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Alcohol, Gasoline, Lubricants

A scientist from Ames, Iowa, approves plans for construction of a plant to manufacture alcohol at Hillsboro out of waste products from fruit canneries. He predicts the coming substitution of alcohol for gasoline as motor fuel; and quotes predictions of petroleum shortages in ten, twenty or thirty years.

The country has been hearing these predictions for twenty years and longer—ever since the gas buggy commenced to operate and make gasoline, formerly an almost useless by-product of kerosene manufacture, of greater value than the illuminating "coal-oil". In 1920 there was a real gasoline shortage in northwest states, and gas had to be rationed for a time. Since then there has been no lack of supply, save in time of strike or other emergency. For several years now the cry of the oil men has been "over-production" though consumption of petroleum products declined very slightly during the depression.

The public has grown skeptical of the prophets who set dates to gasoline famine. Repeated cries of impending famine have dulled their reactions. They are unable to see a time when the stores of petroleum now over-abundant, will dry up. There is no immediate danger; but there is comfort to know that back of gasoline there are inexhaustible supplies of fuel alcohol, available in waste products or from agricultural crops.

Meantime experimentation with alcohol production and use may proceed. The time may come before long when costs of production will make it practical to blend alcohol with gasoline for motor fuel.

The real concern over exhaustion of petroleum supplies should be in the lubricating oil end. For the transfer of power depends on lubrication as truly as its generation depends on fuel. There is no immediate substitute for petroleum lubricants; and it may come to pass that conservation of petroleum for oil may become an acute problem in our industrial economy.

Salem's Highways

THE Pacific highway association is belatedly growing active in promoting the interests of this highway, the major trunk road of the state. The road is in good shape now from Portland to Salem; and the west side division has had considerable improving done in late years. But to the south it remains narrow and crooked in important sectors. The route from Salem to Albany needs to be relocated to avoid so many grades and curves. From Junction City to Eugene a brand new road is being built on the west side of the railroad. Farther south the need for betterment increases until when the Siskiyou are reached the road ends in a tortuous narrow lane.

The association plans to ask for a fourth of the federal aid moneys expected to be available for 1936, or \$1,000,000. This will provide for a considerable amount of rebuilding; but far more will be needed in future years to complete the work.

Salem naturally is interested in this road, the most important highway serving Marion county. But it is also interested in the feeder roads which will drain into the North Santiam highway. This is a new interest—eastern Oregon. But when the cross-state highway from Prineville to Mitchell to Baker and Ontario is completed it will pour a heavy load into the North Santiam. Likewise the road to Burns from Bend will serve as a feeder for the North Santiam.

We are vitally interested in the improvement of the Pacific highway, but no longer is Salem just a one-road town. And we will have to readjust our sights accordingly.

Look 'Em Over

THE governor has thrown open the gates for proposals of sites for the state capitol, with the idea of laying them before the legislature which has final authority. Steps are being taken to learn the cost of the six blocks lying north of the capitol grounds, which if cleared would make a magnificent approach to the state house and provide added ground for future building.

Gov. Martin also referred to the site on the bluffs south of the city, the Ohmart-Ben Lomond tract. This gives a magnificent view of the whole valley. It might be called inspiration point. Some one there should submit a twenty acre tract for the consideration of the legislature.

When these are in, the legislature can study the locations in terms of costs and make its decisions. The simple truth is that plans now should be laid for the capital group of the future. Otherwise the alterations in the plan will be costly and unsatisfactory.

Every Man a Prince

ALBERTA is not quite Louisiana, where every man is destined to be a king, though junior in grade of course to the kingfish himself. In Alberta every man is to be, well, a prince, say on \$25 a month. This is to be accomplished by parliamentary fiat under the leadership of the new premier William Abernethy, a former evangelist and school teacher.

Already the prospect of a monthly pension of \$25 apiece is proving bait for the footloose. Reports are that wheezy flippers loaded with kin and kettles are pointing radiators toward Alberta. Knights of the road are hopping the freights with Calgary and other points in the province as destinations.

California's late EPIC which lured the propertyless by the thousands will now yield place to Alberta's social credit scheme where utopia is about to be realized,—while the persons with property pack their bags for Toronto or Vancouver.

The July issue of the American Lumberman, a leading publication in the lumber trade, had a picture of the model dairy barn built by Hayesville boys. The August issue contains on the outside of the front cover a picture of the boys themselves, the first Four-H builders club in the country. It was launched by O. G. Huzhson, field man for the state building congress, and E. L. Moor has directed its work. A description of the barn appears in this issue in correspondence from Hayesville.

