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GRAFTER AND SCOUNDREL BY CONFESSION.

The Board of Trade says in its resolution: "For some reason, best known to themselves, the publishers of the local papers of the town have failed or neglected to print the news in a full and fair manner."

This is untrue - but just stupidly untrue - a resolution passed by men who had only a child-like conception of their responsibility, and not even a child's disposition to stick to facts.

But the Oregonian! The sneaking insinuation of that sheet, malicious and unwarranted, calls for passing notice - the notice that vile, disgusting things claim. The Portland Journal charged the editor of the Oregonian with stealing part of the soldiers' monument fund. The Oregonian editor, tired, and reason giving place to wrath, belches forth:

"Nobody but one who himself is a thief and scoundrel would intimate such a thing."

Let the editor of the Oregonian apply his own reasoning, when he intimates, without foundation or fact, that the local papers have failed to give the news respecting a certain matter, for a consideration. By his own words, he admits that The Oregonian, in so far as he controls it, suppresses news for a price. Let the editor remember his own words:

"Nobody but one who himself is a thief and scoundrel would intimate such a thing. He who does it shows what he would do himself."

The local papers, as a matter of fact, devoted columns when the Oregonian gave inches to news regarding the franchise fight. The local papers gave the news accurately, fairly and fully. But the editor of the Oregonian reads a false report to the contrary. "Graft," is the first thing he thinks of and he promptly charges it without taking the trouble to ascertain the facts.

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A WORD TO THE WISE.

The Board of Trade has gone out of its way to land the Oregonian and to censure the local papers for the stand taken in the recent franchise fight. The Courier did not take up this question editorially. It's reason for not doing so was stated fully when the contest was in its height. The reason was, in substance, that the Courier, through constant attacks, had shown bitter hostility to the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, and what it might say, would seem to be inspired by prejudice. The Courier did not care to air itself or vent its feelings by bitter invective and intemperate abuse. It wished to defeat the franchise at the polls when the matter was submitted to the people, and to that end threw open its columns freely to those interested, that they might state their case and the reasons for their opposition, to the voting public. In a single issue of The Courier, communications in opposition to the franchise covered nearly half a page. This was at a time when things needed to be done in order to defeat the franchise.

On the day the council granted the franchise, the Oregonian, for the first time, opened up its guns. It came in with a howl and a whistle at the eleventh hour, having said never a word when its word might have been of some effect, and the Board of Trade admires, commends, and spills over its gush of hog-wash!

Such rot! Such stupidity! The Courier has printed the news, and every bit of it, regarding this matter. Had it believed its readers in general so easily duped by a great hurrah intended to accomplish nothing, as the Board of Trade seems to have been, it might have taken that dubious method of winning their commendation - it might, but would not have done so.

We are not playing to the galleries. We are attempting to publish the best newspaper that Clackamas County ever had. The recording of nearly 100 new subscribers in October encourages us in the belief that we are meeting with some success in our attempt.

There is plenty of work for the Board of Trade to do. When it gets off on this sort of thing it lessens its ability to accomplish anything for the public interest.

Let the Board get down to business. SUGGESTED BY EASTERN ELECTIONS.

As in Oregon, they prefer a Republican administration in Ohio, until conditions become almost unendurable because of corruption in office. There, as here, they elect enough Democrats to hold in check official rascality. When a party is tried and found wanting, why not turn it out boldly to give it an opportunity for working an inward reformation?

The dominant party in Ohio is rotten to the core. Its United States senators represent, first, the corporations with which they are connected, and as a second and unimportant consid-

eration, they represent the people of Ohio. From the inner circle of corporate wealth the rank and file of the party is manipulated by means of sleek, oily, contriving, local bosses. It is a gigantic political machine, the running expenses of which are defrayed, in the first instance, by a coterie of wealthy capitalists, but in the end by the taxpayers of the state.

The same may be said for the State of Oregon. The trial of one of our Senators disclosed the fact that he received a salary of \$500 per month from a single corporation, the Southern Pacific Company. Five hundred dollars a month for what? For being a good senator for the people, of course!

When this condition infests the head of the party in this state, what is the use trying to select fit officials or faithful public servants from such a mass? Why not turn to a party, for we must always have political parties, why not turn to a party that is free from taint or blemish?

Next Spring a goodly supply of gold will pour into Clackamas County to play its magnetic part in the interest of men seeking to become so-called public servants. It will be spent in the interest of men who play hand in glove with wealthy corporations. Whose money is it? It is the money squeezed out of you, Mr. Citizen, by means so deft and indirect that you never knew whence the squeeze came.

No one is so old that he may not learn - no one is so young that he may not understand that no ultimate good can come from evil means and corrupt methods. A knave serves nobody well but himself. You have no right to inflict such a one on the public, thinking that in so doing, you further your interests.

Will you require that every seeker after public office possess character, honor and ability fitting him for the place to which he aspires?

Will you require that he be his own man and not somebody else's man? If you find no such one in your party, will you seek him in another?

If you will, you are the independent voter!

The independent voter has saved Ohio in her plight of abandon and corruption. He has come to the rescue of Pennsylvania in her unenviable plight.

Will he snatch Oregon from the clutches of the vultures that are preying upon her?

These are the things to think about now and to keep in mind next June. Let us forget, the Courier will occasionally remind you of them.

Mayor Sommer's action in vetoing the O. W. P. Ry. franchise ordinance seems to meet with general approbation. His Honor gave the matter careful consideration, and did just what a majority of the voters of Oregon City desired. The will of the people has evidently been a huge factor in this particular instance.

PROGRAM OF SCHUMANN'S.

