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## SALEM P. O. LEADS IN PERCENTAGE GAIN

## LINN COUNTY DEMANDS FREE LOCKS AND GOOD ROADS

### ALBANY BOOSTS FOR PROGRESS

### NAMES GOOS BAY DELEGATE

In the hot midsummer vacation time, when half the people are away from town, the boosters of Albany turned out a fine audience Wednesday night to give the valley development campaign.

Vice President Langdon presided at the courthouse.

**Endorse Free Locks.**

Resolutions were adopted instructing the Oregon delegation to make free locks and canal at the falls of the Willamette the foremost item in river and harbor improvements.

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### AMERICAN TARS ARE TO PARADE

### TROUBLE AVOIDED IN N. S. W.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 20.—(By H. Lee Clotworthy, Staff Correspondent of the United Press, with the Atlantic fleet.)—The newspapers here today contain the editorials favoring an Anglo-American alliance for the control of the Pacific, following up in strongest terms the suggestions made at Auckland. The expressions of kinship and blood relationship are made frequently and the reception of the Americans here has been of the heartiest, most cordial nature.

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### ASK THAT PEARCE BE APPOINTED

### GUARDIAN OF JOS. MEYERS

Outwitted by the tenacity of their aged father and by the cleverness of the old gentleman's attorney in the matter of matrimony, the sons of Joseph Meyers have resorted to another and equally as drastic means of curbing the dogged will of the elder Meyers. The latest sensation in the controversy occurred this morning when Milton and Henry Meyers filed a petition in the county court, declaring that Joseph Meyers was incapable of conducting his own business on account of mental unsoundness, and asking that Lot L. Pearce of this city be appointed guardian of the person and estate of the merchant.

The petition states that Joseph Meyers is liable, on account of his mental impairment to become the victim of his own folly or of the fraud of others, and it further declares that he is especially pliable in the hands of designing persons. The application, which is signed by the two elder Meyers brothers is in part as follows:

"Your petitioners respectfully show and represent that Joseph Meyers is a resident of the city of Salem, county of Marion, state of Oregon, and of the age of 71 years, and that your petitioners are the sons of said Joseph Meyers and over the age of 21 years respectfully, and residents of said city, county and state.

"That said Joseph Meyers owns real and personal property of the probable value of \$100,000, the major portion of said property being situated in Marion county, Oregon, and which property needs the care and attention of a guardian."

That Lot L. Pearce of Salem, Marion county, Oregon, is a suitable and proper person to act as guardian of Joseph Meyers, an incompetent person.

### INCREASE LARGEST IN NORTHWEST

### POSTAL RECEIPTS RAISE .33

Salem leads every other first class postoffice in the northwest in the gain per cent in postal receipts during the past year. This fact, which will be received with applause by every loyal Salemite, has just been announced by the local postoffice authorities, after having received the reports from all the postoffices in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Not only is Salem in the lead, but she is so far ahead of her competitors that she seems to be in a class by herself. Salem's gain per cent is more than twice as large as the majority of other first class offices in this district. The tables are made out for the year ending June 30, and the Salem postal receipts for the year ending June 20, 1908, show an increase of 33.8 per cent over those of the preceding year.

The first class offices in the northwest are: Boise, Billings, Butte, Helena, Missoula, Portland, Bellingham, Everett, Salem, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma. These include three state capitals, Salem, Boise and Helena. The postoffice at Olympia, the Washington capital is in the second class. Salem's gain is nearly ten times that of Boise, the Idaho capital, and eight times bigger than that of Helena, the capital of Montana. The receipts of the Salem office in 1907 were \$32,789 and in 1908, \$43,900, an increase of \$11,102.

The complete reports show the gain per cent of the 12 first class offices, as follows: Boise, 3.3 per cent; Billings, 17.4 per cent; Butte, 1.4 per cent decrease; Helena, 4.9 per cent; Missoula, 27 per cent; Portland, 13.8 per cent; Bellingham, 9.7 per cent; Everett, 17.4 per cent; Seattle, 14.6 per cent; Spokane, 17.9 per cent; Tacoma, 14.1 per cent; Salem, 33.8 per cent.

### OLD 'FRISCO SPIRIT IS RETURNING

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—San Francisco today greeted with pleasure the announcement that the Columbia theater, one of the most popular play houses before the fire of April, 1906, is about to begin the construction of a magnificent new theater in the downtown district. The fact that the theaters have begun the march to the old business section of the city is regarded as a sure sign of the returning of the spirit that once made the city famous.

The new structure will be erected at the corner of Geary and Mason streets in what was formerly the heart of the business district. It will cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

The terms of the agreement allow Zeider to finish the season with the Seals and give Long the right to state what kind of players he wants, when the time for delivery rolls around next spring.

### SALEM MEN BUY ALBANY FRUIT PLANT

The Northwest Fruit company that was incorporated at Salem by S. P. Kimball, L. M. Gilbert and Enos Pressnall and others have bought out the Laelle Bros. at Albany.

