

DISCUSSION IS WARM OVER CONSOLIDATION

Board of Trade Turns the Uniting With Illihee Club Over to Executives.

SOME STRONGLY OBJECT

Strong Sentiment Is Shown in Favor of Keeping Board of Trade as It Now Is.

Declaring that he is earnestly opposed to any move to class the Board of Trade as a side show of the Illihee club, by amalgamating the two organizations, with the club to the social features and be exclusive and separate from the commercial branch of such a club, President D'Arcy, of the Board of Trade, brought forth a round of applause and incidentally aroused adverse sentiment on the part of C. L. Dick, president of the Illihee club, at the meeting held in the Board of Trade quarters last night, and the entire matter of the consolidation was finally placed in the hands of the executive committee of the commercial body with instructions to proceed with the dissolution of the Board of Trade, and preparations to receive a final vote after due publicity has been given of the proposed consolidation.

A heated argument ensued between President D'Arcy and President Dick over the feasibility and the results of consolidating the Board of Trade and the Illihee club by requiring members of the former organization to either pay \$10 for initiation and fees amounting to \$1.50 a month in order to enjoy the social privileges, or donate whatever they saw fit and lead their labors to forward the interests of the commercial department, and not be permitted to mingle with the members, as a whole, of the association.

Distinction Not Favored.

"Gentlemen, if you attempt to make the Board of Trade a mere incident to the Illihee club, by consolidating, you are not going to accomplish anything," said President D'Arcy, in expressing his views on the subject. "If you classify the commercial department members and the social members, what opportunity have we to enroll the farmer, workman and those who can only go to the doors of the Illihee club, look in at the men enjoying their cigars, playing billiards and reading the daily papers, but must not step through that door. If they have no further business in the commercial room or quarters, they simply put on their hats and go home."

"I am in favor of getting the name of every farmer in this vicinity on the roll of the Board of Trade, and encourage them to attend the meetings and participate in the organization's work, whether or not they pay a penny. If we throw out such encouragement to those who have not been properly invited to interest themselves in the Board of Trade's work, we will have little difficulty in organizing a larger body and a better one in every respect."

"Make the Board of Trade a side-show of the Illihee club, and you can't succeed along progressive commercial lines."

Makes Curt Remarks.

President Dick, of the Illihee club, arose and curtly informed the members of the Board of Trade that the club will get along whether or not the Board of Trade is consolidated with it. He said that, inasmuch as the club has to re-incorporate, with an additional department arranged, a commercial branch in form, he could see no reason why the two bodies should not consolidate and thus concentrate the efforts of both into one.

Dick heatedly inferred that President D'Arcy was not fair, and that if he did not believe the executive committee of the Board of Trade were working along the proper lines to consolidate the two organizations, he should "kick them out," and get others to serve. Dick then proceeded to decry the "deplorable conditions of the Board of Trade rooms." He said that they were not fit to enter; that when a man attended a meeting in the quarters, he entered with a bad smell in his nostrils and went home with a headache.

"You be fair with me, Mr. Dick," said President D'Arcy, "and I'll try and be as fair to you. If you mean to infer that I have been manifesting insincerity and unfairness in urging this question, you are surely mistaken. I say this, if you people want to consolidate, and maintain two classified

Minister Is Glad.

New York, April 17.—With prayer of thanks to his Creator, was the way Rev. Jere G. Cooke, who eloped to San Francisco from Hempstead, Long Island, with Floretta Whaley, his ward, received a summons in a divorce action instituted by his wife, Mrs. Marinda Clarke Cooke, of Hempstead. Miss Whaley, who has had two children by Cooke since their elopement six years ago, danced with joy when the summons arrived. Cooke formerly was pastor of St. George's church at Hempstead.

PROGRAM AT BAPTIST CONVENTION TODAY

9:00 a. m.—Baptist gathering. The association proper began with praise service led by Rev. R. F. Jameson, of Lebanon, after which committees were appointed. Words of welcome by H. E. Marshall, pastor of the local church. Response was made by Rev. E. H. Hicks, of Albany. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. R. F. Jameson, an excellent sermon, full of truth and power.

Afternoon session—Praise service led by Rev. Williams, of Lebanon, followed by a digest of church letters. At 3:00 p. m. Rev. W. O. Shank spoke on "The Work of Our National Publication Society."

