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Where is the State Capital? THE maps show the city of Salem with a star, indicating

I that it is the state capital of Oregon. But if a person comes to Salem expecting to transact business with the state board of health, the fish and game control, or some The presence of some disease protwo score other bureaus, boards and commissions he will be cess would manifest itself by untold that they are located in Portland. That city has be- dergrowth while some abnormaltold that they are located in Portland. That city has be ity in certain internal secretions come a sort of junior capital of the state. The practice has from glands can either stunt the grown by degrees, for one cause or another, until the seat growth or cause an abnormal inof government is not located here in the full degree that crease. Babies born without suffi-

There is no particular jusification for maintaining any There is no particular jusification for maintaining any boards or bureaus in Portland merely because it is a large of the glands located in the brain city. Specific functions like grain inspection, have to be cause an acceleration in growth carried on where the grain is, which is at the St. John ter- beyond the normal. Beginning of minals; but most of the other offices could be kept at Sa- the functioning of the sex glands

lem at much less cost to the taxpayers. Take the practice of the highway commission in meeting in Portland. This evidently grew out of the fact that some about seven pounds, averaging a big business man of Portland has for years served on the little more in boys than in girls. commission and out of deference to him and to save him proximately ten times his birth time, the meetings would be held there. The result is that weight and as an adult about 20 whenever there is a meeting of the commission the work times the birth weight. Boys usof the highway office here is disrupted for one, two, or ually weigh more than girls until about the age of 12, again spurtthree days. The executive members of the staff pile into ing ahead at 14 years. The readers and spend one or two days in Portland at state exson for this lies in the fact that deal in California. Governor Nash pense. With most of them the novelty of traveling about the age of puberty in the girl an- became inoculated with poison has worn off and they probably would prefer to remain tedates that of the boy by a year oak or ivy on that trip in Califorright at home. But most of them go to Portland because to a year and a half, right at home. But most of them go to Portland because
As in the case of height, small complications; died the following there is a chance that they might be called on for informa-variations from the normal or year. But he had asked Geer to tion. Sen. Spaulding counted 14 of the department there average need be the cause for any come to Ohio and participate in at one session. If the sessions were held here the men concern, however, any child ten the campaign, in a personal letwould be on call, continuing with their regular duties mean-

time. All the data would be instantly available. Moreover persons having business with the commission often come from up the valley, from the coast or southern children is mainly on account of Oregon, and would save time and money by stopping in Salem. Contractors go where the bids are to be opened, no matter where that is. The board of control doesn't move bones and muscles. Muscles that weeks. My first date was at the down to Portland to open bids on some state building.

state board of health ought to keep its office here, and the crease until they make up two- tween Senator Mark Hanna and game commission, and on down the line. Salem is just waking up. It ought to carry on a vigorous and incessant campaign to restore these divisions of government to the seat of government. Portland has been nibbling for years at the state capital. Salem will have to work to regain what properly belongs in this city.

The Spokane Case

THERE is in progress at Spokane before Federal Judge J. I Stanley Webster, a tax case of grave interest to the state of Washington, and possibly of interest to many other states. The leading railroads of the state have been engaged in a battle for some years to set aside assessments for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927. They assert they were overvalued as compared with other real property in the state. As numerous counties in Washington have extensive railroad mileage on which they collect heavy taxes, there is much local concern over the outcome of the case, whether the railroads will get tax rebates or not.

The case was tried for two years before a special referee Ralph B. Kaufman of Ellensburg, who found for the railroads, and formulated a new rule of determining their value, capitalizing their net earnings on a seven per cent basis. The railroads and the counties are now battling over whether the judge will accept the findings of the referee

There will doubtless be considerable criticism of this rule of determining values, for in years like 1930 where the net earnings were nearly wiped out, the roads would pay very little tax, whereas the functions of government have to go on just the same: schools, city, county and state gov-

The significant thing in the case for all states is that they cannot continue to make the railroads bear the brunt of heavy taxes and at the same time starve them. In recent years taxes have taken from the roads a sum approximately equal to the amount paid out in dividends. Taxes have mounted far more rapidly than earnings or investments. The worm turns after a time, and the public must come to realize that if the roads are going to pay taxes they must first earn them.

