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ETERNAL PROTECTION:—The Lord shall preserve they going out any thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 121:8.

A REMARKABLE CHAPTER

There are many people in Oregon who well remember the speaking campaign of Congressman Horr of New York, in the early nineties, in which he upheld the principle of the protection of American industries by tariff duties.

And in Salem Mr. Horr spoke to a large audience at the old Reed's opera house, in the building that is now occupied principally by the Miller store, at Liberty and Court streets. Mr. Horr was for a long time editor of the New York Weekly Tribune, and he was one of the ablest of all the old time writers and speakers on protection to American industries.

Some of the men and women who heard Mr. Horr in Salem, and throughout Oregon, will remember that he spoke of the case of plate glass; or, as it was known altogether then, "French plate glass." It was supposed that the French had the secret of its manufacture, also the materials.

But Mr. Horr and his fellow members of Congress "took a shot at it," any way—

And they were themselves surprised at the quick results, for they found that the sand used in plate glass making in France was shipped from the Atlantic coast of the United States, for the most part.

Any way, the Americans, after the industry had been given tariff protection, were soon making plate glass, and making it better than the "French" plate glass and selling it to the consumer at a lower price than plate glass had ever commanded.

Since that time, American plate glass has captured great sections of the world's markets. Listen to what the publicity department of the plate glass industry of the United States, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, has to say, in a letter of four days ago:

"For the first time in the history of the plate glass industry in the United States a total of over 10,000,000 square feet of polished plate glass has been made in one month.

"This new high record of production was made during the month of August when 10,328,029 square feet of plate glass were produced. Such a record points to the fulfillment of the prophecy of P. A. Hughes, secretary of the Plate Glass Manufacturers of America, that plate glass manufacturing which broke all records in 1924 would achieve an even higher score in 1925.

"In 1924 the production figures for the first half of the year were 47,183,122 square feet. The output for the corresponding period of time in 1925 was 56,561,960 square feet. At the present rate of production there is every indication that the total production for the current year will be between 105,000,000 and 110,000,000 square feet, or between 14,000,000 and 19,000,000 square feet than was produced last year, and double the amount produced in 1921.

"The increased use of plate glass in office buildings, hotels, schools, and other large building operations is one of the principal reasons for the rapid development of the plate glass industry in recent years.

"The realization of the average home builder that plate glass is no longer a luxury has likewise played an important part in the rapid growth of yearly production. The use of plate glass in the windows, in the sun parlors, in the sleeping porches of these moderate price homes, as well as a growing recognition of the decorative qualities of plate glass within the home has materially increased the demand in this field."

MAKE THE STREAMS PURE

The rivers of Oregon belong to the people as a whole for public use and benefit. They are a valuable asset to the state since they can train fish for food, furnish transportation facilities, boating and other recreation privileges.

How to preserve these rivers and streams so they may be of full value to the people is one of our big current problems. Waste from many industrial plants and sewage from cities are dumped into streams to such an extent that some of them are little better than sewers threatening the lives of human beings as well as fish.

The state game commission reports, for example, the Clackamas river polluted by sewage from Estacada while a few miles further on the city of Gladstone uses the water of this beautiful stream for drinking purposes. And this condition is duplicated many times. Corvallis, Albany, Eugene and other towns dump their sewage into the Willamette river from which the people of Salem drink. And Salem does the same stunt. Oregon City escapes the necessity of drinking from Salem sewage-contaminated water by having provided for herself pure mountain water—the very thing Salem should but does not do. Even bathing is dangerous in streams laden with sewage, filth and disease.

The pollution of our streams if allowed to go on as at present is bound to result in epidemics and the destruction of fish both for food and game. Fish are subject to disease as are human beings and must have pure water for the same reasons that persons must have it.

The remedy is clear. Cities can and must eventually dispose of their sewage in a hygienic way, either by use of septic tanks, by burning, by chemicals, or by some other destructive process instead of dumping it into the streams. Manufacturing plants can and must also care for their waste

products in some other way than by allowing them to escape into the streams. In fact, sawmills are not now permitted to dump sawdust into the river. Neither should other industrial plants be longer permitted to wash acids, dyes and other wastes into the streams.

Bend, Ashland, Pendleton, Redmond and other cities dispose of their sewage in a hygienic way. Why shouldn't all cities be compelled to do likewise in the interests of health and economic progress? Portland, after polluting the Willamette for years, is making progress toward solution of this problem. Its the only sensible, sane and decent thing to do.