7:30 p. m.—Praise service followed by a sermon by Rev. E. H. Hicks, of Albany. Tomorrow morning will be used in a discussion of the Baptist Missionary work at home and abroad. Afternoon a consideration of women's work and state missions. Friday 8:00 p. m. W. B. Huson of White Temple, Portland, will preach.

ITALIANS FIGHT THE GAME WARDENS

One Deputy and One Italian Killed and One Italian Badly Wounded.

ANOTHER GANG IN FIGHT

Chief of Police Runs Across Another Gang, and in the Fight One Italian in Boat Is Shot.

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San Francisco, April 17.—Clashed and shot in a desperate hand to hand conflict between two deputy game wardens and a band of law-breaking Italian fishermen, off San Clementine island, in San Francisco bay, Ernest Raynaud, one of the deputies, and Salvatore Balestera, leader of the band, are dead here today. M. S. Clark, the other deputy, jumped from the fishing launch, on which the fight occurred, and was picked up exhausted, by another launch, after swimming a mile.

The Italians were caught using a net with an undersized mesh while the deputies were on a tour of the bay. They submitted to arrest readily, and allowed the deputies to take possession of their launch for the trip ashoreward. On the trip another launch full of Italians came alongside, and at a signal the battle started.

After the fight three of the Italians ran the launch containing the dead bodies back to San Francisco. They then made a dash for liberty, and two escaped. The other was badly wounded.

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A President for God-Father.

North Yakima, Wash., April 17.—Woodrow Manch, of Wapato, sixteenth child of Peter Manch, an Indian reservation rancher, is to have a president of the United States as god-father. The sixteenth Manch was born the day President Wilson was inaugurated. The father wrote at once in German to Washington, telling the president that both he and Mrs. Manch and all the sons and daughters of voting age had done their duty by the Democratic ticket last November. President Wilson telegraphed that under the circumstances he would consent to be god-father to this reservation baby.

WILL ENTERTAIN THE DEAF MUTE SCHOOL

Friday afternoon Dr. J. Arthur Cole, the cave explorer, will lecture to the teachers and pupils of the Deaf Mute institution. Dr. Cole has addressed several of these schools and says they always enjoy the mysteries of cave life, and often write him thoughtful suggestions after seeing this beautiful subterranean fairland.

Card of Thanks.

We, the husband and children of the late Mrs. I. A. Vernon, desire to express our deep appreciation of the many kindly acts and tender sympathy extended us during the illness and following the death of our beloved wife and mother. No words can fully do this so we can only say that it shall be remembered and treasured by us, a green spot in our memories for all time.

I. A. VERNON, OTIS VERNON, TROY VERNON.

CANNOT BAR NEW FIRM FROM FIELD

Wants New Company Prevented Doing Business in the City of Medford.

COMPANY LOSING MONEY

Peculiar Proposition Put Up to Railroad Commission by Concern Operating at Medford.

The question of whether the railroad commission can refuse to let a new company invade the field of a light and gas concern, when the field does not yield returns to the company already in business, was put up to the railroad commission today by the Oregon Gas & Electric Company, which has plants at Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and Roseburg. A Mr. Hill, of Medford, is said to have intimated that he would start things if the Oregon Gas & Electric Company did not buy his coal gas. The company asserts that it has been operating in Medford two and one-half years, and the business there is in a deplorable condition, the company losing from \$200 to \$300 per month. Medford's population has decreased 2000, and conditions there and at Grants Pass and Ashland are very bad. Had the company foreseen what was coming, it would not have invaded the field.

The company wants to know if the railroad commission cannot head off the new company, asserting that the commission in California has such power. The Oregon commission has no right to interfere and if the new company wants to invade Medford it can do so, but the probability is that with that showing it won't.

Bianco Grand Uncle.

Seattle, Wash., April 17.—Alleging her grand uncle, James Grisdale, a wealthy rancher on Bainbridge Island, mistreated her when she was 15, and then married her off to Calvin Pike as a protective measure for himself, Mrs. Grace Pike is now asking \$10,000 damages from her relative. The girl is 17 now. She was taken from her home at Bay City, Mich., she alleges in October 1910, by Grisdale, to live with himself and his wife, the couple having no children.

WONDERFUL MAMMOTH CAVE OF KENTUCKY

Pictures and Vaudeville at the Globe Theatre Today.

