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**Yesterdays**  
... Of Old Salem

November 7, 1906  
Charles Evans Hughes today was believed to have defeated William Randolph Hearst by a large plurality in the New York gubernatorial election.

Because of the work being done in the penmanship class of the Y. M. C. A. night school, a stranger yesterday remarked, "These should not be any poor penmen in Salem."

A skating rink is an assured fact for Salem. When the new rink is opened five weeks from now, the proprietors promise to furnish music every night of the week.

November 7, 1921  
Assessors assembled here yesterday for their annual conference talked opposition to the proposed state income tax. A number of the men claimed the measure would not relieve the farmers of their tax burden as has been asserted.

Residents living on River road as far as one and one-half miles from Front and Pine streets, will have electric service, as the result of arrangements made with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.


The city council last night ordered the city attorney to draw up a special election ordinance for submitting to the voters the proposition of purchasing the site and equipment of the city tourist campground for \$7000.

**HERE'S HOW** By EDSON

**THEY ARE MENTALLY SICK!**  
OUT OF A STREET BEG GARS ARE MENTALLY SICK, SAYS BERLIN PSYCHOLOGIST

**A \$300,000,000 WORTH OF MATERIAL IS DESTROYED IN U.S. YEARLY BY INSECTS! THIS MEANS \$7 LOSS PER PERSON**

**A NEW METHOD OF FINDING OUT IS TO CAUSE ARTIFICIAL EARTHQUAKES BY UNDERGROUND BLASTS**



Sunday "Guns Fired by Petroleum"

**"MASQUERADE"** By FAITH BALDWIN

While the newboys shouted "All about the big gang killing," Fanchon Meredith and a man named Tony planned their getaway. Tony gives Fanchon \$4,000 and reserves passage for her under the name of "Miss Smith" on an airplane chartered by the wealthy Mr. Eames enroute to New York. A fellow passenger, Evelyn, who had previously met on the boat coming from Hawaii, recognizes Fanchon.

**CHAPTER II**

Mrs. Eames was getting herself settled with jerky gestures. "You know each other," she beamed. "How nice!" her manner was very pink tea. The girl called Miss Smith who had just been addressed as Fanchon Meredith murmured something. She had flushed and her heart was beating unsteadily. The other girl supplied the date.

"Of course. . . we came to San Francisco from Hawaii on the boat, and, months ago, she said, and added reproachfully, "Why didn't you look me up, you said you would!"

Fanchon Meredith lifted her turquoise blue eyes, briefly. "I've been so busy. . ." she said.

"So have I—only imagine," the other girl began when suddenly there was a shout. "A call. . . high, clear, triumphant, after the fieldman's signal."

The engine turned over, the plane skimmed the ground, rose without a jar. "Well!" said Mrs. Eames, spreading her skirts. "Great, isn't it?" her husband asked her, and added, "worth the money."

They were off on the long trip.

The girl sitting in the next arm chair to Fanchon jerked her head toward the rest of the party.

"Know them?" she asked.

Fanchon indicated that she did not.

"How strange," said Fanchon's chance met companion, "that we should meet again here, on such a trip." She giggled, nervously. She was a girl about Fanchon's own height and build, rather mouselike, with blue eyes.

out by a Salem lady inquiring about the postage rates of 1931.

Many compliments have been given in various newspapers on the handsome appearance and completeness of the Oregon Blue Book for 1931-2. Deserved praise, too.

But the fact has been overlooked that the drawing for the front cover page was made by Murray Wade, well known Salem artist. It is a picture of Crater lake, printed in black, the blue of the book's cover making up a color scheme that is striking. It is a rare work of art.

It should be known, also, that several other artists tried their hands at the task, at least one of them a resident of Portland—and the state printer accepted the drawing of Mr. Wade. Murray does many things, in an unassuming way, for his city, and he richly deserves any such recognition as was accorded to him by the state printer.

The Blue Book is Oregon's official almanac, giving information about state offices, institutions, departments, commissions, etc., and containing historic facts and a mass of information that is useful in many ways in newspaper and other public work, and to persons in all walks of life who wish to keep abreast of the times.

**Literary Jackals**

NAN BRITTON, who wrote a book called "The President's Daughter", has lost a libel suit in Toledo against a hotel-keeper of Marion who circulated a book "Answer to the President's Daughter". While the rulings of the court were considered favorable to the plaintiff the jury didn't require much time to deliberate and brought in a verdict for the defendant. While this does not settle the question as to whether or not Nan Britton libeled the memory of the late president, the decision is a blow to the credibility of her book.

Recently that other book of defamation by Gaston B. Means, "The Strange Death of Pex. Harding" has been deflated by the confession of May Dixon Thacker who acted as amanuensis for Means, that Means was a consummate liar and that many of the incidents he relates could not have happened. These are two books which have done much to defame the memory of Harding; but their sewerage contents were lapped up by the public who revelled in such filth. They have done untold damage not only to a man who while weak performed conspicuous public service, but they undermined confidence in the character of all men called to serve in high position.

The latest product of literary jackals, though not of the salacious gossip type, is the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" in which certain press correspondents at Washington seek to debunk the great from the president down. That is an easy thing to do; if one wanted to pick up all the whimsicalities, all the flaws of character, the temperamental acerbities, and the cloakroom gossip about the great and the near-great he can give the public a far different but greatly distorted picture of those in authority. Our officials appointed and elected, are not saints; they are as human as a brick mason or a clerk in a grocery store. These retail packages of backstairs gossip hawked about under the cloak of anonymity deserve scant attention from the public. If the authors are honest in their intentions and honorable in their methods they will set their names down on their books and assume responsibility for what they write.

