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SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The movement to enforce a stricter keeping of the Sabbath day has many supporters at Salem outside of the churches.

Keeping Sunday as a day of rest is now enjoined by the laws of the state and it is proposed to enforce that law.

Just what this program will include is hard to say, and there is general disagreement as to how far it should go.

What is necessary work and necessary business to be transacted on Sunday has never yet been defined, and probably never will be.

The tendency of the whole country has been toward greater freedom on the Sabbath day, a larger use of the day by everybody.

Whether the cigar stores, confectionery stores, news stands and places of amusement can be closed on Sunday is not yet certain.

That puritanical enforcement and restrictions are contrary to the spirit of the age no one can doubt, who is at all informed.

All good citizens favor a quiet and orderly Sabbath day, and all do not agree that it will be secured by too rigid enforcement of the Sunday laws.

UPBUILD SALEM EDUCATIONALLY.

All the friends of education should rally to the movement to put the Salem public schools on a par with the best in the state.

Our university and colleges and academies would all be helped by adding to the reputation of our public school system.

With the reputation of having the best public schools in the state—every person who went out of Salem to teach school would be in better demand, and get better salary.

With the best public schools in the state the attendance at every private educational institution in Salem would be larger.

With about one-fourth of the school children in private schools there is not a reason that can be offered why Salem taxpayers should not maintain the best public schools in the state.

The district has a financial surplus of about \$20,000 per annum, and the taxpayers have wisely refused at several meetings to reduce the levy; and there is not a dollar of debt.

This is the time to go forward on a business basis, and put Salem to the front, educationally, as well as morally and industrially.

AN AFFIRMATIVE PROGRAM.

The people of Salem, and of every community, should adopt and favor affirmative propositions that build up the community.

Salem has made some great steps in the right direction in the past few years, and should make many more.

The new charter has been established and tends to increase the prestige, the influence and the prosperity of the city and suburbs.

A census of Greater Salem has been taken, and it has been officially determined that this city has 13,287 population.

An elastic city government has been established that meets the wants of the new wards, and yet without burdensome taxation.

Now let the city go forward on other new lines, and there will be a great development of public spirit and enterprise in all directions.

Let there be all the street improvements possible. No man should say, because I am not mayor or alderman, I am opposed to public improvements.

Let us uphold the mayor and council in all that they undertake. The city government after all is just what the people make of it.

Uphold the movement for higher grades in the public schools. That means to advertise this city in the right direction.

Assist the effort to connect Salem with the Falls City & Dallas railroad. It is the beginning of a great enterprise. It means a direct line for Yaquina bay, and possibly a transcontinental road.

Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and help these propositions to succeed, and we will all be the better for it. Our city will be better.

PRACTICAL FORESTRY.

The ninth annual report of the chief fire warden of Minnesota shows what a state can do in the preservation of forests when the matter is taken up intelligently, and the department kept absolutely free from political influences. Minnesota was enormously rich in timber not so many years ago, and might be classed as rich in timber today, with prospects of poverty had it not been for wise forestry legislation. The report estimates the value of the standing timber at \$100,000,000, apart from the timber lands owned and operated by the state, and it is individual ownership of timber that forestry legislation is especially designed to protect. There is need for it.

The figures of the fire warden show that 2,000,000,000 feet of pine timber were cut during the season of 1902-03 and as the estimate of the standing marketable timber is put at only 28,000,000,000 feet, on land owned by individuals, the forests would disappear in less than 15 years, if the annual cut should be kept up. But Minnesota is providing for the event. Out of the vast acreage received by the state from the United States she has set apart 2,500,000 acres of forest land to herself. From that reservation she cut and sold in 1903 timber of the value of \$600,000, a handsome addition to their treasury from sales of timber since the reservation was established.

But she is doing more than that. She is reclaiming an enormous acreage of waste land by planting with pine, in time to become normal forests, and in the meantime is not only carefully guarding the growth, but is encouraging reforestation by individuals with gratifying results. From her reservations Minnesota confidently expects a net annual return of not less than 3 per cent on the capital represented by her present timber lands and, in due time, an equal if not greater return on the wastes she is reforesting.

There is urgent need for rain all over the Willamette valley, or the grain crop will be very light.

The hay crop is going to be a very fine one, but spring grain has the greatest need of rain, and that right away.

It would be a good plan if some of the mid-week prayer meetings would direct their supplications for a little wetness.

Of course, there will be an abundance of hay of all kinds, but a week of good showers would add millions of bushels of grain.

