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TIDE OF HOMESEEKERS KEEPS UP FOR THE PEERLESS CAPITAL CITY--MANY NEW HOUSES GOING UP AND MORE RAILROADS

Salem has made another unprecedented record for growth the past week. Many new houses have been started and hundreds are being ready to live in this fall. Still hundreds are turned away from the city and still others are dwelling in the hills until they can find suitable places. The Capital Journal has received many suggestions how to overcome the scarcity of dwellings. We present today plans of a number of persons to erect new dwellings, some very pretty four-flat buildings are being planned.

More Coming to Salem. Indications are that the tide of homeseekers that has set in for western Oregon will not stop this winter. The coming of eastern and middle western people still go on unabated. Each day there are new arrivals on the streets and Board of Health is daily receiving inquiries, in person and through the mails, concerning farms and houses. To relieve the house stringency a paper called upon Salem people and we have so far received replies for the construction of about two new residences throughout the city.

Postmaster Farrar has found it necessary to call for more mailing boxes to relieve the congested conditions in the street mailing boxes and to install at least six new boxes in the business section of the city. These will be used for mailing packages, papers and large letters. The completion of the many blocks of streets is now in sight for the city. Only the two blocks on the east side of Commercial street between State and Trade streets to be completed and with the aid of a couple days of Oregon sunshine will see the plans are under way for the building of at least two new brick houses and before they are completed safe to say that all the rooms will be taken.

Board of Trade is just completing the extensive improvements in the building which will give more room for displaying the many exhibits of Oregon's productive industry.

Postmaster Squire Farrar has sold his home on Commercial street and is placing a new residence on the street. The people of that block are now a unit for paving.

HEIGHTS MAKES GREAT IMPROVEMENTS. Part of the city has made more strides this year than Salem has, just beyond the end of the Salem carline. Following the estimated cost of what has done up there in the way of new streets, and some of them are the best and most up-to-date in the city.

NEW FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOOL OPENED
Liberty people will open a fine new school house to the children of that district next Monday. It has cost about \$5000 and a full grade high school will be taught. The old school house has been converted in a very neat grange and church meeting house.

OLD LANDMARK GETS A NEW COUNTESS
The old South Salem brick store is an historical landmark in this city and Mr. Daue has started in to give it a new face, or at least improve its appearance to that extent that is required for his fine business. The old store has fed many a family, and has always been conducted in a live and let live manner by the general proprietor.

NEW BUILDINGS ON FAMOUS PIETY HILL.
Mrs. W. G. Westcott has bought the old Phoebe Strong residence later owned by Mrs. Kluney and will turn it around, remodel it and build two neat cottages on Commercial street. W. P. Babcock is remodeling the old Woodworth residence and has moved it to make room for a modern cottage. R. B. Houston is erecting a fine residence next to J. P. Rogers, that will cost about \$2000. E. Hofer has put up a Pasadena bungalow on his half block on plans furnished by the Los Angeles Bungalow company. This fine residence part of the city is considered one of the most attractive parts of Salem for residences.

MR. COLE HAS COME BACK TO SALEM
S. S. Cole has returned from six months stay at Blodgett, Benton county, where he had a stock ranch which he has traded for property the other side of the penitentiary. He has 20 acres with good house and barn, and plenty of fruit—the Emory place—just opposite R. R. Ryan, and thinks he will stay at Salem. He likes Salem very much and will make some good improvements at his new home east of town.

RAILROAD TO STAYTON IS AGAIN PROMISED
District Attorney McNary says if Taft is elected there will be no trouble at all to get the capital required to build the line from Salem to Stayton which this community has so long striven for. He thinks it will be a sure thing and it seems quite sure that Taft will go in, and so we may be almost certain that the Salem and Stayton road will be built. It would be the greatest thing for this city that has ever come down the transportation pike. In the meantime the Salem, Dallas and Falls City continues to throw dirt between here and Dallas, the county seat of Polk county. That road is being built anyhow, and is part of the link across the Willamette valley that will be constructed in the next few years. Work on the Salem, Eugene & Eastern will start right away, as the steel is on the ground, and crossings ready to be put in.

ESTIMATES FOR FOUR LITTLE CROSS STREETS
Estimates for a portion of the paving work proposed for next year have been arranged and reported as follows:
State streets \$5921.51
Cottage street 5801.80
Church street 5479.29
Liberty street 5783.44
This makes a total of \$29,985.95 for a comparatively small portion of the work. Bitulithic is the pavement specified in the city engineer's report.

PRINCE BURNS BUILDS TWO NEW HOUSES
Two very pretty seven-room cottages are being erected on Ferry street, between Cottage and Church, for Prince Burns. Mr. Burns and family will occupy one of them and his son-in-law, Ross Cooper will be the tenant of the other. The houses are exactly alike in every detail, and are fitted with all modern conveniences. They will probably be completed in the next 30 days. Contractor A. J. Anderson is in charge of the work.

