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AND THE CITY GETS THE WORST OF IT.

IT LOOKS TO THE Journal as though the council committee with all the cards in its hands failed to realize the very best results for the public because it didn't know how to play them.

But in the outcome what appears on its face to be the poorer of the two offers was accepted and a loose-jointed "secondary" franchise was recommended to the Willamette company.

It is perhaps not even yet too late to do something, though we fear it is, to recoup to the city the advantages which the council committee so recklessly frittered away.

WENT THROUGH THE SENATE.

THE APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 for continuing the work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river has passed the senate without opposition.

Still the business should be closely watched. We ought to be sure of it. Senators Fulton and Gearin have done well; we have no representative in the house; yet Oregon has some friends there, we think, and Czar Cannon may allow the bill to go through.

It ought to pass. It is an important matter. The country is spending hundreds of millions in pensions and in other ways, and it certainly can afford this comparative trifle for this great and important work.

SATAN REBUKING SIN.

THE SPECTACLE of the Oregonian criticizing the accuracy of the reports made by The Journal of the gas investigation parallels the spectacle of satan rebuking sin.

In the report of political meetings the public does not always expect to get perfectly unbiased reports. It hopes for them and occasionally gets them.

As a recent example, no one has forgotten the trials of the late Senator Mitchell and Congressman Williamson. The Oregonian promised that in order to be perfectly impartial it would print shorthand reports of the proceedings.

THE PLAY

There were a number of things that made "Little Johnny Jones" presented at the Museum Grand theatre, last evening, a delight to an immense audience.

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INSURANCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

By Great good fortune, a copy of the minority report which wasn't made by the majority committee is secured by the Oregonian.

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SUCCESS IS ACHIEVED BY WORK.

I watched a handsome young girl who sat at a neighboring table at a hotel for some days, and wondered why, with her beauty and youth, good health and becoming toilets, she missed being charming.

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THE SORROWS OF A DIPLOMAT.

General Horace Porter, having unobtrusively and largely at his own expense represented 80,000,000 of his countrymen in France as their American ambassador, said as a patriotic, non-partisan citizen, among other things, that we must get back to his own house again.

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