Johnny Kelly writes that Attorney General Cummings said of our Walter Pierce: "He's a queer fellow. How did he get elected?" Cummings is oblivious of the fact that many in Washington ask the same question as to how he came to be appointed. The answer is, that this is a queer world.

One of the projects approved by WPA for this county is operating cost for the county portable cannery. Previously this was an SERRA undertaking. The initials are changed, and overhead personnel is changed. But the government pays the same money for the same purpose. The rose by other name smells just as sweet.

Emperor Haile Selassie has the right idea. He is going to evacuate his capital city the moment Italy declares war. The people will have plenty of hiding places in the mountain fastnesses. What fun will the Italians have in bombing empty houses?

Huey Long's filibuster killed the third deficiency bill with its \$100,000,000 of appropriations. The trouble with Huey was he didn't start the first day of the session. What's a mere hundred million on a nine billion spending spree?

Roosevelt is expected to sign the neutrality bill. Getting ready to run again on the platform "He kept us out of war!"

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

LIVE BY GOD'S PLAN

Much has been said in the safety valve about the T. O. A. R. P. (both pro and con). First will I am 100 per cent for the plan; believing it to be the best solution we have, for the present, distress or depression we are in; not so much for self interest; but for the safety of our country; and the good of humanity. While I am old enough for the pension; but I learned over 40 years ago, in the Bible, that Jesus said, seek ye first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added; and by experience, I find him true to his word. About 50 years ago, I married, started in life a poor man; children were born to us; and after the fifth, my present wife died, leaving me with the five children; no home of my own, did not know what to do. But can say the Lord I serve, truly supplied our every need; never was on relief, nor asked a man for a penny. Afterward married my second wife; the same year, my wife died, leaving me with the five children; no home of my own, did not know what to do. But can say the Lord I serve, truly supplied our every need; never was on relief, nor asked a man for a penny. Afterward married my second wife; the same year, my wife died, leaving me with the five children; no home of my own, did not know what to do. But can say the Lord I serve, truly supplied our every need; never was on relief, nor asked a man for a penny.

But while that is true, I also realize we are in a financial depression; and it seems to me the Townsend plan, in the best thing I know of to get us out. For all men don't seem to have faith in God, to believe he can get us out of our trouble. I have said, and I still believe, that if every professed follower of Jesus Christ, in this fair land, was living just where he would be pleased with their lives, and trust in him; this depression would soon be a thing of the past, and all our troubles would soon be settled. But as it seems they will not do so, for one, let the next best thing should be done; and it seems to me the Townsend plan is the next best thing, and if possible create a national brotherhood. Some may talk of war and revolution, but remember that never gets us anywhere; only sinks us deeper into trouble; let us pull for peace, and uphold this, our Christian nation.

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Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

THERE is great interest in balloon ascents into the "stratosphere" we hear a lot about that, but how many of us know anything about the normal atmosphere? Yet the atmosphere plays an important part in the maintenance of good health. Sudden changes lead to startling disturbances in the human mechanism.

The normal atmospheric pressure is said to exert a pressure of fifteen pounds to the square inch. A human being of average size is subjected to a total pressure of 34,000 pounds. This really seems terrific, but, of course, it is equalized by a pressure from within the body.

Sudden alterations in the pressure lead to physical changes. Under the accustomed pressure the tissues and organs of the body function properly. It has an important part in the breathing and the circulation of the blood. Without this pressure we would fall apart.

Caisson Disease Serious

The average man suffers from weakness, headache and sickness at the stomach as soon as he reaches a high altitude, when up in a plane or when climbing mountains. Unaccustomed exposure to the effects of high altitudes leads to difficult breathing and coldness of the extremities. The sight, hearing and other bodily functions may be seriously affected. These symptoms are due to a lowering of the usual atmospheric pressure.

On occasions I have told you about "caisson disease". This is a peculiar affliction of those engaged in underground or underwater work, such as constructing tunnels. These men are subjected to an increase of atmospheric pressure with serious consequences. Unless certain precautions are taken, a fatal form of the disease may be produced.

Reaction Often Acute

Some persons are much more able than others to withstand the effects of atmospheric changes. This is an essential requirement of the aviator, who must tolerate high altitudes without ill effect. Persons whose bodies are susceptible to atmospheric changes should not be expected to make efficient airplane pilots, a profession in which fainting or weakness would indeed be disastrous.