John Hartog Writes.
John H. Hartog, the \$5000 salaried booster for the University City,

has written The Capital Journal a letter about that Saturday paper, which we take pleasure in printing, as his opinion is worth something: "I received copy of your Saturday edition, and beg to say that you certainly got out a fine paper. I had already remarked this while in Salem Sunday, as I happened to find your paper at the hotel, AND READ IT THROUGH.

"I SEE YOU BLAME ME FOR THE DROUGHT. I mentioned this today at a luncheon of representative men, and some of them said that you evidently were referring to the fact that I had sent out so many glasses of water, that no rain was necessary. I note, though, SOME VERY INTERESTING 'LETTERS FROM CHILDREN,' why they like to live in Salem. In vain I have looked for the frank confession of some child, reading: 'I like to live in Salem because I have never seen Eugene.' All joking aside, you know that I AM VERY MUCH IN LOVE WITH SALEM. I come down every fortnight to see the children, and have seen a good deal of your city. The lighting up of your streets is a big improvement, and the result is shown in THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE STREETS in the evening as compared with the very few who used to be out before you started illuminating."

Another New House.
L. L. Woods, the piano tuner who recently moved to Salem from Portland, is having a neat house built on the lot on North Winter street between Union and Division. D. S. Smith is doing the carpenter work.

Another Prosperous Salemite.
John W. Veatch, formerly circulation manager of The Capital Journal, is manager of the Evening Capital News of Boise, Idaho.

THE INTOLERABLE BURDEN OF ENGLISH SPELLING
A short time ago the Cleveland, Ohio, public schools challenged the schools of the country to a 'spelling match.' The challenge was accepted by Pittsburg, Pa., Erie, Pa., and New Orleans, La. Out of 500 words, the Clevelanders missed but 38. Pittsburg was second with 47 words missed, New Orleans was third with 66, and Erie fourth with 85. One hundred words were given to be written from dictation, and then a certain number to be orally spelled by 15 children chosen from the schools in each city. The biggest auditorium in the city was crowded with 6000 present to hear the children spell. Two girls covered themselves with especial glory—Marie Bratton, a little negro girl of Cleveland, and Mae Thursday, of Pittsburg. They went through the long list of difficult words without a mistake.

As soon as the results were announced, President Haserot called 14-year-old Marie Bratton to the front of the stage, and amid the cheers of the audience, presented to her a gold badge, signifying that she is the champion speller of the best team of the United States. Commenting upon this incident the Cleveland Leader says: "Isn't every spelling contest a protest aimed at the needless and burdensome eccentricities of the English language? Does it not teach the wisdom of spelling reform? Ought the most important business language of the civilized world to be so complicated by irregularities that it cannot be used without constant danger of mistakes in the very rudiments of its form?"

If a negro girl, 14 years of age, can learn to spell, a white man has no call to bemoan the "burdensome eccentricities" of our language. The negro girl who won the medal said: "I studied spelling all I could, but believe I have learned to spell from reading the newspapers. There are very few words in everyday use that do not appear continually in the papers."

Here are the names of a few of the children in the Cleveland team: Maude Lesmer, Hilda Moskowitz, Sylvia Siehs, Irene Langlois, Etta Fortin, Rosa Moler, Leo Goldreich, Ida Fantana, Colette Litt, Leah Brathurd and Freda Markowitz. The names indicate that these children are born of foreigners—probably they are the next generation of foreign parents. Yet they have learned to spell correctly. Why, then, should there be such a crying need of "simplified" spelling? Surely there is but small basis for this statement in the Cleveland Leader: "This country and Great Britain, with the British colonies, carry a heavy burden of difficult and confusing spelling, through their schools into business and all other activities of life."

The Bureaucracy of India.
The government of India is as complete a bureaucracy as that of Russia. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that as bureaucracy it is as autocratic, as arbitrary in its methods, as reactionary in its spirit, as far removed from sympathy with the people, as determined to keep all power in its own hands, as unwilling to consult the popular wishes or to listen to the voice of the most enlightened portion of the nation, even when expressed through the great and widely representative Indian national congress, as is the Russian bureaucracy. It is notorious that the very best government in India today is not that carried on by the British, but that of several of the native states, notably Baroda and Mysore. In these states, particularly Baroda, the people are more free, more prosperous, more contented, and are making more progress than in any other part of India. Note the superiority of both these states in the important matter of popular education. Mysore is spending on education more than three times as much per capita as is British India, while Baroda has made her education free and compulsory. Both of these states, but especially Baroda, which has thus placed herself in line with the leading nations of Europe and America by making provision for the education of all her children, may well be contrasted with British India, which provides education, even of the poorest kind, for only one boy in ten and one girl in 144.

The truth is, not one single fact can be cited that goes to show that India cannot govern itself—reasonably well at first, excellently well later—if only given a chance.—J. T. Sunderland in The Atlantic.

More Than Enough Is Too Much.
To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale at Dr. Stone's drug store.

MAKING A SUCCESS OF GROWING CELERY
L. L. Clark, who lives on Route 2, Polk county, is making a great success of growing celery on the Red Hill land, where it has washed some, and is really Red Hill beaver dam bottom land. He sells this celery to the best dealers in the city, and it is certainly very fine—the stalks being two feet long and the flavor of fine quality.

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