

NEW LIFE FOR HOLY LAND

With Abundant Supply of Water, the Desert Promises Again to Blossom Like the Rose.

"The desert shall rejoice and blossom like the rose," old Isaiah prophesied.

The reclamation of Palestine by the British has at last opened the Holy land to the enterprise of the West, remarks the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Captain Carson of the American Red Cross commission, which followed General Allenby, tells us that the first problem of improvement encountered was that of water supply. That part of Palestine south of Beerseba has been piped with water from the Nile by British engineers with American equipment—the realization, it is said, of a dream thousands of years old. Several million gallons a day are pumped from the canal near Kantara across the Suez canal into Palestine. At Kantara rapid sand filters are used.

The pipes are laid at least eighteen inches deep in the soil or sand of the desert in order to protect them and the water from heat. North of Beerseba there is plenty of water under the surface, though very little, owing to the geologic formation and meteorologic conditions of Palestine, remains easily available. On the western slopes, however, the valleys form excellent reservoir sites for collecting the winter rains, though they would often have to be treated to prevent loss by percolation.

The problem of the water supply of Jerusalem has been attacked by such noted men as Hezekiah—who constructed a tunnel which is today an almost unexplainable engineering feat—Solomon, Pontius Pilate and Herod. In the spring of 1918 the British, using much of the Roman work, installed a six-inch line from the springs of Wady-el-Arab, about sixteen miles south of Jerusalem, through which more than 200,000 gallons a day are now flowing into the city.

It is said that Jerusalem could be furnished with more than 20,000,000 gallons a day of pure water. Almost every house in the city has its rain-water cistern, and these, with proper inspection by the newly organized health department, are being filled with safe water.

It is to be expected that the disappearance of the picturesque water vendors of Jerusalem will be accompanied by the passing of the terrible water-borne diseases prevalent under Turkish rule.

Seeing Rome From the Air.

American tourists may hereafter visit Roman ruins—the Coliseum, Forum, Pantheon, Caracalla baths and the basilica of Constantine, St. Peter's and other Rome gems, not in antiquated horse-drawn carriages, but in airships. The Italian navy has established a commercial dirigible service for visiting Rome and its environs from the air. The venture has met with complete success, for daily the aircraft are filled to capacity.

The correspondent of the Associated Press viewed Rome from the Italian navy's dirigible M-1. On board were diplomatic representatives of all the allied countries to the number of 34, the capacity of the craft. The United States representative was Colonel Buckley, military attache there.

Those in the party of long residence stated that looking at Rome from the dirigible brought out features of it which went unperceived to the observer on the ground.

Get Necessary Knowledge.

Most of life's great mistakes are due to insufficient knowledge. In the early days of the great war battles raged on the eastern front. There are the great lakes and marshes. Victory as a rule came to the man who knew the ground best. One of the great generals made it his program to lure his opponents into the lake region and then deliver swift blows in the time of his foes' bewilderment. The difference between grades of mental power is not so great, but it's the training and the knowledge and application that makes the great differences between men. When a man's ready to do his own rough work he isn't likely to have things "put across on him." The tenderfoot has always been a joke among his fellows. He is common bait. Let him show a little aggressiveness and the regulars will respect him more. Blunders he will make, but he will redeem them and himself by his attempts.

Twin Brides.

The strangest wedding ceremony I ever witnessed was a double wedding of twin sisters. It was not only out of the ordinary but a little uncanny to see the father walking up the aisle of the church with two brides, one on each arm, both dressed exactly alike in white satin trailing robes. They were so much alike that in the excitement of the moment the future husbands could not tell them apart and claimed the wrong brides at the foot of the altar where they stood with the father. The two young women allowed their future husbands to be fooled until the preacher asked the fatal question, and then the mistake was made known, much to the embarrassment of the men.—Chicago Tribune.

How They Rank in Thrift.

These figures represent the number of savings bank depositors a thousand of population; Switzerland, 532; Denmark, 462; Norway, 426; Sweden, 404; Belgium, 391; France, 362; Germany, 346; England, 320; Italy, 282, and United States 115.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Personal Mention of People and Activities About the City.