Recently "Editor and Publisher", which is the trade paper for newspapermen, brands as a "scandalous abuse" this violation of confidence on the part of Washington newspaper men who seek to supplement their regular income by side ventures as literary jackals. It said editorially: "We think it just as mean and irresponsible to write an anonymous book, retailing so-called 'inside gossip', as to sell advance tips thus gained for market speculation." It commented further:

"We notice that one of the authors of the offensive anonymous book, who was justly discharged for his part in it, is now trying to wrap himself in the folds of his press flag. He would have us believe that he is in some way a martyr, but we have been unable to discover even a remote connection between the White House situation and his dismissal. His editor demanded to know if he had written a part of the book, with mean and in instances unjustifiable criticism of fellow newspapermen, and he confessed it. His editor then dismissed him, notifying the president that the correspondent no longer represented the newspaper. That seems eminently proper to us."

So long as the public has an appetite to feed on slander and titterings of parlor maids there will be those who will make commerce of books to feed such vulgar tastes. We confess we have read none of the books mentioned, not because we had any idols we feared for, but because there are so many more books whose information is authentic; and whose substance more valuable that we had no time for the products of these literary jackals.

**Bits for BREAKFAST**  
By R. J. HENDRICKS

Ben Holladay's throat: "The upshot of the whole matter was that Holladay built his main line on Twelfth street, where it is now, having in the early eighties passed to the control of the Southern Pacific company. Mr. Holladay should have known that he could not 'make grass grow' in Salem's streets, like he did in those of the old Wacoona, Oakland and some other towns, by not building his railroad straight through them. This was and is the capital of the state, and there was bound to be a town here, railroad or no railroad through the main part of it. Two years later, the Oregon legislature made the first appropriation for the construction of the capitol, and located it within a half block of Holladay's main line.

To Hamlin Smith, actor of a pioneer family running back to the forties, is due the credit of calling the attention of the writer to this old railroad grade that was never used. He has been passing that way all his life.

No right of way deed from A. Bush to the railroad people was recorded, for that stretch of road. One may, of course, have been given—or the grade may have been made under a contract to complete the transaction when trains were running. Perhaps the right for Mr. Bush was a careful man.

That part of the "Bush pasture", the east 50 acres of the city of Salem, is in the name of the city of Salem, to be used for park purposes at some future day, to be determined by certain contingencies. Agreements to this effect were written into the public records of the city and county a number of years ago.

The writer has a card from Albert Tostler, keeper of Champeo park, which reads: "Relative to postage rates in Oregon in 1851, the following on page 125 of 'Kimball's San Francisco Directory, 1859', published in September, 1859, is of interest: "Postage on letters for all parts of the United States and Oregon, 40 cents."

"Postage on newspapers to the United States and Oregon, 2 cents, inland postage one and a half cents to be added; and in all cases, unless sent from the office of publication, must be prepaid in advance."

Mr. Tostler adds: "This rare copy was that of my father, Judge C. T. Tostler." This throws further light on the answer in this column in the issue of Thursday, October 29, brought

**NEW VIEWS**

"Do you think the Willamette river will some day be canalized to Eugene?" This was the question Statesman reporters asked yesterday.

Frank Minto, chief of police: "Not in our day. If they are slow as they have been."

A. R. Tartar, credit man: "I don't know anything about that."

H. Sherill, woodsawyer: "There seems to be a lot of talk about it. Maybet's nearer canalization now than ever before."

**Daily Thought**

"If tongue and pen alike be free, Safe from all foes stands Liberty."  
—Pope.

**INVALIDS IN RURAL AREA SAID BETTER**

ORCHARD HEIGHTS, Nov. 6.—The neighborhood invalids are on the mend. Little Donald Reed is to be in school again following his recent severe elbow fracture. The injured arm is still encased in a cast. Charles Roberts is able, for the first time in five months, to walk without the aid of crutches or a cane.

The C. H. Fisher family were recent dinner guests of Mrs. C. A. Tommasone, sister of Mrs. Fisher, at her home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rainbolt were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Rainbolt's brother, J. A. Young. The Rainbolts live at Seilo.

Flower lovers of this community are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the chrysanthemum show to be given Thursday, November 12, at the Oak Grove range hall. The affair will be sponsored by the Oak Grove Ladies Aid.

Mrs. C. S. Matthews is in Portland where she is enjoying a visit with relatives.

**Good House-Cleaning**

JIM MOTT is doing a heroic job. It took some Hercules to clean out the Augean stables of these fellows who were pirating innocent investors. Sometimes it was scandalous betrayal of trust, and now one of such men, Hattrem has been convicted in the courts. Sometimes it was legalized milking of the companies, such as seems to have been done in some of the building and loan associations. It was a case of the promoters getting their, leaving the investors to get what they could, if anything. This Empire Holding company, a recent promotion, has had a bad smell and now Mott is demanding a clean-up there. Friends of Judge Coshov will regret that he became connected with a group who behind the good name of the judge would carry on promotion practices which would bring them into disrepute.

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**ARMISTICE PLANS INCLUDE PROGRAM**

INDEPENDENCE, Nov. 6.—Armistice day will be celebrated by a program sponsored by the Independence and Monmouth American Legion posts with Dean W. Hines of Independence as chairman of the general committee.

Wednesday, November 11, veterans of all wars, auxiliaries, Gold Star mothers and the general public are invited to a special program in the Oregon Normal school auditorium beginning at 10:15 a. m.

At the noon hour ex-service men will be given a free lunch at the Campbell Hall in Independence and the auxiliary members will be honored at a special luncheon.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon a football game by the Independence high school team vs. Dallas High School team promises to be a big feature of the day.

In the evening a dance will be held at the Haunted Mill in Rickreall free to ex-service men.