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Salem is rapidly becoming the convention city of Western Oregon, and deserve a pure water supply at an early date.

The people continue signing up petitions for the bitulithic pavement and why one should try to force something else on them is a mystery.

The Salem High School will next week have enough students enrolled to fill the two spare rooms in the East school, and that ought to be reason enough for voting to enlarge January 31st.

That legislative investigation extending into the year 1913 is a dangerous proposition, and means the expenditure of thousands of dollars for experts and clerks and stenographers and no reforms.

ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The system of dropping men into eternity is a relic of barbarism that should be done away.

Either electrocute them or abolish death penalty altogether, and have no butcheries by hanging.

To drop a little thin man the same distance as a big heavy man means horrible scenes at the scaffold.

Let us catch our breaths and stop and think on these things and the demoralization of public sentiment.

EQUIP THE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The state is not going to start up half a dozen normal schools again, but should have one first-class one.

That is the verdict of the people, and it should be respected, and the school at Monmouth should be made a state institution.

For this purpose it should be supplied with a tract of land and modern buildings and athletic grounds and equipments.

Monmouth should separate the local public schools from the normal, and the school should be built for fifteen hundred students.

The narrow view of this matter that makes the normal school a mere prey for somebody to get jobs out of has got to be abandoned, and broader views of the state institution have got to prevail.

THE PIERCE BILL TO AID HIGH SCHOOLS.

This bill converted the indirect taxes received from corporation licenses to a high school fund.

The bill was lost by one vote and has been reconsidered, and will have some amendments.

The support of high schools by independent school districts is a benefit to the whole state, for which the state is indebted.

The redistribution of the corporation tax to the high schools would pay back in part the debt.

The high schools should be required to carry a teacher's training class.

No teacher should be allowed to teach a public school who has not had at least one year's training in scientific pedagogy.

It is the disgrace of our public school system that three-fourths of the teachers have had no professional training whatever.

The Pierce bill could be made to help out this discreditable condition of things.

THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT SITUATION.

One of the most expensive bills on the people of Oregon is the multiplication of judicial districts.

The districts are divided up so that the people cannot easily take the referendum on a bill to raise judicial salaries or create a new district.

It would take a recall vote of the whole state to kill one of these propositions.

There are bills before the legislature to create new districts and raise salaries of judges and district attorneys.

The district attorney of Washington-Clatsop-Columbia gets \$2500 a year, and his principal deputy at Astoria gets \$600 a year, when he should have \$1000.

The district attorney at Roseburg gets \$3200 a year, and out of it pays a deputy for Coos and Curry \$600.

Under the county attorney bill the county attorney would get \$1800, the man in Coos \$1200 and in Curry \$600.

The people of each county would have the service of their county attorney, and be at no expense for traveling.

The district attorney for the new Josephine district is to have \$2500 a year.

Under the county attorney act he would get \$1500 a year, which is plenty.

The bill to make a new judicial district out of Josephine county would make places for two Democrats at a cost of \$5500 a year to the taxpayers.

This is a bill to build up the Democratic machine in Oregon at public expense, which is just as reprehensible as the Republican machine.

The people would applaud the appearance of a man once in a while who proposed to abolish offices.

The county attorney bill would be more just as to salaries than the present system, and it ought to cost a great deal less.

But whatever is done the taxpayers are in no mood to put up with any new judicial districts, or any additional judges.

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HORSE EDITOR IS SPORTY GAME TO SPEND 15 CENTS IN HONOR OF JOHN JAKE ASTOR

Points Out That "Jake" Is the Vicarious Grand-dad of All Folks Born in the Northwest--Without Him Many Now in the Legislature Would Not Be There--Even "Our Pat" Might Have Been Lost in the Shuffle, and Wasco's Senator Might Have Been Wearing Rats and Powdering His Nose--"Tim" Brownhill and "Sen." Fouts Also to its Credit.

To the Journal horse editor there seems but one answer possible to the question, "Shall we celebrate the centennial of the occupancy of Oregon and the settlement of the Astor expedition at Astoria," and that is--YES.

For 130 years we have celebrated every year, and will continue to celebrate indefinitely. It is hoped, the gaining of America's freedom from foreign rule. It is right that we should do so, heartily and enthusiastically. At the same time there are other things that it is well to note and honor in their passing, and none of these events equal in importance the settling of Astoria.