Other states should not only watch the developments in the Washington case, but take care that in taxing railroads they do not kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

The Open Columbia
FTER barrels of printers ink in the way of free pub-A licity about the open Columbia river, the steamship Umatilla sailed upstream Tuesday loaded with grain bags for the interior wheat shipping towns. As Pres. Hayes said once about resumption of specie payments, the way to resume is to resume.

The river has been open for years, ever since the Celilo canal was completed over ten years ago, but the ships didn't run. The river navigation boosters do well to put boats on the river to demonstrate the truth of their belief in the feasibility of use of the Columbia. The water is there, the locks are there, the freight is there, the boats are available, and faith seems to be abundant. All that is

lacking is money to try the thing out. But that ought not to be hard to get if the project has real merit.

This trial trip of the Umatilla ought to be a good thing both to point the way and to show what needs to be done. Surely before we can ask for more government millions spent on the river we should use the river which has been open all these years.

It has been quite a long time since the Salem water question had much consideration. The arguments on the validity of the charter amendment were made yesterday before the supreme court and a decision may be expected soon which will settle the immediate question on the procedure to take over the local plant. Meantime an abundance of good water is being supplied and late rains make it reasonably certain that the supply will continue through-

The Hoover tonic pepped up security and commodity markets. As we view it, it was not so much the value of the announcement itself as the "psychological moment" significance. After sloughing for years the markets were ready for a bracer. It may well be that Hoover drove a peg which marked the low tide. The rush to buy reveals the fact that there are still many who can and will buy e they are convinced the storm is

Weight

C. C. DAUER, M. D. Marion Co. Health Dept. The average height of a baby at birth is 20 inches and at maturity the individual is three and



adult. The height of individual children varies a great deal depending on sex and family characteristics. The height is not so apt to be influenced by infections or diseases as does the weight. When there is a great variation from the average, say ten percent above or below, the child's condition would bear investigation. cient thyroid (goitre) gland would be stunted in growth and occurs during puberty.

percent below or 20 percent ter; and the Oregon governorabove the average weight for age went. Following is part of what and height bears investigation.

The great increase in weight of his book: the increase in size of the arms, legs and trunk and this obviously is due to increase in size of the n to Portland to open bids on some state building.

The state board of education should meet here, the weight of a baby gradually in- the time was equally divided befifths of the entire weight.

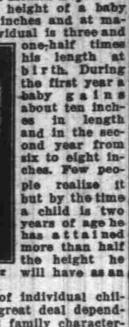
Town Talks from The States-man of Earlier Days

June 24, 1906

the First M. E. church held a plenie at Marion park. Assisting Mrs. Lee, the superintendent,

A big sum of \$250,000 has L. O'Hara.

one-half times his length at



Dr. C. C. Dager will have as an

Weight at birth is usually

Yesterdays . . . Of Old Salem

Creditors of Gilbert Bros, have asked for accounting in the reesivership, directing the petition for same in part against Ladd & cles to save the loganberry crop.

Barnes and Powers.

J. Connor, proprietor of the arrest as a transient. Willamette hotel, is back from a visit to his mountain home.

June 24, 1921

HERE'S HOW By EDSON



BITS for BREAKFAST By R. J. HENDRICKS-

"Worse than snakes"!

In his "Fifty Years in Oregon," T. T. Geer told of a series of campaign speeches which he made in Ohio in 1902, while he was governor of Oregon.

At the launching of the battleship Ohio, on May 8, 1901, at San Francisco, he met Governor Nash nia, and never recovered from the Mr. Geer wrote about that trip in

"Owing to the subsequent death of the president (McKinley), the Ohio campaign was limited to two What health problems have you! If met on the platform a few minthe above article raises any question in your mind, write that question out and send it either to The Statesman or the Marion county department of health. The answer will appear in this column. Name should be signed, but will not be used in farmer.

"As we rode in a carriage through the streets, after the meeting, it was scarcely possible to drive the team through the crowds, so great was the jam of people who walked beside the vericle and insisted on grasping the hand of the senator.

