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AS SEEN THRU THE JOURNAL WINDOW (By the country editor)

Sunday will be Mothers Day, and in Salem as in all parts of this civilized nation she will be honored. Why not? It is just and right that we pay tribute to the mother of America's children.

The cyclone of time plows furrows in mother's cheeks. The world says they are growing old together, but the sweetness and innocence of time takes no thought of time.

The sweetest girl of this nation is mother. She was sweet amidst the fragrance of her orange blossoms; sweeter still when the "bleeding hearts" bloom, but sweeter still when the chrysanthemums come on the second Sunday in May to brighten the "winter of our discontent."

Salesmen's Club To Hold Regular Meeting Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Salem Salesmen's club will be held at the auditorium of the Commercial club at 9 o'clock Monday evening, according to announcement today by J. F. Hutchason, president.

Medford Man Dies In Hospital Here

The body of Charles H. King, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. King, of Medford, was sent to Medford Friday by the Rigdon & Son company, in company with the boy's father, Mr. King.

EPIDEMIC IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, May 8.—An epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis has occurred in the cities and towns of the Yangtze valley and has been felt to some extent in Shanghai. It is reported to have attained serious proportions in Kiating.

Abe Martin



Contrary to the popular impression, the saxophone is a very old musical instrument, but it wasn't until recent years that a dance was found for it.

MAKE IT "FOOL-PROOF."

In its report on the investigation of Treasurer Hoff's office, the grand jury condemns the policy followed by the treasurer, criticizes the payment of excessive profits and the partiality shown a bond house, questions the character of investment, censures the payment for bonds before delivery thereof, recommends the creation of a board to pass upon investments and laws compelling the treasurer to buy in the open market instead of thru brokers, but finds nothing criminal in the conduct of the office, and no illegality is charged.

The grand jury's opinion of the treasurer is summed up in the following significant paragraph: "A man may be ever so honest, and yet if he lacks business acumen—as sometimes is the case among public officials—he is liable to be misled in the making of investments."

There is apparently no law against the treasurer's paying excessive commissions to brokers, no penalty for purchasing questionable securities, no law preventing the purchase of securities before they are issued. Therefore such acts are not illegal, though of questionable character.

It is evident that laws must be made to protect the state when the officials lack "business acumen." It is an easy matter to secure competent advice upon investments, to buy securities in the open market and cut out middlemen, to avoid entangling alliances with profiteering brokers, to keep the cash until the securities are delivered, but if officials do not do it—laws making the treasury "fool-proof" must be enacted.

THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE.

Senate Document No. 259, a special report of the Secretary of the Treasury, furnished at the request of the senate following the assertion of Former Secretary McAdams that coal operators made as high as 2000 per cent profit, contains a partial record of profits made by many of the big corporations and discloses a fundamental cause of the high cost of living.

Coal operators profits for 1917 were fabulous. Of 404 coal companies, 185, nearly half, made profits exceeding 100 percent. The net income of the companies, having a capital stock of \$175,000,000 was \$78,000,000 or 45 per cent. One coal company's profit was 7856 per cent or 78 times its capitalization.

Meat packers made profits in the same year ranging as high as 4,244 per cent; canners as high as 2,032 per cent; furniture factories, 3,295 per cent. The United States Steel Corporation's net profit in two years amounted to \$888,931,511, or \$20,000,000 more than the total stock of the corporation, with half a billion of it water.

During the war there were 18,000 new millionaires created in the United States, a third as many as there were American soldiers killed in France. And since the war, the number has been increasing just as rapidly.

It is now proposed to make the people pay a billion and a half more for soldier bonuses, by a direct tax on all sales, instead of taxing the war profits the soldier's patriotism made possible.

Warning is issued against tourist travel in Europe. Transportation facilities are poor, hotel accommodations meagre, typhus epidemics prevalent, food supplies scanty—so the American profiteers had better spend their vacations touring the far west and viewing the wonders of national parks.

Rippling Rhymes

The spring was slow in coming, I thought 'twould ne'er appear; but now the bees are humming, and jays and thrushes are here. Before the dawn of Easter warm days betokened spring; I ground my spade and greased her, and started gardening.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

By the Noted Author IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

ALICE RETURNS BOBBY Alice returned from Ruth's with a very sad face.

"What is the matter, dear?" I inquired. "Didn't you have a happy time with Ruth?"

"No, my dear, Ruth is very unhappy. Like many women she has learned to appreciate her husband when she has him no more. She said to me, 'I did not know how lonely I would be without Bobby coming in with his laughter and carefree manner. I thought that my children would make up for the loneliness I might have, but Alice, I have found out differently. I wish I had kept him.'"

"What do you mean Ruth?" I said. "Would you have kept Bobby when you knew he was in love with another woman?"

"Yes, I think I would now. That kind of love wears away always. You know that Goethe and Heine, the great lovers of history, insisted that romantic love never lasted over two years and did not last that long if the lovers marry. As I think of Bobby and myself today, I believe I will have Helen, that he had a great affection and regard for me, and I believe in time that his love for Helen would have worn off and he would have come back to me."

"Bobby's heart still true. I laughed, for this fitted in so well with just what I had been thinking. 'Ruth thinks,' I said, 'that Bobby's heart is still true to you.'"