I am often asked whether changes in altitude are of value in the treatment of certain disorders. Some chronic ailments like asthma, and hay fever are better controlled in a high and dry altitude. Other disturbances do better at sea level. The physician will take into consideration such factors as age, physical health and the nature of the disorder. Then he can advise regarding change of climate and altitude.

Answers to Health Queries

M. T. Q.—What can be done for a gall bladder disturbance. Does this condition always necessitate an operation?

A.—Careful attention to the diet will sometimes bring about results depending upon the extent and seriousness of the condition. For further particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

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Refused to pay an alleged 25-cent debt, Norman Mack posted a \$200 bond for his appearance in the court of general sessions at Charleston, S. C.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Now 16 '40-'50 all white Marion county natives on roll; more yet!

Nine all white natives of Marion county born in the '40s and '50s were listed in this column, as shown by the issues of June 5 and 27 and Aug. 8.

Three more were listed in the issue of Aug. 13.

Four more are added to the list now, with at least two more in the offing, to be reported soon. The four, to make up the full 16, are:

Mary Shaw Stone was born in Marion county January 21, 1852. She has lived her life in this county, and her home is now at 255 North High street. Her husband is Dr. S. C. Stone, pioneer physician and druggist of Salem.

Mrs. Stone's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Lewis, widow of Jesse C. Lewis, residing at 323 North 19th street, was also born in and has been a continuous resident of Marion county. The date of her birth was May 7, 1853.

The grandfather of Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Lewis was William Shaw, famous immigrant of the Col. Cornelius covered wagon train of 1844. He married a sister of Col. Gilliam, after having served under General Andrew Jackson in the war of 1812.

The William Shaw family took the Sager children on the plains after both parents died, and conveyed them to the Whitman mission, where they were in the massacre; two sons killed and their four sisters taken as captives by the Indians—and were among the ransomed, and were married to prominent pioneers.

The father of Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Lewis was T. C. Shaw, and he was 20 on arrival at the Whitman mission, where the family spent the winter of '44-5. They spent the next winter at the Jason Lee mission, 12 miles below Salem, then being abandoned, and then settled on Howell prairie.

In the Cayuse war, after the Whitman massacre, T. C. Shaw and his brothers, G. W. and B. F., and the father, William, all went with the mounted volunteers to the Cayuse war. William was their company's captain. B. F. rose later to the rank of colonel and fought in all the Indian wars of the pioneer days. He made his home in and lost his life on the field September 1, 1862, in the battle of Chantilly.

T. C. Shaw represented Marion county in the legislature, and served it as sheriff, assessor and county judge in Oregon in 1851. He was a highly appreciated friend of the writer of these lines. The last active work of Judge Shaw was on the teaching force at the Oregon reform school for boys, while the Bits man was superintendent of that institution.

Mrs. Flora Clark, 1561 Chemeke street, Salem, was born and has lived in Marion county all her life.

She was Flora Leonard, her father Benjamin Austin Leonard, coming to Oregon in 1851. He took up a donation land claim in the Waldo hills, near Silverton, and his daughter Flora was born in that pioneer home on March 4, 1853.

She has lived in Marion county all her life. Her husband was Alexander Clark. They owned the Leonard hotel on Front street, Salem, for 20 years. Mr. Clark died in 1912, and the widow soon thereafter sold the hotel property.

Mrs. Sarah Barker Hutton, Court apartments, Salem, is entitled to a place on this roll of honor. She was born in Salem Feb. 7, 1858, and all her life she has called this city her home.

Her father was Richard Barker, who came to Salem from York-shire, England in 1852, and married Ruth Ann Durbin, daughter of John and Sarah Durbin, who when a young girl crossed the plains in a covered wagon train of 1854.

John Durbin lived to be nearly 93 years old, and his wife past 91.

Mrs. Hutton has the unique distinction of being the mother-in-law of two governors of a state. The late Oswald West and Ben W. Olcott, the first named chief executive in the 1911-15 period, and Mr. Olcott from March 4, 1919, to Jan. 8, 1923.

Sarah Barker was on Dec. 25, 1874, married to Owen D. Hutton. Mrs. Hutton's father was captain of an early day fire brigade in Salem. Her husband, Owen D., was a member from the first of the historic Tiger engine company of the volunteer department, and he was fire chief in the 1896-7-8 period.

