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WHERE ART THOU, BINGER?

IT IS HIGH TIME that the Hon. Binger Hermann of Roseburg get a tracer to work to locate himself. His great and good friend of the Oregonian is beginning to throw the harpoon into his tender carcass...

It is but a few brief months since the Hon. Binger Hermann, thence newly segregated through the violent efforts of the president himself from the commission...

But now the Oregonian is beginning to rip open old sores. In its good old pharisaical way it is at work to show that the Hon. Binger was never all right...

It is for this reason that we suggest to the Hon. Binger Hermann of Roseburg to get out a tracer and locate himself before his job is pre-empted by a handsomer man.

SOME PRACTICAL THOUGHTS ON STREETS

THE CITY OFFICIALS seem disposed to find fault with the property owners for the condition of the streets, and the attitude of opposition and indifference of the taxpayers which at times is apparent.

The causes for this barren result are not far to seek nor, in the light of the past, is it a matter for surprise that the property holder is both suspicious and pessimistic...

The street railways have in many ways discouraged good pavements on those streets on which their rails are laid. The attempts of the property holders for years to maintain good pavements on Morrison, Third and First streets are still fresh in the memory of every citizen.

It must be accepted as a fact, owing to climatic and physical conditions, that good pavements are an imperative necessity. There should, therefore, be adopted at once some general plan for improvement...

and an architect by education, employed a landscape gardener to advise him respecting the laying out of his grounds. Why then should the city hesitate to get the best advice where millions are to be spent?

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF NECESSITIES ONLY.

THAT "Grand Old Man of Oregon," Mayor Williams, announces that we are to have a close corporation composed of the municipal government of this city and the gamblers and saloon keepers...

Now we are getting at the real inwardness of things. The citizens of Portland will soon be thoroughly awake to the great obligation they owe to the Gambling-Municipal-Oregonian combine.

Saloons, gambling houses, and other places of chaste entertainment for the youth and beauty of Portland are an absolute necessity; private citizens cannot supply themselves without great loss and inconvenience.

The great struggle of the sublime forces of immorality is reaching a triumphant end. The war cry is "public saloons and gambling houses a public trust."

TRYING TO GRAB THE WATER FUND.

THROUGHOUT the manner in which the issue is being raised between the city council and the water board there is danger that the public will grasp the shadow and lose the substance of the controversy.

Today it is for hydrants, tomorrow it will be for something else and, once the entering wedge is forced, the line of demarcation between the water fund and the other city funds will rapidly disappear.

If imitation is the sincerest flattery surely The Journal has every reason to be gratified over the slavish imitation of its makeup and mechanical methods which is shown in its boiler plate contemporary, the Oregonian's Evening Shadow.

Senator Hanna died last evening at 6.40 o'clock p. m., Washington time, or 3:40 o'clock p. m., Portland time. So prompt is The Journal's telegraphic service that the announcement of his death went into the regular city edition...

Vast Railroad Plans for Coming Years

During the present decade more than a billion dollars will be spent in building transcontinental railroads, writes Alexander Hume Ford in the February issue of the Nation.

He says that Russia has just completed the longest railroad in the world, and that it contemplates building at least two other lines across Asia.

In South America a continental road has been completed, and others are being constructed. Canada is pushing two lines across the continent.

In May a through train will be put on between Paris and Peking—a journey of 8,000 miles, occupying 17 days.

Engineers have pronounced the Alaska railroad feasible, though expensive. Part of the scheme is to have a great ferry boat on Behring straits to carry whole trains, passenger and freight...

The writer says: "The one other trans-Asian railway project is largely in the hands of Germany."

ISIDOR RAYNER. A Jewish Estimate of the Late Elected Maryland Senator. Jacob Vooranger in Emanuel.

The elevation of the Hon. Isidor Rayner to the United States senate confers a merited distinction upon one of Maryland's most eminent citizens, and is a source of gratification to the people from whose loins he came forth...

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am a young man, 24 years of age, of well-to-do eastern family, and so will take the liberty to ask you for a little advice.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am a young lady of 18. The latter part of September met a gentleman of about 22. I liked him from the first and having seen a great deal of him find that I have grown to love him with all my heart.

THE NEPHEWS' PLAINTEXT PLEA. There is sadness in the tower, there is weeping in the loft. Grief is scattered everywhere around the shop.

JAPAN'S MERCHANT FLEET. The growth of Japan's navy is no more wonderful than that of its merchant fleet. Up to 1870 there was none, if we except a few coastwise trading junks.

PUNISHMENT TO FIT THE CRIME. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Lake Michigan is still frozen from shore to shore, and the Chicago ice companies are wringing their hands because the ice is too thick to cut.

First Visit of Commodore Perry to Japan Recalled by the Death of Rear Admiral Beardslee

Eliza R. Scidmore in Chicago Tribune. The Japanese newspapers have published laudatory notices of Admiral Beardslee, who died recently in Georgia...

Admiral Beardslee hunted up, with the aid of a yachting American friend, the exact spot where the boats landed Commodore Perry, and where the president's letter was first handed to the Japanese officials on the beach of the little village of Kurihama...

The committee of enthusiastic young men headed by Baron Kaneko, that Harvard graduate and devotee of the tropics, stands for good government, purity, and reform in municipal matters...

Equally joyful was the old admiral's memory of his first and last incursion with Commodore Perry. At that time he was regularly served in the American navy, and on great occasions a special ration was given to seamen.

Dainty Stuffs and Quaint Modes Affected in Fashionable Circles. Ellen Osborn in the Chicago Record-Herald. Because white satin has lost its orange flower and "Lohengrin March" associations it makes the better bridal costume...

Little flower girls are clad in dresses of uncompromising quaintness. Vandyke gowns are worn, of satin touching the floor, or Louis XV frocks of white satin hidden under demure white muslin chemises.

Among trousseau dresses that the week has yielded must be named a smart, severe going-away dress, its skirt in dark, porcelaine blue cloth, finished with a fine, well-cut figure and a good carriage can stand magnificence...

An afternoon dress of green taffeta had its skirt bunched with tiny ruffles, waved and bordered with black velvet. Above the flounces came a heading of large lace medallions.

A dress of pale porcelain blue taffeta had its skirt widened by two flounces, the first starting from a series of shirings with a ruffled head. The bodice, slightly bloused, fastened, in old style down the front with big buttons.

Japan's Financial Position. From the Boston Herald. According to a recent authority, Japan's financial situation is at present most favorable, and in event of emergency she would have ample available funds.