The original thirteen states contained an area of 392,440 square miles. The area ceded by Great Britain in the "settlement" was much larger than this, but the extra area was not what our grand-dads were scrapping for, and was "a matter subsequent."

The United States has grown some since then. We bought some from Spain and more from France and Texas came to us of her own accord. We purchased a small tract from Mexico, and under the guise of war and under the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils" we "benevolently assimilated" another large tract from Mexico.

Of all the territory that we have acquired the only area that came to us by right of discovery and occupancy was the "Oregon Territory," the empire of that Northwest, which included Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and parts of Montana and Wyoming, in all about 390,000 square miles, or a territory three-fourths as large as the original thirteen states.

Captain Robert Gray, in 1792 guided his good ship, the Columbia across the bar and into the mouth of the "Oregon," to which stream he gave the name of his ship.

Nineteen years later, the little party sent out by the wise old Holland fur trader, John Jacob Astor, located at what is now the town of Astoria. Gray found the mouth of the river but Astor sprouted the first baby tooth in it.

It was owing to this settlement that the title to this vast area was decided to be in Uncle Sam. It is three-fourths as large as the original states, has at least two-thirds as much population as the thirteen had when the constitution was adopted, and its wealth as at present exploited runs in to the billions and both population and wealth will be increased in a few years many times.

Is not the winning of an empire by peaceful means, worthy of the people of the state of Oregon investing 15 cents apiece in, in the way of a celebration? That's what a \$100,000 appropriation would mean.

Is there a man woman or child in the state but that would blush if accused of being opposed to it? Of refusing to "blow in" three nickels to show his appreciation of Old John

Jacob and his good men in winning it for us?

If the Northwestern or Hudson Bay people had run up the British flag at Vancouver a few months sooner, it would have either stayed up, or cost millions in money and thousands of lives to pull it down and put our own in its place.

Then again, we owe much more than this to the old Hollander. Did you ever stop to think that Astor was a sort of relation of all native Oregonians?

Did you, and do you realize that he is a sort of vicarious grand-dad for all born in the vast territory won by him?

The horse editor does not know how many native sons there are in this legislature, but there are many.

When the horse editor sees the Ajax like form of Senator Sinnott, he wonders where that splendid specimen of the Native Webfoot would be if the old Dutch Hollander had not beaten the British to Oregon.

He wouldn't have been here because his parents would not have been here and he might have been some one else. He might even have been a girl. Anyway he wouldn't have been in the Oregon legislature because there would not have been any.

And there's Sen. Fouts. Would his dulcet voice have been heard from his sarcastic tongue have wagged within the legislative halls where it now wags to so much purpose?

The Horse Editor Wots not with a capital "W" on the wot.

And there's Pat Mc Arthur! Think of it if the old Hollander had not won out on his deal and our Pat had been lost in the shuffle!

I mention these simply because I know their status, but there are others, thousands of them and probably more coming.

The thousands of girls with eyes like evening stars, cheeks like apple blossoms and lips like velvet-petaled crimson roses--where would they be? Why down in Astoria alone there are more than enough of them to justify an appropriation ten times as big, and that we couldn't beg into express how glad we are they were born--thanks to John Jacob.

Bless their pretty faces, they are like star-flowers--Asters, just from this vicarious proxy relationship, to good old Astor himself.

Give us the appropriation gentlemen of the legislature, and give it to us for the full \$100,000. If you can't do that change it and make it \$200,000. The Horse Editor will stand for his 15 cents and put on a couple of dozen kickers besides, if there are any such.

Don't go back on our old step granddaddy, but let us all get in and celebrate the most important event in the whole history of the coast. We have had a 100 years to get ready in and it only means a cent every seven years. Let's get gay and prodigal and extravagant and blow our selves for 15 cents apiece.

THE HORSE EDITOR.

made a happy speech. He spoke of the four fat years of Mayor Rodgers. He had prospered and the city had prospered. He expressed the hope to successfully follow in his footsteps and come out as the proud owner of two red automobiles. Rodgers had passed the buck to his successor on the water question. (Laughter.) We are going to put perfectly pure water into everybody's house, but can we make them drink it? Salem is on the map and will stay on the map and we will make it better and better.