Twenty Years Ago
August 26, 1915
Salem celebrates second annual dollar day.

C. P. Bishop and Son of Pendleton, become owners of Washougal plant.

Al G. Barnes shows to large audiences.

Ten Years Ago
August 28, 1925
Grand jury continues probe of fatal prison break.

Capital value of Salem Street railway property here was yesterday fixed, for rate making purposes, at \$555,000.

Dr. Young is suicide in Los Angeles following sensational murder trial.

Congress Has Gone Home—but



"CAST INTO EDEN" By HENRY C. ROWLAND

HELENA SUSPECT IS NOT MAHAN, CLAIM

Mooney, Who Chased Kidnap Suspect, Confident Wrong Man Caught

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 27.—(AP)—A detective with a "photographic mind" today quickly quieted a wave of excitement in Helena over the capture of man officers said resembled William Mahan, fugitive leader of the Weyerhaeuser kidnap gang.

Detective James Mooney of Butte, Mont., who knows Mahan, raced here, viewed the prisoner and announced he is not the Weyerhaeuser suspect.

Mooney recognized Mahan on a street in Butte last June, gave chase but a savage dog blocked the capture as the fugitive jumped a back yard fence and fled. In a car Mahan was driving was found \$2,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of nine-year old George Weyerhaeuser, son of a Washington lumber family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Waley, arrested at Salt Lake City, were the fence to prison for their part in the kidnaping. Federal agents described Mahan as the "master mind" in the abduction.

BIG DAMAGE CLAIM FACED BY BREWERY

Fifty thousand dollars damages plus \$2500 special claims were asked from the Salem Brewery association, a local corporation, by Warren B. Chase of Multnomah county, a former refrigeration engineer standing at the local firm. The complaint was filed in the office of U. G. Boyer, Marion county clerk, Tuesday.

Chase's cause of action is an alleged accident occurring last September 8 in which he claims the brewery was negligent in not having a boiler properly inspected, nor having and maintaining an auxiliary safety valve on one of its boilers. The petition states that Chase was engaged in cooling the boiler in order to put in a new engineer standing on the boiler, believing the gauge on it to be in working order. He claims the safety valve was defective and blew hot water all over him, scalding him badly.

As a result of the accident, Chase claims, he has been permanently disabled, has contracted heart disease of a serious nature, and has lost a job that earned him about \$200 monthly income.

SCHERMERNHORN TO BE FREED, REPORT

Parole of Gordon L. Schermernhorn, ex-Jackson county sheriff, who is serving a three year term in the state penitentiary for ballot thefts, has been recommended by the state parole board, it was announced Tuesday.

Persons close to the executive department said Governor Martin had accepted the recommendation and probably would issue the pardon next week.

A pardon for Walter J. Jones, ex-mayor of Rogue River, also serving a penitentiary term for ballot thefts, will be refused. He also was recommended for parole.

Schermernhorn has served approximately one year. The parole was recommended on a stipulation made at the time sentence was imposed that the prosecuting officials would join in a petition for his release at the expiration of six months. Schermernhorn was picked as a "dupe" of the ballot theft ring, while Jones was declared to be one of the leaders.

Kiwanians Told Of Outlook for 74th State Fair

Oregon's state fair will open Saturday with all exhibitor and concession accommodations filled, Leo Spitzbart, assistant director,

William S. Linn Dies; Rites Will Be on Thursday

SILVERTON, Aug. 27.—William S. Linn, 73, who had lived at Silverton for the past 15 years, died at his home on 728 South Water street early Tuesday morning. Funeral arrangements in charge of Ekman, will be held Thursday morning at 10:30, River D. Lester Field officiating. Interment Bethany cemetery.

Survivors are Mr. Linn's widow, Ellen; three brothers, Leslie R. Linn of Silverton; Donald W., of Jerseyville, Ill.; Solon H., of Hancock, Minn.; three sisters,

Abigail Hurst of Glenwood, Minn.; Matt, Linn of City Falls, Iowa; Grace Doud of Hawkeye, Iowa.

Power Company Asks Extension

The Mountain States Power company filed petition Tuesday in the state utilities department here asking for a two year extension on the due date of its convertible six per cent gold notes aggregating \$448,000. The issue is payable November 1, 1935. The extension is necessary, company officials said, because of their inability to refinance at this time. The petition will come before a joint hearing of the Oregon and Washington utility commissions.

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