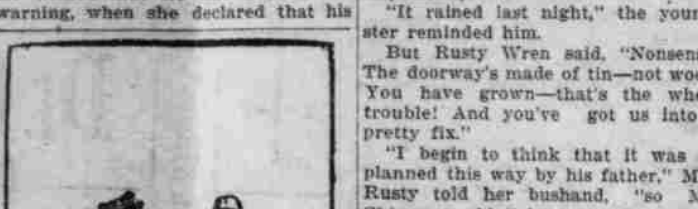
"And I believe Helen thinks so, too," said Alice gravely. "Oh, my dear, my dear, I wish I could teach all you women that are wearing your lives out as devotees of the little god of love that life is so much bigger, that this thing you call love is only an incident of life and as such perhaps holds a kind of interest, but not the great, important, absorbing interest that life has, if you only look at it in the right way. Joy, sorrow, laughter, tears, wealth, poverty, pleasure and pain, love and hate hold their places in this momentous thing we call life, but not one of them is big enough to absorb into its keeping life itself."

"Again I looked at Alice in surprise. She was always saying something that showed me a deeper and more splendid side of her. And I determined that as soon as I was able I would let her

SLEEPY-TIME TALES



THE PUZZLE CHAPTER XVIII Rusty Wren looked quite crestfallen as he listened to his wife's wail. He wished that he had heeded her warning, when she declared that his



"So you can't scare me by your threats." hiring a boy would certainly lead to trouble.

"What's the matter with you?" Rusty asked his helper, Chippy, Jr. "When you first came to work for us you could slip through our doorway easily enough. But now you're

husband to protect their home from the encroachments of greedy capital and the malignant shafts of demagogues."

"Why, Alice, a suffragist is truly womanly," I said, rather wonderingly.

"Hope so, my dear. I'm one." (Monday—The Coming Woman)

"Talk With Mars?"

"Yes!" Says Salem Student of Stars

"Within five years communication will be established between the planets earth and Mars," is the statement of Isaac L. McAdams, who is known to thousands of Oregonians as the "Telescope Man."

"There is every reason to believe that life exists on the war planet," continues Mr. McAdams. "The planet has seasons of comparatively the same duration, with proportional periods of night and day. At certain seasons, spectrum analysis of Mars changes, indicating the green of spring and summer growth."

"Scientists and fiction writers have groped for many years in efforts to pre-suppose the type of human life on our near neighbor. Through forty years of constant study of the heavens in correlation with the Bible, I have found nothing that solves this and other problems so well as the 'Book of Books.'"

"As scientists pretty generally agree that all planetary and solar bodies undergo the same evolutionary processes there is every good reason to believe that inhabitants of Mars are beings similar in appearance to those who live on earth. The word says 'God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him.' For this is our authority to believe that there is little discrepancy between Martians and earth dwellers so far as ulterior appearance is concerned."

This is the "Telescope Man's" interpretation of the lessons taught by the planets and stars.

The "Telescope Man" has so far refused to fall in line with the higher cost of living program. Eight or ten years ago a ticket to Jupiter, Mars or whatever planet was in range, was to be had upon the payment of ten cents. The rate remains the same today.

Mr. McAdams devotes the income from his five inch Clark's telescope to charts and accessories necessary in pursuing his studies. By trade he is a carpenter and utilizes his occupation as a day time pursuit, leaving evening to observation and lectures. He has traveled through many states, working at his trade and lecturing as a sideline.

"I endeavor to obviate scientific phrases and terms from my talks," states Mr. McAdams, "the heavens hold a story which should be of absorbing interest to every thoughtful person but the average individual resorts at confusing words and soon loses interest in the subject."

Mr. McAdams has been a resident of this city for many years, himself and wife having a home at 245 D street.

Walters And Cooks Play Losing Game In Modern Vienna

Vienna May 8.—Aristocratic Vienna, once famed for its chefs, now offers small opportunities for the display of gastronomic art. Professional cooks are regarded as "superfluous" as are also an army of waiters, all jobless and forlorn.

Many hundreds of Austrians who were interned in England during the

Uncle Sam Valued the Eyes

of every one of his men enough to require a searching examination before he could enter the service.

ARE YOUR EYES OF LESS VALUE? Better have them Examined today.

Dr. A. McCulloch, Optometrist 204-5 Salem Bank of Commerce Bldg.

Now, Mr. Chippy was unusually everything is my fault, because I mild mannered. But he became great- wanted to hire a boy to help me catch- ly excited as soon as he heard Rusty's story.



Make Your "Fordson" More Powerful And Economical

Just as your "Fordson" increased production on your farm, so will Bosch Magneto Ignition improve your "Fordson." A Bosch High Tension Magneto will make your tractor more POWERFUL and, at the same time, more ECONOMICAL, for the full, hot spark of a BOSCH MAGNETO will ignite a leaner mixture and burn it more completely than the weaker sparks produced by a multicoil system.

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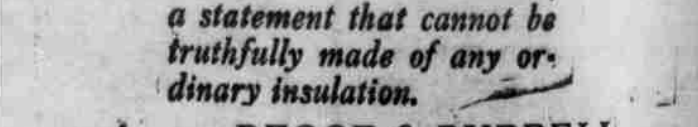


Threaded Rubber

Insulation, which is always to be found between the plates of the Still Better Willard, doesn't know what it is to lie down on the job.

THE MISERY OF BACKACHE

Removed by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Muskegon, Mich.—"For six years I was so weak in my back at times that I could hardly walk. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me and it made me good and strong again so that I am able to do all my work. I highly recommend your medicine and tell everyone I meet what it did for me."

Woman's Precious Gift

The one which she should most zealously guard is her health, but she often neglects to do so in season until some ailment peculiar to her sex has fastened itself upon her.

IT'S A TREAT

To eat, with or without butter, a slice of our light, white, pure, BAKE-RITE bread. Children and grown-ups both are fond of our bread; it's so soft and fine flavored, like rich cake. Try a loaf and judge yourself.

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