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PERMANENT CITY IMPROVEMENTS

The committee appointed at the recent meeting of the Civic Improvement League to secure information in regard to street improvements, more particularly paving, finds a great deal of favorable interest being taken in the matter. The fact that a large amount of paving could be done under the easy terms provided by the Bancroft Act is making many friends for the movement. It is found that few if any property owners are opposed to street improvement but that a good many are insistent that the city adopt a permanent plan of general improvement for the city before any money is expended for this purpose.

The suggestion of a definite plan of permanent improvement that would be officially adopted by the city is certainly well worthy of the serious consideration of the city council. It has been pointed out by men who are without question authorities on this matter who have visited Hood River, that this should be done, and it is also the opinion of those who reside here and have made a study or profession of these things. It is admitted by those who have given the subject any intelligent thought that the town was laid out to bad advantage, following as it often the case along the lines of least resistance in one direction and straight up the hill in the other until the streets bumped up against an impassable barrier where they ended.

This is very much the case at Hood River, and although it is not possible in many cases to make changes now, in others it can be avoided if a permanent plan of improvement is adopted looking to the future beautifying and utility of streets and grounds that might be used for parking and other purposes.

It is not only this, it should do away with much friction between property owners and the city and likewise with having, as has been the case in the past, to change work that has been done several times.

Of course all this will cost something and if the council feels that the city is not in a position to spend the amount necessary we believe it would be paid for gladly by public subscription. It is estimated that such a plan would cost in the neighborhood of \$500.

The city of Portland is about to spend \$20,000 for the purpose of having a board of engineers, architects and landscape gardeners prepare and recommend a plan of permanent improvement for that already beautiful and rapidly growing city.

Why cannot Hood River which needs it tenfold more, spend \$500? We believe it can and will when the people generally know the great benefit to be derived.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS

According to our Seattle correspondent capitalists in that city are turning to the timber, logged off and fruit lands of Oregon and Idaho for profitable investment in preference to city property. He says:

"There is more money being invested today in timber, fruit lands and logged-off lands in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia than ever before in the Northwest. One reason advanced for this by local capitalists is that such investments offer greater inducements in the way of fortune making than does investments in city property. There was a time when men with money for good speculations turned to such cities as Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland and other large cities of the Northwest, but now prices have reached that state where there is

no longer any chance to speculate. The man with a big fortune can continue to buy city realty, improve it and make money but he with a small fortune, which it is hoped to double or triple, must look elsewhere than the cities if he wants to be successful. Shrewd business men with an eye to the future do not hesitate to say that the fortunes of the future will come from the timber, logged-off lands and fruit lands of the Northwest."

CONSERVATION

There are undoubtedly two sides to the great question of conservation, which is now agitating the American people. To date there is no question that the Pinchot policies have been the popular ones, but there is a growing feeling that when the people of the Northwest get all the facts before them they will not be so enthusiastic about conservation. Here is one line of argument produced against the Pinchot policy; the east has, practically speaking, no more timber. Where the timber once stood great manufacturing industries have risen, giving employment to hundreds of thousands of men and women. The eastern timber is gone, but in its place has come great commercial development. The east has prospered under the change, but now it says to the west: "Our timber is gone, we want the western timber to stand;

NORTHWEST NOTES

From our Seattle correspondent.
 Seattle, Mar. 8.—Commercial bodies throughout the Northwest, realizing the importance of representation on the coming excursion to California over the Oregon and Washington and the Southern Pacific, have taken steps to send men on this trip well supplied with literature to advertise their particular section throughout California, and a part of Oregon.

During the past week the Industrial town of Edmonds in Snohomish county decided that it no longer wanted saloons and voted their abolition. Boyd Doty, head of the anti-saloon league in this state, says the work of putting the saloons out of business will be pushed in Snohomish county and he hopes to see the entire county go dry within a short space of time.

A backward look of a night watchman on the University of Washington campus saved that institution and the state \$125,000. Just as he was about to leave the new machinery hall for the night, the watchman glanced back over his shoulder for a final survey of the premises. A glow on the ceiling caught his eye, and rushing back into the building he found a blaze in the Dean's waste paper basket. Near the basket a heap of oily waste left by negligent painters was found. It is believed that spontaneous combustion was the cause.

John B. Humphrey, King county's fat and chubby candidate for United States senator to succeed Mr. Piles, favors the idea, at least so he declares in public statement, of all candidates getting together and touring the state, addressing the voters on

It is not always a state or the national administration that takes a crack at the railroads; nature has been doing her share for the past week. The railroads, all of them, that come into this state, have had hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra expenses piled up against them as the result of the floods, snow blockades and slides in the mountains. It would be a hard matter for a technical railroad man to take a pencil and figure out even approximately the enormous losses which the roads have suffered during the past few weeks. Certainly it will run into seven figures. The Northwest as well as the railroads suffer as the transcontinental lines have been working hard preparing for the great rush of settlers into the Northwest with the coming of spring.

In the early days of politics one of, if not the most interesting figure was Col. James Hamilton Lewis, who once upon a time ran for governor and only escaped landing in the chair by a narrow margin. Col. Lewis finally played himself out politically in the Northwest; later he moved to Chicago, was elected corporation counsel in the Windy City and in the end became a very prominent factor in Illinois politics. The Colonel's ability as a self advertiser even worries such men as Roosevelt. Recently Col. Lewis was in New York; he wanted to spring something original while there, so he told a New York Sun reporter that in all probability Mr. Roosevelt would be the next standard bearer of the democratic party. Asked who would be his running mate the Colonel refused to be quoted; he however gave it in confidence to the Sun man that the west looked with great favor on Col. Lewis of Chicago.

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Whether this argument against the Pinchot policy is true to the letter, the fact remains that there is much merit to it.

AN EDITOR'S NEED

It is all very well to talk about running a newspaper with sublime indifference to the question of its financial support and chief consideration of its possibilities of general usefulness, but there is one editor at least to whom the motto of live and let live appeals with considerable force. He conducts the Post of Bainbridge, Ga., and in a recent issue remarks:

"It is reported that there is a fastidious newly married lady in Bainbridge that kneads bread with her gloves on. This incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on; he needs bread with his shirt on; he needs bread with his pants on, and unless some of the folks that are owing us come across right soon we will need bread without a darn thing on. The grubbing hoe of truth and freedom should take into consideration that a newspaper office is no garden of Eden in the summer time."

every conceivable subject of any national or state interest. Mr. Humphrey has about twenty favorite subjects which he says he would like to tell the people about. If Humphrey's program were carried out and all the candidates had as much to say, it would be necessary for them to remain in each town a week.

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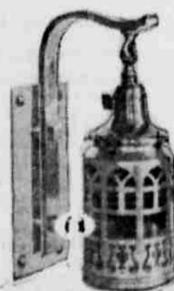
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