"There were continual shouts

Salem business men put up \$25,-000; Salem and Woodburn banks, Little Light Bearer society of \$75,000; and Portland capital

A Swede, arrested as he was were Mesdames Legg, Wright, sleeping in the Oregon Electric depot, had \$2,000 in his pockets when they were emptied after his

Contract for improvement of Summer street from Market to Fairgrounds road was awarded to

STARS THAT SHINE IN DAYTIME



BEN LYON and BESE DANIELS BILLEE DOVE Stars of the first magnitude on the screen, there is a little circle in Hollywood the members of which have taken up aviation in a serious way and are now invading the realm of the heavenly bodies whence they derive their titles. There is Ben Lyon and his charming wife, Bebe Daniels, who may be regarded as veterans at the "stick." Bebe is an honorary colonel in a squadron of the California National Guard's Air Corps. Wallace Beery, who delights and shocks film fans upon occasion, is not only a licensed pilot but also a heavy stockholder in one of the large air-transport lines. He is said to operate a private line of his own in California. Last, but by no means least, is Billie Dove, who has been secretly taking flying lessons and, having aircady bought a plane, is about to take her test for a pilot's license.

for 'Uncle Mark,' and 'Hurrah for Uncle Mark!' etc. He was a can-* * * didate for reelection, and had been endorsed by the republican state convention and was stump-ing the state advocating the elec-

> no doubt of his reelection by the popular vote, at least-none to those who saw the demonstration of that day. "Senator Hanna invited my wife and me to spend the following Sunday at his home in Cleveland, which we would gladly have done, but that we desired to visit the Buffalo exposition and it was imposible to do so only on that day.

"When I told the senator I was the cousin of Homer Davenport, who cartooned him so unmercifully in the campaign of 1896, he at once began making inquiries about him and where he got his artistic ability. He said he had met Davenport several times and really liked 'the fellow,' but added that he didn't approve of his cartoon treatment of himself. I told myself. I had never seen that dis- him I had never yet found a man tinguished gentleman until we who could really enjoy a good met on the platform a few minwork of art.

tion of a legislature that would

be favorable to him. There was

"He said that he never cared a peg' for Davenport's cartoons, but that his wife hated that artist worse than snakes.' He remarked that he had instructed his secretary to save all the cartoons of himself that had appeared in the papers, but that they were to be kept from his wife, if possible.

"The last week of the campaign I traveled in company with Governor Nash, except while at Marysville, where my time was divided with Warren G. Harding, since elected lieutenant governor and who was last year (1910) defeated for governor by Harmon.

"So far as I could see therewas no difference between cam- it seems the issuance of special paigning in Ohio and Oregon or Washington or Idaho. My previous experience served to illustrate very forcibly the fact that ours is a great country, and, what is better, that we are essentially one great people. An American citizen of Ohio has all the characteristics of the American citizen of Oregon, Maine or Florida. This fact is more keenly realized when, in campaigning in states widely separated geographically, one discovers the sameness of the issues involved."

(The balance of Mr. Geer's little story of his participation in that 1902 campaign is worth morrow.)

Homer Davenport was not the only great cartoonist of the Geer ist and is a farmer, his place being next east of the old Ralph Geer home.

Bowers was on the Hearst paers during the time of the Spanish-American war, and did a great deal of good work. He was later on the Indianapolis News, where he was in the thick of some of the hottest fights ever pulled off there, in mayoralty campaigns gave him his daily inspirations. and others.

down his \$15,000 a year on one of the great newspapers, or newspaper chains. But he found the game was not worth the candle. He was sacrificing his health; had he not left the hectic career he would have sacrificed his life. Mr. Bowers will tell you that, just before he gave up that work, ie was accustomed to drive him-

hand so unsteady that he couldnot go on. So he is a farmer now, and has his health. No doubt, however, he often sniffs the battle from afar, and longs at times to get back into the thick of it; among the slaves to the drawing board.

self in labor over his drawing

board until he would discover his

He hit off some big breaks in his time-made cartoons that turned the tide of victory in great

"MAKE BELIEVE"

"What was that?" asked Lor-"I don't know, It sounded, said Mary Lou, "like someon

"Perhaps one of the dogs." Lorrimer whistled, "Konig-Konig-" he called.