Evening of Music With Greg By Singing Society.

The second programme evening for the Winter of the Schumann Singing Society was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. George A. Harding. The compositions of Greg were taken up and the programme follows: Life of Greg; Miss Walden; principal works, Miss Goodfellow; "Boreas," Miss Cheney; Art of Greg (from different writers), Miss Bess Kelly; Three lyric pieces, (a) arietta (b) waltz, (c) elfintanza, Miss Edna Daulton; "A Swan," Miss MacDonald; notes on "Northern Dances," Miss Shaw; Two Northern Dances, (a) Brantled, (b) Ich Weiss Ein Kleines Madchen, Miss Scott; notes on "I Love Thee," Miss McBride; "I Love Thee," Mrs. Brodie; story and notes on "Peer Gynt" Suite, Miss Buchanan; "Peer Gynt" Suite, piano duet, Miss Lewthwaite and Miss Draper; song, by Greg, Miss Foster.

For the benefit of the Jewish sufferers in Russia, a subscription list has been opened in this city at the store of I. Selling, where subscriptions will be received. No petition will be circulated for this purpose but any offerings on the part of people of this county for the relief of the stricken ones will be appreciated.

DANGER IN DELAY.

Prompt Action Must Be Taken to Preserve Health.

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The first Winter meeting of the Avon Club was held Tuesday afternoon at Rose Farm, and the members of the Club were entertained by Miss Mollie Holmes. This club, which is devoted to the compositions of the bard of Avon, was organized 11 years ago, and has been active ever since. The reading of "Two Gentlemen of Verona" has been taken up for this Winter. Miss Holmes served dainty refreshments to her guests, who were Mrs. Charles H. Caufield, Mrs. E. A. Sommer, Mrs. William A. Huntley, Mrs. George C. Brownell, Mrs. W. S. U'Ren, Mrs. W. E. Pratt, Mrs. Theodore Clark. The next meeting of the club will be held Friday, November 17, at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Caufield.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

Mrs. C. G. Miller entertained the members of the Women's Club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Following the regular business meeting, vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Inogen Harding Brodie, Miss Elizabeth Ross and a piano number was given by Miss Louise Huntley. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. W. S. U'Ren, when a musical program will be given, and on Tuesday evening, December 5, a party will be given to the members of the club and their guests at the home of Mrs. H. E. Straight.

HEIDEMAN-DINGLER.

Mrs. Anna Dingler and Fred Heideman were married at the Congregational Manse, November 14, by the Rev. E. S. Bollinger. Mr. Heideman is one of the successful ranchers of the Abernathy valley who has been going it alone in life some years longer than most ranchers do. The merry couple had things arranged so that the affair will be a surprise to the neighborhood. Another bachelor's house is thus becoming another happy home.

ROBISON-WALSTED.

Miss Carrie Walsted, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Mr. Carson Robison of North Platte, Nebraska, were married at the Congregational Manse last Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. S. Bollinger, officiating.

Mrs. Lewellyn Adams entertained the members of the Dertwick Club at her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. John Adams read a paper on "The Life of John Sebastian Bach," and Mrs. H. E. Straight recited "How Ruby Played." Light refreshments were served by the hostess, and the next meeting of the club will take place Friday afternoon, November 24, at the home of Miss Marjorie Caufield.

BUSINESS MEN FROM PORTLAND.

Eighty-five Portland business men, composing the excursion through the Valley to Ashland, arrived here Tuesday afternoon and were met by a committee of about 30 of Oregon City's representative citizens. The party remained here 30 minutes and its members took a walk about the city, out on the suspension bridge, and enjoyed themselves informally. Attorney J. E. Hedges made a short talk to the visitors.

Many children inherit constitutions weak and feeble, others due to childhood troubles. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will positively cure children and make them strong. 55 cents, Tea or Tablets. Huntley Bros. Co.

Fire Destroys Residence.

The residence of J. W. Linn at Linn's mill, on the Abernathy river, about eight miles from this city, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire occurred early in the morning and it is not known how it originated. The house was a new two-story cottage and was valued at about \$2,000. Scarcely anything was saved from the contents. There was no insurance. Mr. Linn formerly lived at Oregon City and is a son of B. F. Linn of this place.



Biliousness, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, disturbed sleep, nervousness, headache, giddiness and drowsiness, wind and pain or fullness of the stomach after meals, cold chills and flushings of heat, shortness of breath - these are the blank cheques of physical bankruptcy. The man who suffers from these disorders and neglects them will soon be in the relentless grasp of some fatal disease. If he is naturally narrow chested and shallow lunged, it will probably be consumption; if his father or mother died of paralysis or some nervous trouble, it will probably be nervous exhaustion or prostration, or even insanity; if there is a taint in the family blood, it will be blood or sick disease; if he lives in a new or a low, swampy country, it will be malaria; if he lives a life of exposure, it may be rheumatism. There is one safe course for a man to follow who finds himself "out of sorts" and suffering from the symptoms described. It is to resort to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This medicine makes the appetite keen, corrects all disorders of the digestion, renders assimilation perfect, invigorates the liver, purifies and enriches the blood and builds firm, healthy flesh and nerve tissue. It cures almost all diseases that result from insufficient or improper nourishment of the brain and nerves. Rheumatism, neuralgia, and even lung affection, when not too far advanced, readily yield to it.

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In a letter dated August 31, 1904, Mrs. Marsh says: "I have never yet heard the efficacy of Peruna questioned. We still use it. I traveled through Kentucky and Tennessee three years ago, where I found Peruna doing its good work. Much of it is being used here also." - Henrietta A. S. Marsh.

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