The efforts of the Oregon state game commission to stop this dangerous, dissolute practice of stream pollution should receive a loud Amen! from every citizen of Oregon.

THE DOOR BELL RINGERS AGAIN

The third page advertisement in The Statesman of the series calling attention to the nuisance of the door bell ringers offering goods from distant cities, is printed this morning.

The home merchant's dream, aim and studied plan is to offer such certain and such evident bargains as will insure that he make a quick turn over, get his money back and be in a position to offer another bargain. His readiness to correct mistakes, his extension of credit, his taxpaying, his support of local institutions, his public-spiritedness are only part of the benefit he confers on the community. By his actual presence among us he provides employment and prospers others.

If the housewife will think of a Salem in which it was announced that there would be no more retail merchants she will get the picture. If she did not have to pack up her household goods and move elsewhere she would probably want to.

Yet the five cents, or fifty dollars, a year she loses by patronizing bell-ringers, offering so-called bargains and cajoling her into unnecessary purchases, are a hurt to herself and to Salem, a detriment and a handicap all around.

There is one remedy, one answer: Do not let them in the house unless they can show a Salem connection and a reputable one at that.

But the best answer is: "No, thank you!"

Lloyd George is now leading the fight for prohibition in England. This indicates that the subject must be growing in popularity over there.

PATIENCE AND CONFIDENCE IN GOD

Psalm 37:1. Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6. And he shall bring forth they righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9. For evil doers shall be cut off: but those who wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy—Exodus 20:8
 Go to Church Sunday
 (From Press-Radio Bible Service)

Bits For Breakfast

Good bye and good luck—
 And come again next year and see a still bigger and better fair.

Did you ever see a more orderly, better dressed or better looking crowd on the average than the one you saw any day of the state fair?

Did any of you compare the order with that of the days when there was a huge saloon under the grand stand and pool selling at the race track? In those days, drunken men were a common sight, and fights not at all unusual.

The counties do not compete any more in their exhibits. No prizes are offered. Bill Taylor of the Marion county exhibit, with which he has been connected for 20 years, tried to get this plan adopted for a long time. He saw that everybody was friendly with the Marion county bunch, because this county, though getting up the best possible exhibits, did not want any prizes—would not compete at home with the visiting counties from abroad. It was a matter of hospitality and principle. But there were always hard feelings with the outside counties, when prizes were given. Now the board helps in paying transportation expenses, but offers no prizes—and everybody is satisfied.

And every county has the best exhibit, and there is general good feeling. The fact is, every county does have the best exhibit in some particular thing.

The poultrymen of Oregon are getting better organized all the time, and more full of pep. As Salem is ambitious to become the Petaluma of Oregon, this is very interesting to our forward looking people. We can out Petaluma if we will fall back for and with our poultry breeders.

It was the biggest fair ever in total paid admissions—2500 ahead of 1923. The 1923 record was \$1,700. This year it was \$5,200. Congratulations are in order all around, to the board, the secretary, and to the loyal thousands who made up the crowds.

OREGON POULTRY MEN ORGANIZED

State Association Formed During Fair; Next Meeting Is in Portland

Friday afternoon temporary organization of an Oregon branch of the American Poultry Association was effected at the Oregon State Fair in Supt. Edward Shearer's office in the poultry pavilion, and it was suggested that the new organization be known as the Oregon State Poultry Breeders' Association (A. P. A. Branch).

Temporary officers elected were as follows: Chas. S. Brewster, Portland, president; W. H. Weisenborn, Portland, ice president; W. C. Conner, Salem, secretary-treasurer.

Directors, Edward Shearer, Estacada; H. E. Cosby, Corvallis; R. Roy Putman, Clackamas; A. J. Krueger, Troutdale; Mrs. J. H. Emert, Portland.

The officers and directors will meet in the Public Library, Portland, on October 12 at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of perfecting organization.

A meeting of the officers and membership will be held on

Thursday, November 5, at the international livestock exposition, poultry department, Portland, to discuss plans for holding the national convention of the American Poultry Association at Portland in August, 1926, and such other important business matters as may come before the new poultrymen's organization, which promises to become one of the strongest associations of its kind in the state in a short time.

WEATHER AIDS BUILDING

CONSTRUCTION TAKES ADVANTAGE DURING WEEK

Good weather during the latter part of the week was a great help in speeding up the work of the buildings under construction in Salem that are being built with concrete.

The new theater building, which has been given the romantic name of Elsinore, is rising rapidly as far as the cement work in the walls goes. The workers were continuing to pour in cement Saturday.

