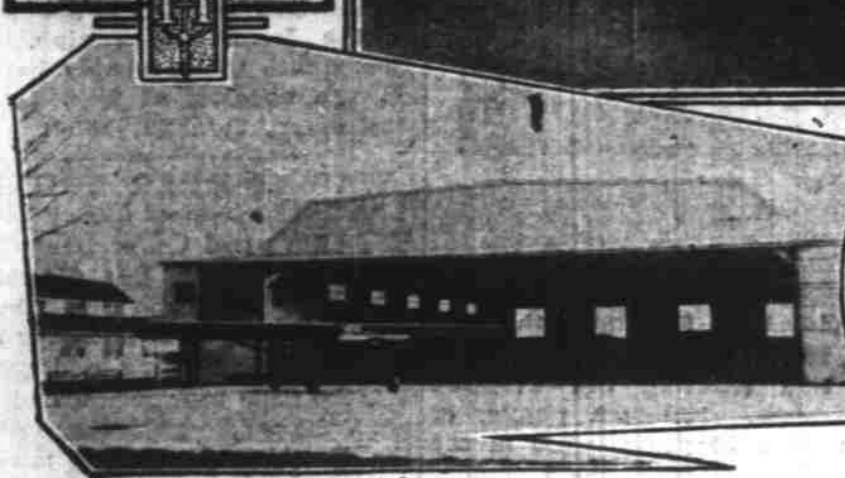
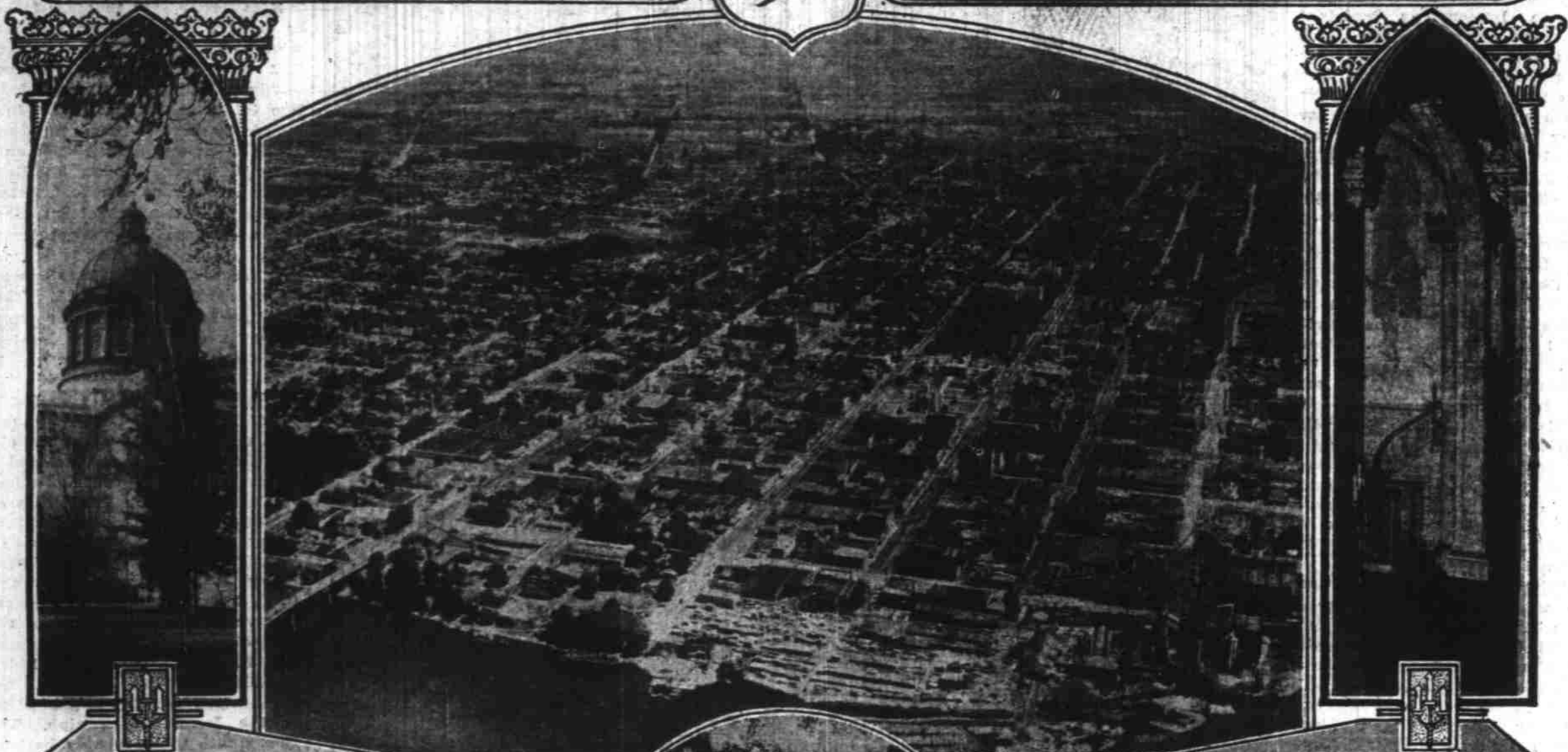
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SECTION 3

BEAUTIFUL SALEM REWARDS VISION OF 1851



Salem
in
1931



NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING AT UPPER LEFT; SUPREME COURT BUILDING AT RIGHT. BOTH ARE JUST EAST OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING AND ARE BETWEEN STATE AND COURT STREETS.

THE HANGAR AT THE SALEM AIRPORT SHOWN AT LOWER LEFT. IN THE CENTER IS THE WAITE MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN IN WILLSON PARK. TO THE RIGHT IS PARRISH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

IN THE CENTER IS AN AIRPLANE VIEW OF SALEM AS IT NOW APPEARS. FLANKED BY A VIEW OF THE CAPITOL AND AN INTERIOR VIEW OF THE ELSINORE THEATRE.

THE STATESMAN LOOKS BACKWARD—AND THEN INTO THE FUTURE!

WHAT will the next 80 years bring? Above all else they will bring change, transition, development. The cumbersome, tedious, in some ways ludicrous progress we have chronicled in the past, will be described again. We chuckle now at the Tiger fire crew of the decades gone; 80 years from now our laborious cars of today, our golf clubs, short skirts and Rotarians will seem so odd, so remote, so time-tarnished.

But the 80 years of Oregon history The Statesman has chronicled, leaves no question that the equal distance ahead compared with that we have traveled, will see more rapid progress, far greater population, the continued diversity of occupation with manufacture slowly, surely augmenting agriculture.

Evenly more trenchant is the call of the west of 1931 than the west of 1851; then there were the long plains to traverse, hard rivers to cross, the Indians to replace, and rude pioneering to be done. Today a greater population still seeks the west—a west of continued opportunity. Here the allure of youth is yet present. Here nature has been most generous. Farther on into the sun is the Orient, potential commercial neighbor for coming generations.

The Statesman at 80 is an old man, seeing visions of what four score years has brought to pass. The Statesman at 80 is a young man, dreaming dreams of greater realizations in the four score years which shall make the next span. Aged, but youthful, this realized anomaly of perpetual youth from venerable age, makes possible better service for this newspaper in its tomorrows.