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### BUSINESS OUTLOOK MUCH BETTER

Oregon's crop will not compare with that of Iowa in value, but then Oregon has not near the population of her sister state, and the latter, owing to natural conditions and the fact that she beat Gifford Pinchot to it has not the greater part of her territory included in forest reservations. As it is Oregon will produce this year crops valued at above \$40,000,000. Counting her fish, mining and lumber production her total products will run well toward the hundred million mark.

Here in the Willamette valley the year promises well. It started in badly with rains spoiling a good part of the cherries, but outside of that the damage was light and the outlook is first class. The hay was but little damaged and the crop was large. Prunes are looking fine and the promise of a big crop of first class fruit was never better. The hop outlook is also good and with anything like fair prices it will bring thousands of dollars here. The grain crop is unusually good and the potatoes were never better.

While there was considerable loss of cherries due to rains, this loss was more than counter-balanced by the big yield of Loganberries and the increased price due to "Phez" and "Loju." Salem is the hop center as well as the prune center of the valley and when these crops last year proved light Salem was given the hardest blow in her history. We all felt it in all lines of business, but we pulled through without making much noise about it and now the city as well as the valley is getting on its feet again and beginning to "slick" up. The loganberry promises to become a great money producer, and already steps are being taken to greatly increase the acreage. The "juice" plants report shipping many carloads, all of them to points west of the Mississippi, which territory will consume all the factories with their present equipment can produce. Beer made Milwaukee famous and the loganberry promises to do the same thing on a larger scale for Salem and the Willamette valley.

Another crop that gives promise of becoming standard in the valley, is flax. Through much tribulation and many serious mistakes we are gradually getting the industry in shape and it is hoped that by another year it will be beyond the experimental stage and will be one of our recognized industries. A local company has been formed for the purpose of taking hold of the matter in a businesslike way, and as it has wide awake hustling businessmen at its head much can be expected from it.

A review of 1915 and a look into the probabilities of 1916 are indeed encouraging. Salem and the valley have had a hard row but it looks as though they had it about hoed to the end, and better things are in sight. At the same time a study of what the loganberry has done emphasizes the correctness of the Capital Journal's suggestion made recently that every farmer in the valley should devote a portion of his time to experimenting with different products, in the hope of finding those that are best suited to soils and climate and that will bring returns justifying the prices at which land is held. The loganberry itself came near being a failure just because the proper use for it was not discovered until last year, and then not in time to utilize the crop at remunerative prices. The result was that many patches were dug up. It was "experimenting" that caused the value of the logans to be discovered, and further experimenting will undoubtedly bring equally profitable results from other sources. Any way it is well worth trying.

Should the city of Salem have an ordinance regulating the glaring lights? Alderman Roberts thinks it should. But why? Salem now has a string of ordinances as long as a hour's dream, and no attention whatever is paid to any one of them, by anybody. Another one or two will probably be just as harmless.

Hughes has no tact as compared to the vote-catching colonel. He appears before the Nebraska farmers in a white vest and snowy collar, where Teddy would have assumed a hickory shirt and bandana neckwear. Teddy was a great faker but he had, and has, a keen understanding of human nature.

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### IOWA'S GREAT CORN CROP

Iowa's corn crop this year is larger than the banner yield of last year by some 62,000,000 bushels. The government estimate this year is 365,000,000 bushels, or a production equaling a million bushels a day for the entire year, while that last year was 303,000,000. It would give to every man, woman and child in Germany and Austria-Hungary nearly five bushels each. It would give to each of them three quarters of a pound a day for a year and would practically almost support them so far as keeping them in a good substitute for bread is concerned.

In value at present prices it represents about \$275,000,000. The gold production of California in its palmiest days was less than one-fifth of this sum, yet these Iowans produce it without any of the wild excitement that accompanied the production of one-fifth the values from the gold mines.

It emphasizes the fact that the United States is the greatest agricultural country in the world, and demonstrates that the assertion that "we can feed the world," is no idle boast. With intensified farming as practiced in Europe and the whole available lands in cultivation, we could produce three, perhaps four times our present crops, and literally feed the universe.

Of course corn is Iowa's leading crop, but it is far from being her sole one. She raises an immense quantity of wheat and other cereals, potatoes galore, and hundreds of other things.

As a result of this banner crop it is stated that the state will, in the near future, increase her automobile supply which is now one to every fourteen persons, by seven per cent and will have one for each thirteen of population. You see in old times it was sufficient to estimate one's wealth by money, but in these days it can only be properly measured by the number and character of the bubble wagons one owns. By this standard Iowa is the richest state in the union.

A friend calls attention to the fact that the laws concerning Canada thistles are not observed, and that in consequence this worst of all farm pests is getting a strong hold in the valley. It is one of the pests most difficult to get rid of because it grows from the root like a potato, and wherever a piece of it is dropped there it takes hold and there it stays, ready if its roots are broken to extend the sphere of its usefulness. We will publish the law concerning it soon; but if it is given the same observance Americans give other laws, it will be a waste of time and printer's ink to do so. The average American likes apparently to know what any law is so he will know how most flagrantly to break it. Outside of that there is little use of making more laws, and the legislature and city councils might, so far as that branch of their business is concerned, go out of business.

Federal Judge Rellstab yesterday issued an injunction restraining the board of commissioners of Jersey City from preventing the shipment through the city of explosives, by the Canadian Car and Foundry company. The embargo was declared after the recent terrible explosions at Black Tom. Under the ruling the stopping of this kind of shipping is declared illegal and the transportation through the city of dangerous explosives can be carried on as heretofore. The question arises, "Have citizens of this country any rights a federal judge is bound to respect. This decision coming on top of some from the supreme court, the forfeited land grant cases on which Justice Hughes passed for example force the answer to be in the negative.