Went to Portland—

Mrs. G. O. Kelley who has been visiting in the city for several days left on the early train for Portland today.

From Brownsville—

Hon. Charles Childs who is a prominent farmer and stock man residing

near Brownsville was an Albany business visitor again today.

Business Trip—

Prof. W. T. Nichols of Lebanon, the pioneer music instructor of the county was in the city this morning on professional business. Prof. Nichols reports business good this year.

Short of Oil—

The paving company of the city are being held back in the work on account of a lack of a supply of crude oil to burn in the furnace in melting the material that is being used as a final finish on the streets.

Nebergall Market Completed—

The work on repairing and enlarging the Nebergall meat market has been completed. The proprietors will soon be in a position to increase their capacity to accommodate the public.

Business Trip to Portland—

Dr. W. P. White pastor of the United Presbyterian church made a business trip to Portland today.

Leaves for Spokane—

Rex Case a well known young man

of the city left this morning for Spokane where he is to reside.

Carl Bilyeu of the city left on the morning electric train for Portland on a business trip.

Weather Report—

This afternoon and tonight rain, Wednesday fair. The river stands at 0.8 feet. The temperature ranges from 38 to 62 degrees.

Leaves For Portland—

Mrs. Ida I. Covell and daughter in law, Mrs. L. E. Covell left on the morning train for Portland to spend the day.

MISSIONARY MEETING

IS POSTPONED
The meeting of the missionary soci-

ety of the First Presbyterian church to be held at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Lee at 11th and Ferry street has been postponed one week.



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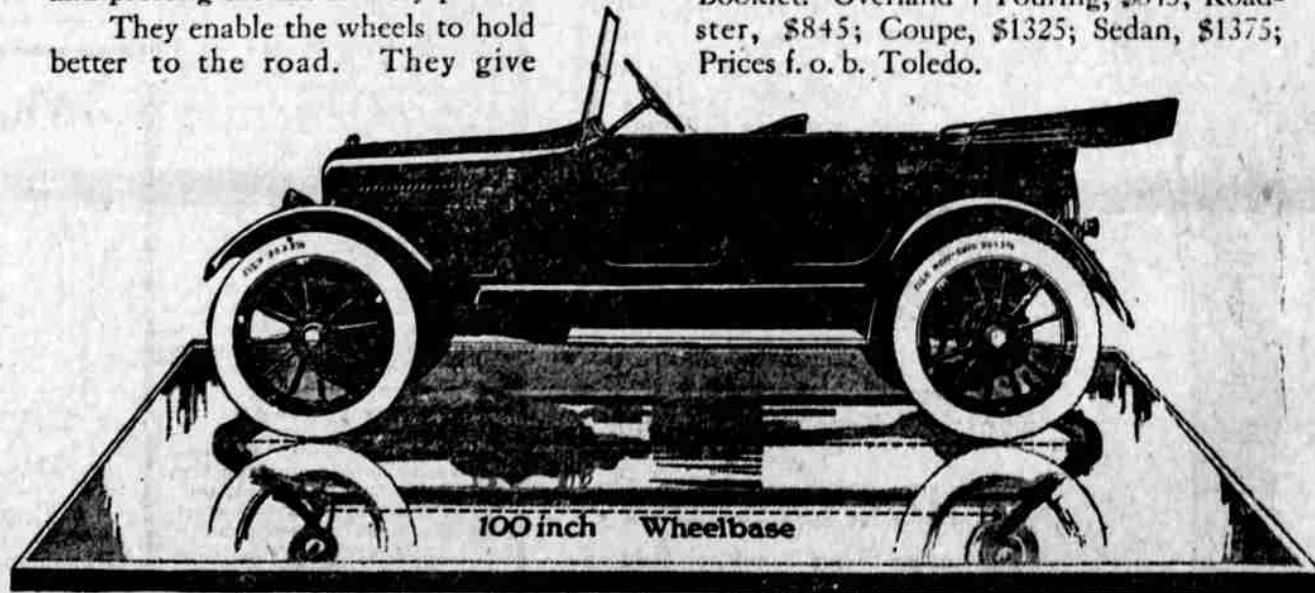
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