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Undertaken as a means of acquainting himself more definitely with the entire country over which he rules, President Roosevelt's tour has become a triumphal march, the equal of which has probably never been known. Any president of the United States would have been royally received and eagerly honored on such a journey, but the quality of the ovations which greet Mr. Roosevelt denotes something more than honor, regard, loyalty or hero worship. Wherever he appears the people—all the people, rich and poor, good and bad, realize that they behold a man. They see not only a successful politician, a statesman and a president, but a whole man, who stands side by side with any other man in the world, understanding and sympathizing with him in his physical, mental, moral and industrial being. What the large-hearted level-headed Lincoln was to the life of 49 years ago, Mr. Roosevelt is to the conditions of the present, and the same might be designated as "a good fit" in both cases.

The utterances of the president at the various cities fortunate enough to be in his itinerary are masterful in the actual potency and pertinency of the things said, and the listening world accepts them as expressing the will and purpose of a nation. Of his speech at Chicago, the Seattle P.-I. says:

"No more comprehensive, logical, convincing, dispassionate statement of the Monroe doctrine and the Venezuela incident has been made by writer or orator than is contained in President Roosevelt's Chicago speech. It is so clear, comprehensive and calm a presentation that the republics of South America and the nations of Europe must be made to see that the position of the United States means peace in both hemispheres; while his recitation of the facts preceding the final determination to cut a way for great ships between the Atlantic and Pacific, and his statement of the objects and purposes of the United States in cutting it must calm any apprehensions of evil anywhere entertained in relation to the project.

"No man has ever more forcibly put before the American people the absolute necessity of the construction and maintenance of a navy equal to our national grandeur and importance, more clearly shows the virtue lying in the admonition, 'In time of peace prepare for war,' than did President Roosevelt at Chicago."

Events daily demonstrate the wisdom of the plans for the trip which provide for as much informality and freedom as possible, rather than tiresome set functions, as, if the program were left to the admiring public, he would be worn out with attentions before ever reaching the seclusion and recreation he expects to find in Yellowstone park.

It is sincerely to be hoped that Mr.

Roosevelt's star will continue to rise and to shine with the same lofty purpose, undimmed by the turmoil of political strife and antagonism until by reason of age alone he becomes out-cast.

The moral aspect of the city of Seattle is hardly to be commended just at present. It would seem that criminals would feel that they were entitled to the freedom of a city whose mayor, chief of police, prosecuting attorney and some of its magistrates are all under indictment, but neither brought to trial nor removed from office. The Everett Record describes it thus: "Seattle is wideopen again. She is bidding for the thugs and toughs that have been run out of every other city on the coast, including even Nome. Seattle will again be the scene of the same crime and disorder that characterized the dreadful days of early winter. When a city must depend upon crime for its livelihood it has no license to live. There is something more in this brief life besides an immoral chase after a few dollars. There are women to be cared for and children to be reared for honest citizenship. It isn't a mere matter of money; it's a matter of ordinary decency." If a high standard of decency and honor is desired in the growing citizenship there are other towns which might well pause to consider.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
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Bridge Proposals
 Notice is hereby given that plans, specifications, strain diagrams and bids will be received by the county court of Clatsop county, state of Oregon, until 5 p. m., Tuesday, May 5th, 1903, for the building, construction and erection of a drawbridge across the Lewis and Clark river in Clatsop county, Oregon, according to such plans, specifications and diagrams.

Location of bridge is shown on maps now on file in the county clerk's office as approved by the Hon. Secretary of War.

Bridge to be a steel swinging draw bridge with a clear space of 70 feet on each side of the draw rest. As is also directed by the Hon. secretary of war.

Approaches to be pile trestle with a 16 foot clear road or driveway. Bidders shall attach to their bid a certified check equal to 10 percent of the same and check made payable to the order of the county clerk or may deposit the amount in cash at time of filing his or their bid.

Said check or cash to be forfeited to the county of Clatsop, state of Oregon, if after an award is made or bid is accepted said bidder fails or refuses for a period of two days to enter into contract and file a bond as may be required by the county court aforesaid.

Payments for said bridge to be made by warrants drawn on a special fund created by the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, at their regular term in January, 1903, same being a levy of 1-2 mills on the dollar for a term of four years. Bids to be sealed and marked "Proposals for Draw Bridge across the Lewis and Clark River," and filed in the office of the county clerk. The county court, however, reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
 By order of the County Court,
 J. C. Clinton, Clerk.

CANCEROUS ULCERS
 ROOTED IN THE BLOOD.

After the age of 45 or 50, when the vital powers are naturally weaker, it is noticed that a hurt of any kind heals slowly, and often a very insignificant scratch or bruise becomes a bad ulcer or sore. At this time of life warty growths, moles and pimples that have been on the body almost from birth begin to inflame and fester, and before very long are large eating ulcers.

