

...CAPITAL JOURNAL'S EDITORIAL PAGE...

HOFER BROS., Publishers and Proprietors THE JOURNAL STANDS FOR PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND NO DEGRADED LABOR.

STUDY IT OUT.

The Capital Journal is enjoying a remarkable voluntary increase in circulation.

THERE IS A REASON FOR THIS.

First, The Capital Journal uses large open type and plain headlines. Second, it tries to make its position clear editorially.

THIRD, IT IS NOT A MACHINE ORGAN SUBJECT TO MACHINE DICTATION.

Fourth, it is a complete newspaper, seeking to print all the news in the most condensed form.

FIFTH, IMPORTANT NEWS IS GIVEN IN THE FULLEST MANNER. The people know that The Capital Journal will not suppress news in behalf of any large interest.

THEY KNOW THAT THIS PAPER IS FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT.

That has been the constant struggle of the publishers for the past seventeen years—to get to a point WHERE NO POWER, POLITICAL OR OTHERWISE, COULD DICTATE ITS POLICY.

If you will stop to think about it perhaps that explains the steady growth of circulation.

Character and stability in the long run count with newspapers and individuals.

The people expect to buy a little of that when they buy a newspaper. STUDY IT OUT AND SEE IF THAT DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THIS PAPER'S SUCCESS.

It is not at bottom what every conscientious newspaper seeks to express.

HUMAN AGENCIES SELDOM ATTAIN PERFECTION. They are in the hands of weak and simple humanity.

But give the newspaper credit for trying to approximate a few of the cardinal virtues.

PEANUT POLITICS IN THE CITY COUNCIL.

The display of peanut politics in the city council is to be expected of men whose minds revolve on such subjects.

An alderman gets up and with a flourish moves to retain two laborers in the street cleaning department.

THE CITY COUNCIL MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THOSE MEN. Business men immediately saw that the proper place to put those men was under the street commissioner.

It would be manifestly improper to have the street commissioner in control of employes under him.

If the street commissioner was not the proper department head TO HOLD THESE MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR WORK WHO WAS?

The business men protested in vain. The peanut program was to have those laborers where a certain faction could control them on election day.

The same faction wants control of the police for political purposes.

And the council had to bow down to the program. Efficiency of the public service was a secondary matter. CLEAN STREETS WAS SECONDARY.

Business men should learn that to have a business administration they must not expect it of the machine politician.

The machine must have patronage or it cannot do "business." It does business not at its own expense but at the expense of the public.

OUR PRESIDENT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The board of regents of the State Agricultural College will soon be required to select a new president for that institution.

If the honorable gentlemen composing that august educational body will listen to a word from the people here it is:

They should select a man of experience and executive ability in the prime of life, not A MERE LOCAL POLITICIAN WHO WANTS A PLACE.

They should select a man who is a graduate of some of the great institutions and who has had experience in other states besides Oregon.

A man of ability, one who has at some time or other been employed in agricultural colleges in other states would not be a bad man to consider.

A man of scholarship, and of special equipment, and with enthusiasm for agricultural education would not be altogether unfitted for the place.

SOME SUCH MAN WOULD MAKE AGRICULTURE POPULAR AND THE WORK DONE AT THE COLLEGE EFFECTIVE FOR AGRICULTURE.

A man of experience, good training, judicious progressiveness, and a profound interest in the human side of life would be an inspiration to the young men and women from the farm.

A man with enthusiasm and thorough knowledge of details about farming and farm life—A REAL MAN RAISED ON THE FARM—would be valuable to Oregon.

A man might have executive ability, understand practical agriculture and in addition have culture and ability in the English branches.

This is the kind of a man the granges of the state would like to see put into that place, Messrs. Regents.

Personal favoritism, or desire to help some deserving friend OUGHT TO BE OUT OF THE QUESTION.

Political pull or the machinations of the political machine ought to be out of place in this matter.

If you can find the above kind of a man you ought to try to secure his services.