The press correspondents are working hard and earning their money in an honest effort to start a real Hughes boom, but it is up hill work. So far Mr. Hughes has found no real live issue, and does the best he can with a poor case by attacking his opponents. His campaign is being made on a negative basis, and consists entirely of fault-finding. All the press agents in the country can't enthuse it unless he furnishes it the powder. Like some of the European countries at the beginning of the war; he is shy of munitions.



### SLAUGHTER

"We killed a thousand Germans," remarks the dauntless Russ; "this sort of thing determines the victory for us. We captured many rifles, a mortar and a bomb, and other warlike trifles, which shows we're going some." "As frolicsome as kittens we marched into the fray, and slew ten thousand Britons," the fighting Germans say. Each day we read the story of death and all its works, of Frenchmen dead and gory, of desiccated Turks. The Prussian and the Roman go forth to fight each morn; perhaps they shear the foeman, and maybe they are shorn; the sum of all their striving, is useless empty, vain: The warriors surviving may brag of those they've slain.

Far better would be boasting of fields of oats and rye, of corn ears fit for roasting, and pumpkins ripe for pie; of orchards nobly bearing, and gardens filled with greens, and hardy vines a-wearing a wealth of Lima beans, of large green watermelons grown in the fertile mud—but kings and kindred felons are not yet tired of blood.

### THE TATTLER

The best story of the year thus far is that of the loganberry crop.

A man living near Salem has made a success of bean culture. It is suspected that some of his ancestors came from eastern Massachusetts.

The Lojus are concerned principally with the pennant crop. While the harvest is largely up to them, the fact should not be lost sight of that a certain amount of responsibility in the matter devolves upon the public.

Powder is lower in price. Very few of us, however, are given to the practice of eating powder. It is bad for the digestion, swelling too rapidly.

Although some of us, in our younger days, have been known to eat face powder. But not because we were hungry for the powder.

Not all figures are dry, as stated by a school boy. Observe those at Riverside Dip for instance.

A thoughtless chap ran across one of the halls in the supreme court building yesterday, and three separate and distinct voices said "tui, tut."

Happiness is not in some people. A Salem man broke into a cold sweat during the heat of yesterday afternoon, but was he thankful? He was not. He even continued in a state of peevishness after he learned that the report was without foundation.

### David S. Barry Directs Literary Work of Republican Committee



David S. Barry has been appointed director of the literary bureau of the Republican National committee. Mr. Barry, for many years a Washington correspondent, was in charge of the literary bureau in the 1912 Taft campaign. In 1908 he served under Richard V. Oulahan in the publicity department of the Republican National committee.

### Life On the Ocean Wave Also In Sun Down Islands

This is a story of life on the rolling wave, written by Arthur Martin, who is seeing service on the U. S. S. St. Louis, to his mother, Mrs. Jos. Martin, 1145 Saginaw street, Salem. It is written from the Hawaiian Islands where it is said the climate is ideal every day in the year.

He writes in part: "I am now in the land of sunshine where bananas and coconut trees grow all around in everybody's front yard. This place (Honolulu) is known as the paradise of the Pacific, which I think is quite true, when one is used to paying 30 cents a dozen for bananas and 25 cents for a can of pineapple. Here you get a big armful of bananas for a dime and a great big juicy pineapple for a nickel.

"Well, I have made my first ocean voyage and it was a long one too, and I did not get seasick. We sailed 2400 miles which means I did not see any land for seven days. We left Bremerton at 5:30 a. m. July 21 and sailed to Seattle, swinging ship on the way. We left Seattle at 3 p. m. I went on watch at eight bells and when I came up four hours later, we were sailing past Victoria B. C. I then went to my hammock and when I got up at 4 in the morning we were tossing on the breakers and land was out of sight.

"We had a pretty stiff time coming across as we only have about one-third of a crew and had to work four hours on and eight hours off the whole trip. But when we got all straight and went ashore Saturday July 29, we felt much better.

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duty here is to flag ships of the torpedo flotilla and also the train ships for the naval militia. About August 25 we are going for a training cruise with the militia to Samoa, about 2,000 miles south of here. We expect to be gone about 20 days.

Mr. Martin's address is Honolulu, T. H. Care U. S. S. St. Louis, via San Francisco.

### Will Stop Practice of Returning Goods

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—That favorite pastime of many fair shoppers of taking goods on approval may soon lose its charm, for city officials are today considering an ordinance aimed to stop it. If the ordinance passes, it will be necessary to go through inspection by the health department before articles of clothing can be taken home on approval, or exchanged after purchase.

Already the practice is in disfavor with the Retail Drygoods association, and its members have pledged their support to Health Officer Hassler in his move for the measure. It is held an exchange of clothing after it has actually been tried on is fraught with danger for clerks and the subsequent purchaser, and that unless it is stopped, San Francisco cannot be sure of freedom from infantile paralysis and other epidemics. The proposed ordinance will make it a misdemeanor for an establishment to receive returned goods unless the premises of the person who returned them have been examined by the health department.

### JUMPED 500 FEET

New York, Aug. 10.—By a spectacular 500 foot plunge from the Singer building, the second tallest office building in the world, Albert Goldman, sixty years old, Brooklyn, committed suicide today at noon.

Thousands of office employees in lower Broadway saw Goldman's body

hurtling through the air and rushed to the middle of the street where it was flattened on the brick pavement, a shapeless mass of flesh and bones.

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