The YMCA building, under construction on Court street between Church and Cottage streets was rising rapidly, and the cement has been laid in up to the third floor. Workers expressed the hope that the walls would be finished and the roof on in time for the rainy season so that work would not have to be suspended during the winter months.

SEPTEMBER GOOD BUILDING MONTH

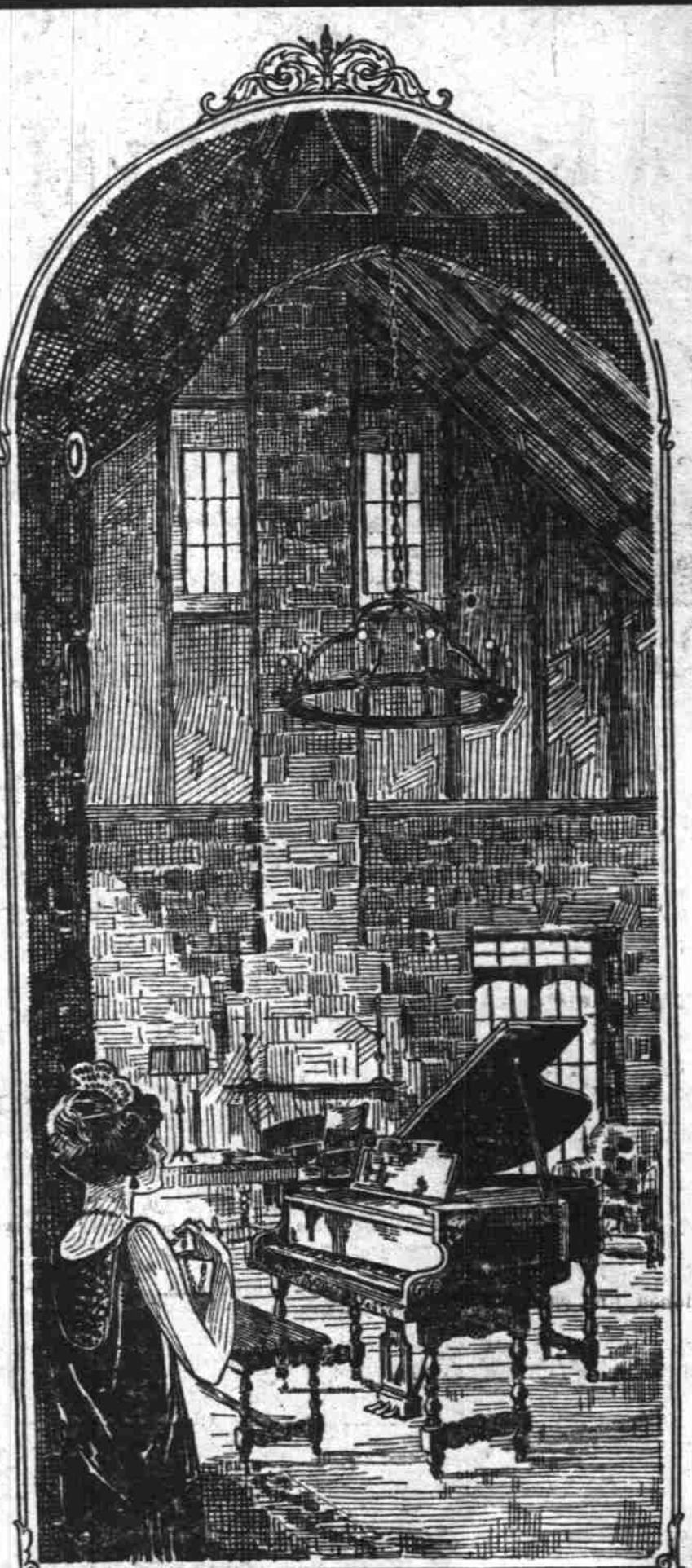
Total of \$113,050 in Permits Are Issued by City Recorder Poulsen

During the month of September of this year building permits were issued at the office of the city recorder for building aggregating a total of \$113,050, almost \$6000 more than issued for September, 1924, when \$107,230 worth of permits were taken out.

The biggest gain of this year's September record over last year's was made in repair work. The permits to erect new buildings were pretty much the same, being \$104,780 in 1924 and \$104,950 in 1925. The renovation of the Grand theater into the Hellig theater was the biggest repair item, representing \$6000 of the \$8100 spent on repairs during the past month.

The coming on of winter naturally affected the total of building permits as compared with those taken out in August, when \$131,600 worth of permits were issued.

Why talk about corporal punishment when grownups are too blamed lazy to vote?



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