But Mary Lou's big police dog puppy, which had followed them into the boxwood garden, made no reply, being very busy on his own concerns, by now, a good quarter of a mile away. "Funny," said Lorrimer.

"Sometimes we get a visitation of tramps in the spring and fall if the wall gate is left open. Suppose I go and see." He started to his feet and Mary

Lou with him.
"Wait here," he said, smiling.
"I'll be right back."

"No, I'm as curious as you, she said, trying to lengthen her steps to his long stride. "Curlosity killed a cat, you know. I've often wondered what it was that she was so anxious to know!"

They left the hedge-bordered paths and struck out across the small stretch of lawn to the shadow of the trees and the winding path beyond. A Broken Promise

"The sound came from this direction," said Lorrimer, whose hearing was acute and accurate. But keen as were his aviator's eyes, again accustomed to scan- return to her fips, ning the sky and the miniature before she dropped on her knees beside the still figure of Delight Harford, she knew a sickening to the road and pick up a car. premonition. The incoherent Did he see me?" she asked more thoughts raced through her brain strongly, as her senses returned in that instant recognition: "Why fully. did she come! Why break her

can I do?" She had a wild desire to cry back! Don't come near us. Don't me, of course. Did he recognize me?'

But he had come up, was saying, in amazement: "Why, it's a woman!"

Mary Lou, in one last, and, of ing the pale face with an outflung arm

"Get help, Lorr," she said. "No She spoke entirely at random. Lorrimer started away without more than a cursory look at the strange woman, the intruder.

New Views

Yesterday Statesman reporters sked this question: "Should Secretary of State Hoss have given pecial auto plates to the governor f he requested them?"

Hal D. Patton, merchant: "That was pretty good, wasn't it? I want those license numbers myself.

"Look here, play up," said Deshake all over like a man walk-light urgently. "I'll lie. Perhaps ing up from strange deam into the same of the strange of the strange of the same into the same of I'm not criticizing the now. Give him time."

W. A. Scott, circulation mana-

ger: "The thing seems protty petty for a governor of a great commonwealth to act as he did." R. K. Ohling, insurance solicitor: "It seems to me the governor is first a citizen and should

abide by the rules governing oth-Mrs. W. H. Logan, housewife, McMinnville: "Certainy not. It is not in keeping with the dignity of his office that he should make an

issue of such a trivial matter." Mrs. Fred Duncan, housewife: "Since Governor Meier has been so democratic in other principles,

Mrs. W. W. Woodruff, house wife: "I endorse the secretary of state's principle; what's fair for one should be fair for all."

plates does not conform.

Daily I hought

"It is of dangerous consequence to represent to man how near he is the level of beasts without showing him at the same time his greatness. It is likewise dangerous to let him see his greatness without his meanness. It is more dangerous yet to leave him ignorreprinting, and it will appear in ant of either; but very beneficial this column later, probably to- that he should be made sensible of both."-Pascal.

be given a free hand to draw sand years ago. what he believes is the right We were son family. (His mother was a daughter of Ralph C. Geer, Waldo hills pioneer.) A cousin of Homer Davenport is Frank S. Bowers, who enport is Frank S. Bowers, who can being a cartoon-

That freedom was what made Homer Davenport a great cartoonist. He drew from his own inspirations. A cartoonist who did good

work on a coast paper went east, When he had a free hand he failed to hit the high places. So only Mr. Bowers might be drawing exceptionally great cartoonists of achieving same. are great when entirely on their No great credit should attach store breathing after Russell was own resources.



"I fainted. How foolish of me! How can I get away? Help me, will you? Perhaps I could walk

"Yes," said Mary Lou, whiter word. What shall I say? What than she. "Oh, why did you come?" "I was a fool," Delignt said out, to shrick out to him: "Go again. "I didn't mean him to see

Willing to Lose

"Here, Help me to stand." She was brusque, she was frantic with But that was impossible; that she course, futile effort, was conceal- a desire to clear out, to escape, to should remind him of a ghost get wholly away. Remembrance when the flesh and blood girl of all she had heard, thought, decided, rushed back to her. With her sides, her great blue eyes -see if your mother can come." Mary Lou's help she managed to dark with something very like get to her feet, but the poor swol- terror. len ankle would not bear her