Whenever a sore or ulcer is slow in healing then you may be sure something is radically wrong with your blood. Some old taint or poison that has been slumbering there for years, is beginning to assert itself, and breaks out and becomes a bad ulcer, and perhaps the beginning of Cancer. These old sores are rooted in the blood, and while washes, soaps, salves, etc., keep the surface clean, they are not healing. A blood medicine to purify and strengthen the general system is what is needed, and S. S. S. is just such a remedy. No poison is so powerful and no germ so deadly that this great vegetable blood remedy cannot reach it, and ulcers of every kind quickly yield to its wonderful curative properties. If you have an old sore or ulcer, write us all about it, and medical advice or any information you may desire will be given by our physicians without charge.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

J. N. Heckard of Cladwell was in town last evening.
 Mrs. Henry Harrison went to Portland last evening to pay a brief visit.
 Mr. and Mrs. Nick Clinton returned yesterday from a short visit to Seaside.
 Wm. Larson of the Lewis and Clark made a business trip to the city yesterday.
 Captain John Reid went to Portland last night. He will return Thursday night.

A. F. Krager, at present with the Portland Lumber company, was visiting in Astoria yesterday.
 Joseph McQuerry, superintendent of the Westport boats, left for home on the train yesterday morning.
 C. E. Short of Moore & Short, the Portland printers, came up from an outing at Cannon beach yesterday.
 G. W. Hume arrived from San Francisco Sunday on the Columbia and expects to push the work on his new saw mill as rapidly as possible.
 Dorsey E. Smith, superintendent of the I. R. & N. Co., came down from Portland yesterday enroute for Ilwaco.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 25, 1903. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 24, 1903, for furnishing fuel at military posts in this department for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1903. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts. United States reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Fuel at—" addressed P. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

U. S. Engineer office, Portland, Ore., March 25, 1903. Sealed proposals will be received here for 475,000 tons, more or less, stone for extension of jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Ore., and Wash., until 11 a. m., April 30, 1903, and then publicly opened. Information on application. W. C. Langfitt, Capt. Engrs.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 16, 1903.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 16, 1903, for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Information furnished here or by quartermaster at post. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon," addressed P. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

NOTICE.
 TO LOGGERS, MILLMEN, SHIP-CHANDLERS AND FOUNDRY-MEN.

Private bids for the following material will be received at the office of the undersigned agent, up to noon of April 15, 1903. On the condition that payment is to be made in cash on delivery. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Bids should specify clearly what portion is being bid for.

2000 feet Hercules extra plough steel wire rope 1 1/8 in dia 6-19 st.
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CANCEROUS ULCERS
 ROOTED IN THE BLOOD.

A small pimple came on my jaw, but gave me no pain or inconvenience, and I should have forgotten about it had it not begun to inflame and fester; it would bleed a little, then scab over, but would not heal. This continued for some time then the Cancer began to eat and spread, until it was as large as a half dollar, when I heard of S. S. S. and determined to give it a fair trial, and it is remarkable what a wonderful effect it had from the beginning; the sore began to heal and after taking a few bottles disappeared entirely. This was two years ago; there are still no signs of the Cancer, and my general health is continuing good. Mrs. R. SHIRER, Wyaconda, Mo.

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REPORT OF EXPERTS

Seven Thousand One Hundred Dollars is the Shortage In Auditor's Accounts.

Records Very Incomplete—Many Wise Suggestions Made for Better Finances.

The experts, H. G. Wherity and A. Leberman, appointed to audit the accounts of the city reported to the council last evening the results of their labors. Following are extracts from the report:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE.
 We found it in a deplorable condition, as no system had been employed in the administration of its affairs. No books having been kept, reports and vouchers were almost inaccessible, being scattered over the office, some stored away and others strewn over the office. We find that no records have been indexed since the year 1886, nor records kept of sale of cemetery lots or burials since that time. As a matter of fact so far as ascertained, none of the former auditors kept a complete record of same. We will have more to say about the cemetery later on.

In order to check the auditor's office and secure vouchers, receipts, papers, etc., that were missing, it was necessary to search the office from top to bottom, going through all former auditors' papers as far back as 1870, in order to find vouchers, etc., that were necessary to make an intelligent report.

We find that during the years 1888 and 1889 the auditor raised 82 warrants amounting to \$1779.75.
 Years 1900 and 1901, 179 warrants amounting to \$4088.32.
 Year 1902, 46 warrants amounting to \$1215.62.

In the year 1902 11 warrants were issued but were not delivered to the parties in whose favor they were drawn, and for which the auditor is responsible, amounting to \$16.85.

Making a total shortage during the incumbency of Auditor Nelson of \$7100.34.

