Couch Historian Ep. 2
All the News
Answer Key 🕵️

1) What was the headline in the Daily Capital Journal on January 31, 1911?
San Francisco Gets the Panama Exposition

--We got there by going to the CALENDAR tab, and then searching for the
date and clicking on the link to the Daily Capital Journal.

2) In what year did Babe Ruth come to Salem?
We found evidence, using a simple search, that Babe Ruth came to Salem December 20 & 21, 1926. (See the
article in the Oregon Statesman dated 19 Dec 1926 Page 8, Image 8. We found this just doing a simple search for
the name and scrolling down to find a Salem paper. We then went back and did an advanced search of Salem
newspapers for the time period between December 19 and 26th and found a number of other descriptions of
the actual visit. Did you find another example?

3) What did Gideon Stoltz do for a living?
Lots of things, but primarily he ran a
cider/vinegar/carbonated drinks factory. He also
farmed walnuts and prunes and served in the US
Army during the Civil War and was super active in
the G.A.R. (or Grand Army of the Republic) which
was Veterans group for Union Army Vets. He also
was an Alderman for the city of Salem (that is a city
council member). Those were from just the first
few articles that came up. Did you find more?
4) What businesses used to operate at 455 Court Street?

This building is now Whitlock’s Vacuum & Sewing Center. We found several by searching for the phrase in the advanced search options “455 Court Street”. Our list includes:

-- Sherman, Clay & Co. Piano Company
-- H.R. Presnoll picture dealer
-- W.J. Porter’s Wall Paper and Paint Store
-- Ruby Purdy, Realtor

Did you find others?

5) Where might you have bought bread if you lived in Stayton in January 1920?

The Stayton Bakery advertised their bread in the Stayton Mail during this time. We did an advanced search and looked for the word “bread” in the time frame Jan 1, 1920 – Jan 31 1920 with the city marked as Stayton.