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OCTOBER WOODS.

The frost has opened the chestnuts burs,
 And the nuts fall lazily, two and three;
 The squirrel chatters, the partridge whirs,
 And the red-capped woodpecker bores his tree
 Oh, lightly and lightly the birch leaves float,
 Like golden butterflies loosed in Spring;
 And bright as the sails of a fairy boat
 The walnut leaves take wing.

Now come, now come, far down the lane
 The asters beckon, the robins call!
 The shrunken brook grows broad again,
 And leaps in a laughing waterfall.
 Over the stile, and over the bridge,
 Adown the path where the meek cows stray
 By glen and hollow and windy ridge
 Let us follow the woodland way.

See! how the marvelous cloth of gold—
 A Tyrian tapestry woven fine—
 Wide as we wander is still unrolled,
 Rustling under your feet and mine!
 The breath of the woodland is joy to breathe—
 The mingled odors of leaf and flower,
 And clustering fruit where the wild vines wreath
 The oak-tree's mossy tower.

Softly into the vistaed wood
 Through painted windows the sunbeams smile;
 The hushed winds walk in pensive mood
 Down many a solemn Gothic aisle.
 The golden clouds hang low in air,
 Wrapped in their folds the late sun rests;
 And the tall trees stand as if in prayer
 With their beards upon their breasts.
 —Ida Whipple Benham.

THE POPULAR LOAN PLAN.

The portions of the proposed city of Salem charter relating to public utilities and bond issues therefor is published today in this paper.

It embodies the popular loan plan of taking up bonds, by allowing each citizen the first right to subscribe, and issuing THE SMALLER DENOMINATIONS FIRST.

This plan has been tried in this city a number of times, and has always worked well. It strengthens the interest of conservative citizens in their own home affairs.

This feature of the charter seems to be carefully drawn, and IF ALL PARTS OF THE CHARTER ARE AS WELL DRAFTED it is an admirable piece of work, and should be adopted.

LOYAL TO OREGON PRODUCTS.

The people of Salem should be the first and are becoming the first in loyalty to Oregon manufacturers.

It is certain that they should give preference to Oregon manufactures ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, OR EVEN AT A LITTLE SACRIFICE.

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THE SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS.

Agriculture in Russia is in a very low state. The black lands, which were originally very productive, have been exhausted by centuries of the worst kind of cultivation.

The soil of northern Russia is thin and cold. Asiatic Russia has much excellent land and much that is worthless, but there are no adequate transportation facilities.

Neither are there in European Russia, although they are better off than formerly.

IF THE RUSSIAN CZAR AND PEOPLE HAD HAD SENSE ENOUGH TO KEEP COUNT WITTE AT THE HELM AND ALLOW HIM TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, EVEN AT HIGH COST, INSTEAD OF PICKING A QUARREL WITH JAPAN OVER THE DOMINION OF MANCHURIA AND COREA THE EMPIRE BY THIS TIME WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL OUT OF DANGER OF FAMINE, FOR THE SOIL OF RUSSIA IS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING FAR MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS PRESENT POPULATION.

However, they did what they did.

The condition of the peasantry is most miserable.

The exhausted soil cannot endure any semblance of a drought, and large sections of the empire are constantly on the verge of famine.

When conditions are unusually severe the exportation of grain has sometimes been temporarily prohibited.

It is said that such a decree is quite likely this year.

It is doubtful whether such a measure affords much relief.

The Russian peasant sells his wheat, if he has any, and eats black bread made from the coarser grains.

To prohibit exportation may reduce domestic prices of wheat, but will thereby impair the ability of the peasant to purchase necessities, and assist speculators to buy at the reduced prices and store until export is permitted.

The danger of famine in the poorer districts is in large measure due to the lack of cheap transportation from districts of surplus, in or out of the empire.

It is said that the prospects of this action by Russia is increasing the eagerness of the wheat-importing countries to get wheat, and will probably still further advance the price.

The Seattle housekeeper has been trying to solve the servant question by importing girls from the east, who are brought to that city at colonist rates by the railroads and by an arrangement which permits those desirous of procuring help to pay the passage to the coast of the prospective helper.

The plan works admirably up to a certain point.

The girls come out all right, but they are scarcely settled in their places before THEY ARE SNAPPED UP BY MEN WHO WANT WIVES, AND THEY IN TURN, IF THEIR HUSBANDS ARE PROSPEROUS, PROMPTLY DEMAND HELP AND THUS THE SITUATION IS AGGRAVATED.

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are by no means local, nor indeed, are they peculiar to our times. The servant question has always been a particularly difficult one to solve.

Even those countries in which slavery was an institution suffered from lack of help, as numerous side remarks in the classics testify.

It has been suggested by an acute student of Roman history who takes no stock in the Romulus and Remus yarn, but believes that Rome was a big city long before the mythical date of its foundation, that THE STORY OF THE RAPE OF THE SABINE WOMEN HAS BEEN MISINTERPRETED, AND THAT THE REAL OBJECT OF THE RAIDERS WAS NOT TO GET WIVES BUT TO SUPPLY THE WIVES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE WITH SERVANT GIRLS, the assumption being that it was much easier to get a wife than a hired girl, even in those remote days.

His Dear Old Mother.

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Politics.

"A man in politics is a good bit like a piano.
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 "Well, if he's square, he's considered old fashioned."—Philadelphia

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