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## THE SALEM CONFERENCE

The Oregon Voter has a lengthy article on "The Salem Conference" and a severe criticism of some of those participating therein. It does not like Robert E. Smith's characterization of the result as "a vietory for the taxoffered on which all factions could soite.

It says the convention was divided into three faction which were "The timber and railroad interests and Willamette Valley taxpayers, already overburdened with taxation and viewing with alarm any attempt to load up the state with debt that could only be met by further taxation: The allied farmers and laborer's organizations, which were intolerant of any plan of state ard that they good faith to try to work out a safe plan for rural cred The division is fiarly made and it shows for itself why nothing was done. The interests were too widely different for combination, and each faction was jealous of every move of the other
aln top or the whole was the fear of bonded debt which is almost inherent in the make up of the Willamette valley man. The Willamette valley farmer whose land was feared with an overpowering fear, the creation of debt he might be called on
called the "experiment
claimed or brought under cultivation by irrigation wout after large sums had been expended on them still be the property of the state, and it would have to pay the cost of the irrigation systems. The man who purchased the rrigable lands took the chance of making a success, but if he failed he lost but little and left the lands and the cost of bringing water onto them to be paid by the balance
of the state. This may have been a bugaboo, but it might of the state. This may have been a bugaboo, but it might
as well have been real, if it was not, for all practical purposes.
The Voter places the blame of the failure of the conference to accomplish anything on State Treasurer Ka and State Senator Garland, who it describes as "able
manipulators who threw the apple of discord among the manipulators who threw the apple of discord among the
three factions." It also aceuses these "manipulators" of loing this for the purpose of gaining strength politicall in the Willamette valley, because there is so strong a sentiment against bonding the state for any purpose whatever:
The Voter then sadly asserts it can hold out no hope The Voter then sady asserts it can hold out no hope that any of the proposed projects will meet with favor at
the polls, and asserts that it will be a long time before the polls, and asserts that it will be a long time befor rural credit and the other proposed development schemes. It is probably correct.

A woman who has just escaped from Mexico, says the British flag is the only one respected in Mexico. Perhaps General Funston issues their recall, the Mexicans generally will have a better opinion of Americans, a greate respeet for the rigg

General Funston's sudden call for more troops coupled with the assembling of large Carranza forces between the American armies in Mexico and the border; causes that Funston does not give the utmost eredence to his promises.

President Wilson has urged on the senate the necessity agreeing upon some satisfactory water power bill which ean be passed this session. The senate may agree a satisfactory one. "It can't be did!"

Spring instead of being "light tripping" as she arrive esterday to have employed old man Aguarius to guide her footsteps hither

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## WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN

It begins to look as though the German attempt to break through the French lines at Verdun is doomed to failure. In spite of the sacrifice of life poured out reck lessly in desperate attacks, the French aparently have lost but little ground and are as far from being beaten as
when the attacks began. The German soldier has done when that flesh and blood can, but it apparently is in vain. Should the attacks at Verdun prove a failure, what will happen? That is a question the world is asking and nobody is able to answer. The consensus of opinion is that Germany will then make a defensive war, guarding her own and waiting for the allies to make the first move cannot get out, and the allies cannot get into Germans tory, it may mean that the utter foolishness of continuing the useless strife will dawn upon all parties continuing the useless strife will dawn upon
some terms of peace be arrived at.

Sugar lately has been making the jumping frog of United Stas seem a permanelis are. It is estimated the 000,000 pounds. A little more than a year ago it was selling at about $\$ 5.50$ the hundred. Now it is quoted at $\$ 8.00$ and there is no certainty that it will not go still higher. This in dollars the increase of two and a half cents a sound means the added cost to consumers in the United States t eight cents a pound would be $\$ 592,000,000$. This would e more than is paid yearly for automobiles and should about one-fourth of what spirituous drinks cost it is only half the nation's tobacco bill.

Mr. L. W. Myers, of Portland, aged 86, and one of the andidates for presidential elector on the progressive ered a few days ago as a republican. The old gentleman ays he has not renounced any of the principles of the nate a progressive like Roosevelt, Cummins or Hughes, he will vote for him. This is the attitude of most of those rather aged love. They will stay by the republican party nominates a progressive and adopts a progressive plat prodigals return, but they demand the fatted calf ondition precedent.
A story recently published is to the effect that Albany Central Point, Medford and several other places named attained a perfect score when the Southern Pacific of ficials made a recent inspection trip over the roads, and hat the smaller stations showed better than like stations
in California. The same officials failed to make any menion as to how high Salem ranked in the scenery around and the conveniences in its depot. The depot conditions at Monroe and Halsey were commented on and praised but poor old Salem, the capital of the state, had its depot passed by without a word from the big guns of the road.
Salem with its nearly forty miles of conerete pave
ment will be pleased to know not only that it is the best ment will be pleased to know not only that it is the best his is true cannot be doubted for Mr. Aman Moore, president of the new cement works at Oswego, frankly ad-

## A woman correspondent in The Ladies Home Journal

 says she serves eggs in 26 ways. That may be a satis-actory thought to a woman, but a man realizes there are but two ways to serve an egg and do it right.
at it and the other-well eggnog isn't bad. That dog in Vancouver that was in the habit of stea
 LEARNing the auto
I'm learning the automobile; as, trembling, I sit at the how nervous and awkward I feel! I jolt people out of
 their lids, I rum over chickens and kids. a spurt she will throw when I want to go
slow, she scampers, skedaddles and skids. I sweat, and I'm weak in the knees, when swift around corners she flees, she whimpers and whirs and she gurgles and purs, and runs into fences and trees. My courage she constantly damps by running down bowwows and tramps; she collided today with a big heavy dray, and busted her fenders and lamps. I drive her around for an hour. this engine of terrible power; wherever I stray, on my death-dealing way, of feathers and fur heres a shower. At night, when 1 go to my bed, fierce jughtmares abide in my head; I dream my new truck is run over chickens and goats, I run over roosters and shotes; and oft, in my dream, do I raucously scream, "My auto is feeling her oats!"

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Auto Jumps Bridge and Lands
Among False Work 30 Feet
Below---Seren Hurt

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