Dr. J. Arthur Cole, the famous cave explorer, gives a humorous address and instructive lecture in conjunction with the display of pictures of the wonderful Mammoth cave of Kentucky today, tomorrow and Saturday. These pictures being the only ones ever taken underground. They are distinct and realistic and the imaginary tramp through 132 miles of natural wonders is interesting and educational to old and young. Every teacher and pupil should see these beautiful pictures. The regular program of four reels will also be given and special vaudeville will entertain between reels, making in all a big double show. Special school children's matinee Friday and Saturday. All children 5 cents, adults 10 cents. Bargain days, and if you miss it, 'you will miss it.'

CALIFORNIA WILL EXCLUDE JAPANESE

It Stands Solid for a White Man's State--Japs Can't Own Land.

QUESTION IS A VITAL ONE

When Japs Once Get a Foothold on Land Whites Move Away and Jap Colony Spreads.

Washington, April 17.—That California is absolutely determined upon the exclusion of the Japanese, that Californians are set like steel for a white man's state, and why they are so set, was explained here today by William Kent, congressman of California, in lengthy statement dealing with conditions now agitating the Golden State. (By Congressman William Kent, of California.)

Chinese exclusion was based on economic and social reasons. The economic reasons were fallacious. If the Chinese did our work without demoralizing our democracy, there was no reason why he should not do it. But in working, he kept out white labor and thus demoralized our social status.

The same reasons were cited as objections to the Japanese. He was found to have a much less valuable economic quantity than the Chinaman. He did not have the same ideals of commercial integrity, and his social attitude was much more offensive.

The exclusion laws undoubtedly would have been passed against the Japanese if their government had not entered into a treaty to provide against issuing passports to its laboring classes coming to America.

The practical effect of Japanese land tenure is shown by Japanese settlement in some of the more fertile portions of California. The white people shun these sections. This may and must be due to the prejudice of white neighbors, but California, thus far, has been a white man's country, and it is the intention of the people of California to keep it so.

It's the Racial Difference.

It is a curious fact that the Japanese persistently deny that, in their case, a race problem is involved, and refuse to recognize this as a vital element in the whole contention. To a thoughtful student of the situation there can be no assumption of superiority as laying back of the racial question. We admit, if we choose, that the Japanese are, in some particulars, our superiors. We cannot deny, however, that taken racially, they are different from the white race. They cannot be assimilated into our population. Introduction of permanently defined groups of non-assimilable population must necessarily create bitterness and misunderstanding, and hamper the development of democracy.

The privileged classes in California—the land owners and great employers of labor—may clamor for this cheaper labor, but the vast majority of Californians look forward to a great state wherein similarity of population will make an enlightened democracy.

Is Chosen May Queen.

Miss Ada Mark was elected Queen of the May in the balloting at Willamette University yesterday. Herman Clark was selected as May day manager.

The students are striving to make May day the biggest day of the school year.

First thing in the morning May day breakfast will be served. Then the boys will work on the campus, effecting different improvements. At noon the college dinner is served.

After dinner first comes the May day exercises, then the Fresh-Sophomore tug of war across the mill race, the field meet with Pacific University, and the tennis tournament.

In the evening the junior play is presented at the Grand.

Will Bless the Altar.

The new altar in St. Paul's church will be blessed at the 11 o'clock service on Monday. At the same service the rector will preach a sermon in view of the approaching change in the rectorship on the text, "Whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believe."

Weather Forecast. Oregon—Fair tonight. Friday fair, cooler except near the coast. Northwesterly winds.

THE CAPITAL JOURNAL STATES ITS POSITION ON PUBLIC MATTERS

Under the heading, "The Concern of All," the morning paper yesterday made a grand stand play for sympathy for itself, its interests and the hands that toss it a bone now and then. It intimates that The Capital Journal's criticisms are founded upon personal reasons and openly accuses this paper of "attacking our best men with no cause whatever excepting that they hold thankless public offices." This is not true, and the morning sheet knows it is not true.

The Capital Journal is not here to make any criticisms for personal reasons—its criticisms are based on principle—we are criticizing the office and the way such office is conducted. We are not criticizing the man personally. Any man who goes into public life is subject to criticism and the man who is so thin skinned that he cannot stand just criticism had better stay out of office. Furthermore, the office of a newspaper is to keep its readers posted as to the acts of public officials and to justify criticize or commend. The newspaper which does not do this has no standing and does not fulfill its mission.