"I can't," she said, with a little ob. "I can't!" She took hold of a low-lying

motion. "I must," she said liter- said, carefully: ally between her teeth, close bitten to keep back the little moan of sheer physical pain and men- Yes, my ankle, I'm afraid it's tal distress which assailed her. | rather badly twisted. If I could dully. "He'll be back in a moment."

know me. I hope to God he does scarcely speak, but somehow he not! Oh, it's been such a mess! I managed, just the name. heard you talking, there behind "Delight, not Delight!" the hedge. " had made up my more. It is impossible. The whole and over, situation. I realized that. Lorry cares for you—not for me. I don't

Mary Lou raised her in her care for anyone!" said Delight, strong young arms, to a half sit- and raised her slackened chin a ting position, as Delight's eyes little and for a moment looked opened and the color began to somehow young and gallant and return to her flps.

"I fainted. How foolish of me! am willing to get out of it, leave map-relief of distant earth, they Oh, it's you," she said weakly it to your good sense to tell him were not as alert as Mary Lou's. but without astonishment. "Look here, my ankle's badly sprained. was dead, or—the truth, half expurgated. If he doesn't know me. I'll say I was going by and came in, on an impulse. Well, that's partly true. I'll ask him to get me a taxi or send a car with me to the station. If he does know me. I'll deny it. Look here, there's something you must know-"

She broke off. Lorrimer was running toward them. "Mother's coming, with Peter

He stopped dead and stared. His face went slowly ashen. This woman, who was she? Of whom did she remind him, of Delight?

He pulled himself together, He said, courteously: "If we can be of any help-are

you badly hurt?" All the actress in Delight Harbranch of a tree and tried to step. ford came to her rescue then But it hurt her cruelly, the least | She smiled rather formally; she

"I'm so sorry to trouble you. "No use," said Mary Lou, get to the road, and hail a taxi." But at the very first word she had spoken Lorrimer began to a much stranger reality. He could

He did not look at Mary Lou. mind to go away, to tell you when He looked at the other woman. you communicated with me that, He took a step forward and no matter what conclusion you grasped her arm, roughly. He and his mother had come to, I held it, in a grip which hurt her. wouldn't bother any of you any He kept saying her name over

> "Delight!" (To be continued tomorrow)

The Safety Valve - -Letters from

Editor.) — The writer listened own citizens to still further dewith interest to the address by press prices by driving a hard bar-State Treasurer Holman at the gain, also whether this is in line Monday luncheon of the chamber with the Golden Rule extolled by of commerce on the subject "Busi- the speaker. ness Affairs of the State of Ore-

Statesman Readers

speaker wisely said that many of secure hones value at fair prices our problems could be simplified to both parties and not allowed by the substitution of a general to degenerate into a battle of wits observance of the Golden Rule for to secure an unfair advantage. the multiplicity of laws with which we are burdened. Perhaps none will disagree with the statement, since this

great principle is as applicable to the affairs of men as when utterd by the Master nearly two thou-

The first is reassuring and the latter probably not impossible. We noted with approval his apwe noted with approval his appreciation of the vast problems presented by the management of our various state institutions, also river by Russell. In midstream he his statement that no one man became frightened could comprehend those problems, though this statement is per-

provement over him.

ilously near lese majeste.

ing lower prices under present conditions, in fact, to do anything else would deserve severe censure. Any shrewd buyer can at the present time of business chaos make purchases at prices below the cost of production of almost any commodity.

This is due to the desperate struggle for business on the part of manufacturers and dealers. The question arises whether it is the function of the state to take SALEM, June 23 .- (To the advantage of the necessity of its

It would seem that the purchases made by the state should In his opening statement the be conducted in the endeavor to

Man Drowns in Effort to Save Young Brother

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 23
—(AP)—Sacrificing his life that
his nine-year-old brother might
live, David Russell, 23, of Fair
Oaks, drowned in American river

became frightened, released his hold on Russell's swimming suit

Russell kept the boy afloat un-We were not greatly impressed with the recital of the savings being effected nor with the method older brothe; sank. Two hours of resuscitation work failed to re-

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