

SOCIETY

EARLY SCHOOL HISTORY OF SALEM RECOUNTED

A SPRING TONIC

Old Reliable Hood's Sarsaparilla is Pleasant and Effective.



Easter Time, Spring Time, Housecleaning Time

At this season of the year the good housewife is thinking and planning changes in the home that will make it more attractive and pleasing to the eye.

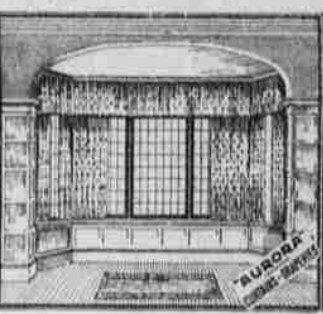
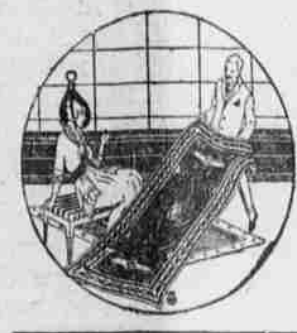
Rugs

Everybody wants rugs. 300 room-size rugs from which to make your selection.

Draperies

Your attention is called to our drapery department. We can supply any kind of fabrics you desire.

- Scrims, yd. . . . 15c to 40c
Marquisesettes 35c to 65c
Crettonnes, yd. 25c to 75c
Voiles, yd. . . . 45c to 75c
Sunfasts, yd. . 85c to \$1.75
Sundons . \$1.25 to \$1.75



Use Our Exchange Dept.

If you have furniture that doesn't suit—want something more up-to-date and better, phone us or call and we'll send a competent man to see it and arrange to take it as part payment on the kind you want.

SEALY MATTRESS advertisement with image of a mattress.

HOUSECLEANING NECESSITIES HOWARD advertisement with image of a vacuum cleaner.

Trunk advertisement: 'If you contemplate a trip this year, look over our trunk and baggage department.'

Frantz Premier advertisement with image of a couch.

Frantz Premier advertisement: 'Clean house this spring the clean and sanitary way.'

The Opal Range advertisement with image of a stove.

Back in the '90s, when Professor John Garrison, now retired, was conducting a writing school in Salem, the late A. Bush was once in need of someone who was a good penman.

In the spring your blood is impure and weak, eruptions appear on your face and body, you lack vitality, strength and animation, your appetite is poor and you feel all tired out.

This is only one incident in connection with the early history of Salem schools, all of which reads like a most interesting story; and yet, outside of those who are left of those days, and their personal friends, little is known of that happy period when the capitalist's educational system was in embryonic formation.

As it does now, schools outside of the city limits, but at that time, however, both the North and South schools, now known as the Grant and Lincoln, were not in the city proper.

How many Salem residents know that the building now occupied by the Salem Laundry company, just off of State street, on Liberty, was formerly the First Methodist Episcopal church; once standing where the William Brown residence is now located, just west of the present First church, and that this same building was at one time leased by J. A. Sellwood, now retired and living on North Front street, as a place for his growing private school?

Among the early instructors in the Salem schools were many who were recognized as the best in their line. There was, for instance, M. G. Blain, brother of James G. Blain, secretary of state under Garfield.

Speaking in the language of the street, "Those were the happy days," and many of Salem's best known and honored citizens who were identified with the city's activities at that time, live over again in memory this happy period, as they relate with half-shut eyes, incidents that transpired at the "old institute," as Willamette university was then called, or at "big" and "little central."

George P. Litchfield is one of these, and what he knows about the original history of Salem's institutions of learning would make a very considerable and readable volume. Mr. Litchfield was for many years a member of Salem's school board, and is the only resident member of that original body under the new regime—that is, after the grade system was introduced.

Sol Darbin, now visiting in California, has the distinction of being the only resident member of the first school board before the grades were established. That was back in the '60s and '70s.

Of the pupils of these earlier days few remain in Salem. Among them are Ed and George Croisan, Eber La Fare, A. N. Moore, Mrs. P. H. Raymond, Mrs. W. H. Eldridge, Mrs. William Brown.

District No. 24, which was Salem district, had at that time about 1100 pupils, while now it has something over 5000. This district included, of course, Ruth Ritchie.

Quarterly Postal Receipts Break All Past Records

If the post office receipts are any barometer of the general financial conditions of a community, then Salem and the surrounding country covered by the rural routes have no reason to complain.

The Passion cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," as sung by the First M. E. church choir last Sunday evening under Mr. Mendenhall's direction, is commended by all to be probably the most beautiful work yet produced by that organization. Its theme is sublime, while the music ranges from deepest pathos to an almost overwhelming dramatic intensity in keeping with the thought, the choruses "Crucify Him" and "the Savior King goes forth to die" being especially effective.

When conditions are bad, the post office is the first to show a decrease in its receipts. When conditions are good, receipts increase.

According to a report just compiled by Postmaster Huckenstein, the business of the first quarter, or from Jan. 1 to April 1 of this year, is the largest in the history of the local post office in the amount of business transacted.

The receipts for the three months have been \$19,829.20.

The gradual increase in the business of the Salem postoffice, is shown by the following figures, which give the sales for the first three months of each year:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Sales. 1912 sales \$14,758.47; 1913 sales 18,437.91; 1914 sales 18,497.51; 1915 sales 19,829.20.

Naturally, Postmaster Huckenstein is rather proud of the showing for the three months of this year and the fact that these receipts show a generally healthy condition throughout this section of the state.

The mothers class is leading its assistance to this movement, and in order to further the proper appreciation of our rural occupations for children, it has secured the services of Prof. C. E. Hodge of the University of Oregon. Prof. Hodge, who is well known as an exponent of gardening and out door life will lecture at the auditorium of the public library on April 8. It is hoped all parents of school children will hear this speaker.

Rural Carriers Have Hands Full On Routes

The nine rural routes running out of Salem deliver mail to 2087 families. All of the nine routes are in Marion county, excepting routes 1 and 2.

Among the enjoyable club gatherings of the week was that of the "Quince Turns" at the home of Miss Joy Turner, Wednesday evening. The guests were surprised when a large birthday cake was served, and the announcement made that the event was on the occasion of the hostess' birthday. Music and cards filled the evening, a most delightful event.

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Route 4 ranks second in the number who receive mail with George Litchfield, carrier, and its 275 families, but route 8, P. L. South, carrier, has 224 boxes, six more than route 4.

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See the Model Cottage advertisement for Buren & Hamilton.

Buren & Hamilton COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS Now on Display in Show Windows

OPEN FORUM
Editorial: Editor Capital Journal: In your issue of March 30th Mr. Sanford Snyder asks about State appropriations for sectarian purposes...

WORKINGMEN'S VIEWS
To the Editor: Will some one please tell me through the Journal what are the working class of people going to live on if conditions remain much longer as they are now...

Now on Display in Show Windows
We have just received another shipment of new up-to-date brass beds every one from the cheapest to the most expensive finished with the guaranteed English lacquer that will not rust or tarnish...