Now and then a man betrays a trust and does things which reflect on his character, his integrity, and his manhood. It is then for a reputable newspaper to expose such a man, to attack him personally, and let it be known once and for all that when any such case arises The Capital Journal will strike—and strike with all the strength it can command. We are opposed to every semblance of graft and we are going down the line and exposing it in every case that comes to our notice—no matter how it hits. If we are wrong in anything we are willing to be put right—and if there are any in Salem who are in wrong, they had better get right—and get right, quickly. The Capital Journal will always fight graft—its mission is to expose it—and expose it we will and every one connected with it.

If we do anyone an injustice in any way and it is brought to our notice, we will hasten to correct it. Our editors are open to any one for a liberal discussion of any subject—those who do not agree with us are just as welcome to use our space as are those who do agree with us. Because a man or any set of men don't agree with us doesn't mean that we don't feel friendly towards them. We hear no ill will towards any man because he is opposed to us, but we intend running this paper as we see fit, and not as Tom, Dick or Harry tells us to run it. We know no master, we are bound to no clique or faction, nor do we ever intend to be so bound. This paper's influence cannot be bought—taking away patronage from us will not cause us to alter our course

any more than giving increased patronage would muzzle us. The Capital Journal is published in the interests of the people, the taxpayers, the merchants and the institutions of Salem. It is from these that it receives legitimate support and it is to these it at any cost intends to be loyal. When we know we are right, we will go down the line for it—and the longer we live in Salem the more will Salem people be convinced as to the absolute certainty of our determination to see that the people of this city get a square deal.

The owners of The Capital Journal have come to Salem to live. We want the good will, respect and friendship of every good citizen in town. We are not here to antagonize or attack any good citizen personally—it is the other fellow we are after. Our friendship and our good will goes out to all good citizens—we are here to help them all and The Capital Journal is here to boost for Salem, its people, its merchants, its resources, and its industries. The Capital Journal is here to boost for a better and greater Salem. We have come to Salem with a clean record, we intend to keep it, and as time goes on the people of this community will always find us standing for right because it is right.

Gid says The Capital Journal is making its fight for selfish reasons. Gid knows this is not true, and so do the people. If The Capital Journal were selfish it would take its share of the hush money the same as other newspapers have done. There has been plenty of it handed out.

And now to review some of the stunts The Capital Journal has taken on public matters.

The Capital Journal was opposed to raising City Attorney Page's salary. We have nothing against Mr. Page personally. On the other hand, Mr. Page has our friendship and we want him. We believe Mr. Page to be a good citizen and an honorable and honest gentleman of a great deal of ability. We do think, however, that Mr. Page was wrong in having his salary raised after he accepted the office, knowing in advance what salary that office carried with it and we said so. We at that time, and so do the masses of the people, but the council has so far overridden the people. We also blame Mr. Page as a public officer for not coming out and telling the people from time to time as to the progress being made in the sewer bond matter. Mr. Page is a public servant and it is his duty to give such information to the people—to the taxpayers who pay him. If Mr. Page cannot see fit to do this, he should be removed from office and another one engaged and if Mr. Page cannot

ignore the people, this is just what will happen.

The Capital Journal feels kindly towards the owners of the water works, but yet it is opposed to purchasing its old, dilapidated, worn-out plant. The people don't want to buy it and its purchase will never go through.

The Capital Journal feels that an injustice has been done the people interested, by the delay of the sewer bond matter. The Capital Journal and the people would like to know the real cause of all this delay. We would like to know when this matter is to be settled.

The Capital Journal has no ill feeling towards Mayor Steeves. He is a man of good standing in this community—a successful business man and should make a good mayor. He has done some very good things in the interest of Salem and its people and The Capital Journal has cheerfully and gladly commended him for so doing. Mayor Steeves, however, has made mistakes, and The Capital Journal has not been backward in saying so. He should consider the people more. He should take them into his confidence. Why doesn't he? Why does he not listen to the people instead of apparently lending his assistance to putting through measures that work a hardship on the people. If Mayor Steeves wants to carry out the wishes of the people, let him mingle among them. He will very soon find out, if he hasn't already done so, just what measures the people are opposed to. And when he finds out, why doesn't he do as the people want him to do. Is he tied up with pre-election pledges?