In proportion as you fall below THE STANDARDS WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE IN MIND FOR THIS OFFICE in that degree you will be condemned.

GOVERNOR HUGHES' SUGGESTIONS.

The most important recommendations made by Governor Hughes, of New York, are:

Immediate provision for A RECOUNT OF NEW YORK MAYORALTY VOTE.

Provision for giving supreme court authority to authorize actions to test title to office, taking this power from the attorney general.

Abolition of party columns on official ballots, grouping candidates under the names of offices, as is done in Oregon.

Provision limiting amount a candidate may spend to procure election.

Provision permitting general committee of any party to try direct nominating plan.

ABOLITION OF STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION and gas and electricity commission and creation of new board with powers of both and additional power to initiate improvements and also regulation of its orders.

Abolition of rapid transit commission and creation of a new state board, with additional powers of initiating improvements and also regulation of gas and electric corporations.

Provision for relief of overworked courts.

Improvement in labor department and eight-hour law for working children under sixteen.

A PRIMARY LAW DEFECT.

Milt Miller, the sage of Lebanon, while he is a Democrat has some good ideas relative to needed reforms in Oregon. Milt is going to offer

for a measure at the coming legislative session, minimizing the cost to state candidate of making their fight before the primary elections.

It is a well known fact that the candidate who has ample means has all the best of it under existing provisions of the primary law, while the poor man, equally as well qualified to fill the office—perhaps better fitted—is compelled to take a back seat.

Under existing conditions a man's ability to land a nomination for a state office is measured by the size of his purse in reaching the field.

press, distributing circular letters and maintaining workers in the field.

This is a feature of the primary law that needs remedying. In fact, the new law in this respect is wholly in the interest of the moneyed class of political aspirants and actually puts state nominations more in the hands of politicians than did the old law. It is immaterial to the Register whether such a bill as proposed is introduced by a Democrat or Republican, it should become a law. We have started in to eliminate domination of office by politicians and we should do so.

The law as it now stands has a deteriorating effect upon state press which in most instances throws support to the candidates who can buy the most space or at least, become mere purveyors of individual political aspiration at so much per aspirer, and are thereby handicapped from standing out in the open and fighting for the men they deem most capable of serving the state's best interests.

This position may not be as profitable financially, for the Register, as the opposite would be, but the principle involved should appeal to every paper in the state which desires to maintain a high standard of journalism instead of being muzzled during a political campaign. The feature of the primary law thus sought to be remedied has for its chief misdeed, corruption instead of elevation of the state press and tends more than ever to make the state's electorate a purchasable quantity. Moreover, it lays the foundation for a more widely extended "independent press" so-called, yet misnamed that it ratchety for revenue only, along political lines, for the harvest of coin that falls from the hands of well-to-do political aspirants.

The primary law needs fixing, and needs it badly. It should either be remedied or repealed.—Daily Eugene Register.

SMILES.

Milwaukee man fell off a coal wagon. Please note, it wasn't a beer wagon; it would be necessary to pry him off of that.

Some of those good resolutions seem to be getting a bit burdensome, already.

The pure food law is in operation now. Look at the labels on the canned goods you buy and do not be deceived by high-sounding names. Some of them are poisons.

A congressman has discovered that there is an old law that permits members of the house of representatives to be "docked" if they are late or absent. President Roosevelt might use that as a stuffed club to get favorable legislation!

They're going to use alcohol instead of gasoline in automobiles. Heaven help us, they are hard enough to dodge now; what will we do when they are full of booze!

BIGGEST PACK IN HISTORY

Salmon Cannery Operated to Fullest Capacity During Season Just Closed

"The immense schools of salmon that entered our coast streams this year," says Master Fish Warden Van Dusen in his report for the month of December, "were far beyond all expectations, and enabled our fishermen to all do well and our cannerymen to put up full packs, they being limited by their supply of cans, which, I am told, interfered with a much larger pack being made."