The year 1902 includes an item of \$302, which is the difference between the amount of contract and warrants in favor of C. G. Palmberg, for the improvement of Astor street, from Sixth to the west line of McClure. Amount of said contract \$4048.00
 Warrants drawn in his favor for same 4300 00
 Leaving a balance due the city on said contract of \$352.00

POLICE COURT RECORDS.
 The police court records have not been signed by the police judge in 257 cases.

The money received from fines and forfeitures from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1902, amounted to \$37,061, all of which has been turned over to the treasurer.

CHIEF OF POLICE.
 We have examined the accounts of Edward Hallock, chief of police, and find that during his term of office he collected from different sources the following amounts:
 Fines and forfeitures..... \$37,061.00
 Sundry licenses 19,346.00
 Street and sewer assessments, 16,067.91
 Delinquent taxes, 1392 2,962.50
 Miscellaneous 100.50

Making a total of \$76,078.50
 All of which has been paid into the treasury.

His books have been neatly kept and in a business like manner. We find that the chief issues and dates all his receipts for sundry licenses on the first day of the quarter, and collects the amounts during the quarter. This should not be allowed as all licenses should be paid by the 10th day of the month, as provided by ordinance.

If this method is pursued it will only be a question of time until the city will be loser by this operation, as a great

CITY TREASURER.

Thomas Dealey received from F. J. Carney the sum of \$15,469.64 He received from all sources during the year 1902..... \$2,794.37

Making a total of..... \$182,264.01

CREDIT.
 He paid warrants, bonds and interest during year 1902, amounting to..... \$75,605.97

Leaving a balance on hand January 1, 1903, of..... \$123,658.04

STATEMENT OF THE CITY.
 Showing its standing December 31, 1902.

LIABILITIES.
 Municipal bonds outstanding..... \$173,050.00
 Street bonds outstanding..... 11,550.94
 General fund warrants outstanding 39,005.27
 Street improvement warrants outstanding 3,242.55
 Street repair warrants outstanding 76.60

Total \$227,244.43

RESOURCES.
 Taxes 1892 \$10,701.74
 Cash on hand 23,678.54
 Street and sewer assessments uncollected (good) 22,778.42

Total \$57,158.50

Excess of liabilities \$163,085.94
 The city has paid out on bonds and warrants from Jan. 1st 1896 to Jan 1st, 1903 \$107,443.79
 It has received from taxes during that time 103,844.61

Leaving excess of interest over taxes received of \$ 3,599.18

We find that the surties who appear on the auditor's bonds are as follows and the amount of shortage set opposite each:

Year 1886 and 1887, W. L. Robb and Martin Ford—no shortage.
 Years 1888 and 1889, August Danielson and Charles Larsen \$ 1,779.75
 Years 1900 and 1901, G. A. Nelson and Charles Larsen 4,088.32
 Year 1902 there appears to be no bond at least none has been found..... 1,222.27

Total \$ 7,100.34

OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY.
 We cannot make an intelligent report of Ocean View cemetery as no records have been kept of sales, none of burials and exchange of lots from the old cemeteries. It is utterly impossible to place the shortage in this fund, so it will allow the correct years and place the responsibility to the proper bondsmen.

SUGGESTIONS.
 We have opened up a new set of books, consisting of a journal and ledger, starting with the balances furnished by experts on January 1st, 1896, and have written up the affairs of the city since that date to December 31, 1902. We have opened up accounts with the general, street improvement, street repair and bond investment funds, as well as with the treasurer, municipal bonds, street bonds, investment, sundry streets etc., and the council should make it their special business to see that the books are kept up for thereby the affairs of the city can be compared in a short space of time.

We strongly recommend the abolishment of all funds with the exception of the general. There is no necessity of having such a large number of funds, for by dispensing of same the treasurer can make his call from time to time and the warrants will be paid in rotation, and not be outstanding drawing 8 percent interest for five or six years as has been the case.

We suggest that hereafter all committees who audit bills, should sign the same on the face or back and not on the voucher that is attached thereto, as there is nothing to prevent an auditor to take voucher from bill which

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COUNCIL MEETING

(Continued from page three.)

payments, \$27,968.35. Cash on hand \$15,352.37.

The report of the city physician showed five cases of smallpox now in the city under quarantine.

A petition was received from the Astorian Publishing company reciting that the city printing had been let to Robert Gibson for a term of two years, at a figure far in excess of that which could have been obtained if the committee had made known its intention to let a two-year contract, and that the taxpayers were thereby being defrauded to that extent. That the contract was entered into surreptitiously and in fraud of the rights of other publishers and of the taxpayers of the city and that it should be at once repudiated. The petition was referred to the committee on ways and means and the city attorney.

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