The Capital Journal respects the majority of the council—the council isn't all bad—not by any means. There are a number of men in the council who are good, honest, upright citizens who are in every way worthy of the trust and confidence placed in them by the people. Some of these may make mistakes but they do not do it intentionally. Furthermore, when The Capital Journal criticizes "the council" it doesn't mean all the members—it simply refers to those councilmen who are wrong and are consequently subject to just criticism. Mr. Rigdon has done some good things for the city. He has also made some mistakes. The latest mistake Mr. Rigdon has made is to run away to California in order to dodge the wet and dry issue. The Capital Journal doesn't admire this act of Rigdon's—he should have the courage of his convictions and stand his ground. No matter what side Mr. Rigdon would have taken in this matter—and The Capital Journal doesn't know Mr. Rigdon's views on the subject—he should have

stayed here and given both sides a square deal—a fair and impartial hearing.

Mr. Stolz has done many good things for Salem. The Capital Journal has given him due credit and will continue to do so whenever he is entitled to it. We will also criticize him as fast and as often as he gets off wrong—a thing he has done many times. Mr. Stolz cannot believe that he is doing what the voters of his ward want him to do. He couldn't have been elected councilman—he was appointed. The whole thing was framed up in advance and Mayor Steeves held over the appointment of his committees until Stolz was appointed councilman and then put Stolz on as chairman of the street committee—a position Stolz anxiously sought. If Stolz's position on the street committee is "thankless," why was he so anxious to get it? And why did Mayor Steeves with the assistance of some oily-foxy-boys in the background individual pull the wool over the eyes of well-meaning councilmen, railroad the thing through, and give Stolz the job he so coveted. Gid, don't like The Capital Journal because it criticized him—he is punishing this paper because of our criticisms and he is using the people's patronage which doesn't belong to him with which to punish. If he uses the people's patronage to favor one newspaper and punish another, will he not do the same in other cases? What's the answer? Gid slipped one over on The Capital Journal and we admire the way he did it, and he passed it up to the mayor, too. But The Capital Journal's fight has been out in the open and above board—some of those who are fighting The Capital Journal are sneaking in their methods. We are wise to all of those. We know what they are doing and while we may get yoting in years and unused to the methods of some of these scheming plotters, we will continue to fight in the open, and before we are through the people of this city will have some very interesting reading.

This paving business will hear the closest watching—the property holders are surely entitled to a square deal and The Capital Journal is going to try to see that they get it. No paving company should be given a contract unless such contract is safeguarded with a bond. And then the work should be carefully watched by some one experienced in such work who will fearlessly see that the people get what they are paying for.

The contractors should be given to understand that two inches of wearing surface means two inches, and not one inch, and that so many inches of base means so many inches and not one inch less.

Several old residents of Salem say there has been graft in Salem for years.

We are going to investigate. We are going to the very bottom of lots of things—we are going to dig up facts—we have quite a number now, but we are after others. There are so many wheels within wheels—one pocket of information leads to another—so watch The Capital Journal for all the "goods." Several people undoubtedly sent to this office for the purpose have tried to call The Capital Journal off in its fight for the people. Nothing doing. We are here to be neither called off nor made to lay down. When we get through there will be some hides tacked up to dry and it won't be The Capital Journal's, either. We know just what we are doing and just what we are going to do. We have started this fight and we are going to finish it. Just keep your eye on the news columns of The Capital Journal.

The morning paper is quite jubilant now because it is to get all of the city patronage, and it probably needs it. The Capital Journal does not. The Capital Journal will take its little homoeopathic dose of medicine, but incidentally if this, as Gid claimed, was done in the interest of economy how is it going to work out? If you remove business competition and give one newspaper a cinch on the city patronage, is it going to boost its prices or let them remain as they are. If a grocer or a drygoods man has a cinch on a contract for goods is he going to figure as close as the man who has to meet competition? Then again, the morning paper operates a job department, the Capital Journal does not and doesn't want to. Councilman Stolz has a big lot of printing to let. Will the morning sheet get it? Why isn't this printing given to the job printers of the city to bid on—they are citizens and taxpayers; aren't they entitled to a chance. What's the answer?

The spineless morning sheet has gotten off on the wrong side for years, according to old Salem residents. And now it must do the bidding of its masters—it must lick their hands and whine for bones.

Is it true that a certain paving company is paying the morning sheet \$20 per month—for "advertising" which never appears?

Is it true that the Warren Construction company is operating in Salem under another name? Is it true that others may be on the pay roll of paving companies? And then there are other things in the city besides paving. The Capital Journal gives the news, Watch for and read The Capital Journal.

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