From reports received, according to the report, the pack shows that 3,015,980 pounds of Chinook were taken; 4,721,000 pounds of Silversides; 4999 pounds of steelheads, and 236,719 pounds of tules. This shows an immense increase in the pack of the Chinook and Silverside varieties over former years, and speaks very highly of the hatchery work. The Chinook product has been increased from year to year until now it shows a gain of 300 per cent of what it was in 1901, the figures showing 3,015,980 pounds as against 889,328 pounds for that year.

"In other words," Mr. Van Dusen says, "we find we have four or five

salmon now, of this variety, where we only had one five years ago. The most remarkable increase is shown with the Chinook variety on the Siuslaw river, where a hatchery has been maintained during the past six or seven years. From figures carefully taken, we find that this year we had fully ten salmon of this variety where there was only one six years ago, and that the pack this year exceeds any pack that has been made on the stream for fifteen years or more."

Notwithstanding the work in the hatcheries has been hampered very materially by repeated freshets, which let the fish over the racks, Mr. Van Dusen says the take of eggs has been very satisfactory. The report shows that a total combined collection of 36,314,100 spawn has been made in all the hatcheries, of which 29,140,799 is from the Chinook variety of salmon and 7,173,400 is from the Silverside variety. A total collection of 21,662,100 spawn was taken at the coast stations, and in addition to this there were 10,163,000 Chinook and 939,000 Silversides taken at the Columbia river stations which, together with the 3,550,000 Chinook spawn taken from the government and shipped to the Ontario station; gives a total of 14,652,000 spawn being cared for at the different hatcheries.

The combined receipts from licenses, etc., for the month were \$125.82 and the disbursements \$7471.31.

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A Comfort to Sore Hearts.

"Kerry Gow" is a comfort to sore hearts. It is one of those tender and loveable bits of Irish life which smooth away the wrinkles of discontent, causing one to believe once more that the world is indeed beautiful and that in the end the right will surely triumph. There can't be any too many plays of this sort. Heaven knows, there's sorrow enough in reality without having it put before our eyes on the stage as well—the sorrow and the trouble that conquer.

An excellent company is giving Joseph Murphy's pretty play at the Majestic this week. In fact, it may be said that "Kerry Gow" has never been better presented, in all respects. The actors are familiar with their parts and take them with finish and enthusiasm that cannot fail to make a right impression. Allen Doone, as the blacksmith hero Dan O'Hara, is just the sort of hero one expects the Independent-minded, quick-witted, sweet-souled Dan to be. He was a bit out of voice last night, so that some of the singing was omitted—and it's a wonder that Mr. Doone can sing at all, considering all the talking he has to do during the four acts.

And don't forget the doves—they certainly "did noble" and accomplished their duty without a hitch. It's a pretty conceit to introduce the doves into the play in this manner. The scenery is all beautiful and the forge scene is particularly effective.

The company is excellent and contains many members of Mr. Murphy's last season's support. The production is admirable throughout. At the Grand opera house tonight.

The Little Duchess.

It may take more than one swallow to make a summer, but one summer was enough to "make" Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt. Three years ago she went to New York as little known as an aspirant for laurels theatric could be, and bounded to the top-most class of favorites in a night, by her magnetic personality, exceptional talents and striking beauty, in the summer show on Hammerstein's Roof Garden. From that date, her star was in the ascendant, and for the past two years she has sparkled as a stellar favorite, though one of the youngest stars on the stage. Milton and Sargent Aborn are said to have surrounded her with a company of fifty selected people, including a splendid cast of comedians and singers, a large chorus of attractive and clever girls, gorgeous costumes and elegant scenery—in fact the same lavish equipment used in the long run of "The Little Duchess" at the New York Casino.

Health and Beauty

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Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt and her big company will form an attractive offering at the Grand opera house Saturday, December 12. The curtain rises at 8:35 p. m.

River News.

The river is now at the eight-foot mark and is rapidly regaining its usual proportions.

Several of the boats and boat-houses have been left high up on the bank by the receding waters.

The sawmill is now running a day and night shift and Mr. Spaulding reports that the car service is slightly improved.

The Joy.

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