### CHILDREN BURNED IN FARM HOUSE

### SIX DEAD AND TWO ARE DYING

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Aug. 20.—Six small children are dead, two are dying and the pretty farm house of W. H. Schultz, two miles west of Palouse is in ashes today as the result of a fire which attacked it last night while eight children, four of the Schultz family and four of W. W. Fix, brother-in-law of Schultz, were sleeping alone in the home.

Awakened by the roar of flames, the oldest Schultz girl sprang from bed, groped her way through the smoke filled rooms to the bedroom occupied by her next oldest sister and cried loudly for her to help in the work of rescuing the six smaller children, who were sleeping soundly. Unable to arouse them from their slumber, the two Schultz girls seized them one by one and started to struggle through the smoke under their weight.

In the meantime flames were sweeping through the lower rooms of the house. The two Schultz girls staggered through the smoke, each dragging three babies, until they lost their way and finally were compelled to drop the little ones and flee for their lives. Almost choked to death by the smoke, they finally found a window in the kitchen and crawled through it, falling to the ground in a semi-conscious condition.

The oldest girl, although painfully burned, ran half a mile across a field to the home of a neighbor for help but when she reached her destination the four Fix children and her two youngest sisters had perished in the flames. The fire occurred about 11 o'clock and an hour later Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Fix, the two mothers returned from Palouse, where they had attended a show, to find their home burned to the ground and six of their children dead. Physicians who examined the two girls who made such a brave attempt to save the little ones, declared today that they could not live. They were frightfully burned. It is supposed that the fire was started from a pipe that connected with the kitchen stove and ran through the roof. The two fathers of the children left home yesterday on a trip with a threshing crew. The two mothers of the children are prostrated and they have not left the bedside of the two dying girls since they returned from Palouse.

### DISTRICT NO. 128 HAS FLAG RAISING

The new \$4000 school house at Salem Heights, which is to be completed by October, was dedicated last evening by a bell raising and a flag raising. The \$50 bell was presented by the Ladies' Bell Raising society, and the beautiful silk flag was donated by Hal D. Patton.

The event was celebrated by an elaborate and interesting program. Those participating in the speech making were Hal Patton, County Superintendent Smith and C. L. Starr. The flag was accepted on behalf of District No. 128 by F. A. Sutton. In the evening a bountiful repast prepared by the ladies of the district was served in the school house.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR HUGHES

### ANNOUNCEMENT IS SURPRISE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Oyster Bay, L. I., Aug. 20.—After a conference here today between President Roosevelt, James S. Sherman and Frank H. Hitchcock, it was announced unofficially that Governor Charles E. Hughes will be nominated to succeed himself by the Republican state convention. It is reported that Hitchcock will issue instructions to the state leaders tonight that the nomination of Hughes is desired by the national organization.

This decision came as a surprise to some who believed the Roosevelt interests would continue to oppose Hughes. It is supposed, however, that the national leaders came to the conclusion that Hughes is the strongest man the Republicans can put before the state and will be of greatest benefit to the national ticket. Hughes has never been on good terms with the organization but his victory in passing the anti-race track bills made him the dominant figure in the party of the state.

### Bryan Chances Better.

New York, Aug. 20.—Senator Thomas Collier Platt, deposed boss, whose word once was law in the ranks of the Republican machine of the state, broke his long silence on matters political today, to say:

"I do not believe that Governor Hughes can be re-elected. If the Republican convention makes the mistake of nominating him for re-election Bryan's chances for carrying New York will be greatly improved."

Platt has been a bitter enemy of Hughes. It is reported that the aged and decrepit senator will do everything in his power toward preventing the nomination of the governor, but his power now is so limited that the leaders pay little attention to him.

### Johnson Accepts.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 20.—Governor John A. Johnson today decided to accept the nomination for re-election unanimously tendered him by the state convention last evening. This decision reverses his statements that he could not accept the nomination and it is understood that he has decided to cast aside all personal interests. He will issue a statement later.

Governor Johnson this afternoon gave out the following statement:

"I have decided to accept the nomination and make the race for governor. I did not want the nomination and I gave the convention fair notice. If they had notified me before adjourning, should have declined and sent them back to nominate another candidate. In view of the circumstances, the convention having disbanded and left the party in the position it is in, I have decided to set aside all personal interests and sacrifice my personal wish to the welfare of the party, as it appeared to the delegates in the convention."

Mrs. Wardel, the leper who caused considerable excitement by remaining with her affected husband until she caught the disease, has eluded her guards in Arizona and gone to California, where she asserts she will meet her husband, who she refuses to believe is dead.

## CHICAGO STORE

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### TRY TO BURN BIG CANNERY

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Detectives are today trying to locate a gang of incendiaries who have been terrorizing the Potrero for weeks by starting fires.

A note received last night by President Isidor Jacobs of the California Canneries company as follows:

"You think you raised hell locking up innocent boys but you ain't got the right one yet. Your old place will go up in smoke before another month."

Yours truly, W. N."

The California Canneries company's big warehouse in the Potrero has twice been set afire during the past few weeks and extra watchmen have been employed to look out for fires.

The arrests referred to in the letter are the arrests of Fred Dunson and Thomas Normile, each 17 years old, who were accused of having something to do with the fires. They were released for lack of evidence.

The Store That Saves You Money