The Journal is asked to print many anonymous communications these days for and against the local option controversy, but must beg to decline the same as the only result of such irresponsible articles can be to disturb the harmony of the community, set neighbor against neighbor, and accomplish no decisive results for either side.

Julius Pincus is said to have played ball during the hop game at Portland Saturday with a "crowe-shade" uniform. Bet a dollar it was pretty.

A few days ago Ray Gilbert and J. J. Roberts are reported to have made soundings of Lake Terrell, near Me-hama. The gentlemen were in a row boat a short distance from shore, and, just to test the craft, commenced to rock it. The canoe objected to that kind of treatment, and, without ceremony, turned the two sailors into the lake. It was only after a heroic struggle that they succeeded in making

their way to shore, where they were received with open arms by their companions, who had watched the calamity. As the water in the deepest portion of the lake is only three feet deep, the accident caused all kinds of merriment for the party.

Secretary Kyle is getting some nice orders for strawberries to be shipped to all parts of the country at \$1.25 a crate net for the best fruit, and the demand is increasing.

A number of crates will be shipped today and tomorrow to points in California. Salem people would help this industry materially by sending a case to some friends at a distant point.

Berries for shipment have to be picked a day or so before they are ripe, and for long distance shipments orders should be placed a day or two in advance with the secretary of the Fruit Growers' Union, at his office, at the head of Commercial street.

London, June 13.—King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, today paid a state visit to Eton college, a visit which was abandoned two years ago on account of the king's illness. Their majesties, with the Prince and Princess of Wales, drove from Windsor castle to Eton. Addresses were presented, and the royal party took tea in the provost lodge, afterwards embarking on the state barge, an immense boat, 40 feet in length, which was built more than 200 years ago, and much used at Virginia Water by William III.

A New York grand jury has found an indictment for murder in the first degree against Nan Patterson, who was present at the shooting of Book-maker Young in the hansom cab a week ago Saturday.

The Vatican is informed that a number of Catholic missionaries in Southern Corea and Southern Manchuria, to escape prosecution, have taken refuge aboard French, German and Italian warships. They intend to claim indemnity.

Lester, the 17-year-old son of Harrison Jones, of Brooks, was kicked by a horse on Friday afternoon, and died on Saturday afternoon. It was first thought that he was not seriously injured, but he complained of severe pains, and death ensued within a few hours. The funeral was held from the home of his parents Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. A. Jones brought to this office a raffia hand bag, made by herself, which can truly be called a work of art. It is woven into very pretty patterns, and made entirely by hand. They are made of the plain straws, also colored, the Mosaic ones being very beautiful.

A telegram was received by The Journal the other day from the editor of another paper as follows: "Send returns on local auction." The message, of course, had slipped a cog or two in transmission, and referred to "local option."

The public is invited to a musicale given by the pupils of Mrs. Edith Ketchum this evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the Presbyterian church.

X-RADIUMS

If you believe in the poor man's college, vote for higher grades in the Salem public schools.

It takes a man with rapidly revolving wheels to imagine the ice cream dealers as part of the criminal element.

According to Abe Lincoln, no man was good enough to govern another without his consent. But in these days it is considered that Abe had wheels.

Fears that President Roosevelt will wreck the G. O. P. seem to emanate from Democrats who have been trying to wreck it all their lives, but without success.

Salem should have at least as good public schools as any other city in the state. And yet there are people who will vote against having more than nine grades in the schools.

The best public schools are none too good for any American city. They can only be secured by fighting for them. Let the good people who want better conditions all around turn out and help win the fight for better public schools next Monday.

The New Salem charter is established. The census is taken. The city records and finances have been put in order. Now build the Dallas and Falls City railroad. Adopt the additional grades in the public schools. And there is even talk of a municipal light and water plant.

Several "Dry" Sayings.

H. George Meyer has opened a bakery in connection with his barber shop and cigar store, and was doing a land office business yesterday. He has several fine brands of biscuits, and recommends them very highly to his customers.

The saloon men all "Drew" blanks yesterday.

One wet goods emporium had a crepe flag on the color staff.

Human nature runs along different lines. One young man told his lady friends yesterday afternoon that it would not be wise for them to enter the ice cream parlors, as they might be called as witnesses. Another young gallant said that he would loiter around the various places, for he might be able to get witness fees today. Such is life.

Some miscreant unbolted the town pump on State street yesterday, and posted the following notice on the pump-head: "This pump is dry, and it will take 'work' to get a drink here."

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