Chas. B. Merrick was introduced as a man of many parts and much parts. He read a letter from Heppner, Oregon, that created great amusement at the expense of President Perry.

Mr. Merrick was very well received and is remembered as the man who five years ago took up the organization of the state merchants' association. He stated that the papers read at this convention were the best that were ever produced at a similar gathering. The development all received as the result of touching elbows at these gatherings was of incalculable value.

Hon. Ben Seiling, who sold knee pants to Mayor Rodgers and other prominent citizens was called out and confessed to having sold wares since 1868. In those days it was considered smart to overcharge and short weight customers. The same goods were sold 40 years ago at all kinds of prices. But the standard of mercantile morals has been raised. The opportunities for making money were greater than ever before.

R. Alexander, of Pendleton, declined to talk, but the crowd insisted on hearing the grand old merchant of Eastern Oregon. He did not know anything about the impurity of Salem water. (Laughter.) He told the convention that he had never attended a gathering where so much pleasure and courtesy and hospitality was bestowed upon the visitors as had been done at Salem. He went to Portland frequently and there was no hotel service there superior to the Marlon. He had received splendid attentions at the hands of Senator Patton. With a boost for Astoria, where he formerly resided, he concluded a very happy address. Mayor Rodgers explained that the only reason why Patton had shown him so much kindness was because Patton was on the water wagon and Alexander was not. (Laughter.)

Rev. Father Waters was next and made a happy impression. He handed Senator Kellaher a bunch on the Oregon system of raising prices (the Merchants' association). He took a fall out of Alexander on Pendleton for being mayor four times and then the city went dry. On the Astor Centennial he waxed eloquent. What should not this country do to honor the event that planted the flag of our country over Oregon? The treaty of Ghent decided that wherever the flag floated over a fortification before the war of 1812, the territory should belong to the country whose flag was planted there. His remarks were received with great applause. J. L. Stockton, a veteran merchant, closed the happy event of the season. He complimented the visitors on being a jolly lot of good fellows. He told how the middle class of Salem business men had dug up the money to rebuild the Hotel Marlon which was a disgrace to the city for many years. Then another group of business men had dug up \$25,000 for the furniture and the dishes and the silverware to make this house the splendid success it was now admitted to be by every traveling man in the state. Mr. Stockton was very happy in his concluding remarks that closed the most successful banquet of the season.

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BUSINESS MEN BOOST THE TRADE

RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION GIVEN A THOUSAND-DOLLAR BANQUET AT THE HOTEL MARION--CONSIDERED THE FINEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The banquet of the Business Men's League to the State Retail Merchants' Association Thursday evening at the Willamette Hotel was a great success. About 200 participated in the festivities and the menu that was served in point of quality and variety was superior to any tendered any convention ever held in the city of Salem, and the hotel came in for a great many compliments.

Ex-mayor Rodgers inadvertently on the habits of the noble genus commensal--to the delight of the large assemblage. In the penitentiary were but two merchants--grocers. (Laughter.) In the insane asylum were 1800 patients--not a merchant among

them--all customers. (Great Laughter.) He introduced N. A. Perry, of Houlton, of the State Retail Merchants' Association. He told several good stories that put all in good humor. Next came J. C. Mann, president of the Portland association. His taxi-cab story was a fetcher. He had enjoyed hospitality in Virginia and South Carolina. He intimated that some of the southern spirit had overflowed into Salem and certainly this entertainment was never equalled.

Chas. Dick, the inspiring genius of the Salem Fruit Union was the next entertainer and kept the crowd in a roar or a smile. He said at this convention met men to whom he used to sell goods who were actually glad to see him.

A. A. Tremp gave: "Well, well, what do h--l, Salem's got a new hotel!" As an amusement jobber, he is a whole circus. His original poem on "A bunch of Merchants in the West," brought the ha-ha's.

Senator Kellaher was the next victim to respond. He confessed to having had designs on removing the state capitol to East Portland. That day was passed. Salem had made good in many ways. Especially in the hotel line was the city to be congratulated. He said the merchants of Portland were selling Eppley Baking Powder and Stolz vinegar and pickles. (Applause.) Mayor Lachmund was next and

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