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PUBLIC UTILITIES.

At the big gathering of members of the H. M. Byllesby Co. in Chicago this week Vice President Arthur S. Huey said, in language that has a good sound.

"To many the possession of a public utility franchise is only an opportunity for personal gain—the conscientious man such possession means an opportunity of administering to the public welfare. A city in granting a franchise not only places in the hands of the grantee an asset of value but makes the grantee a trustee of the public good. The term itself, public utilities, implies being useful and therefore of benefit to the public. To attain this end that service must be competent. Along with this grant go certain legal restrictions and rights.

"Speaking for H. M. Byllesby Company, I say to you that our organization prefers to consider the spirit rather than the letter of the law, believing that if we administer our affairs as a public trust, we will seldom or never require defense of any legal rights.

"We, as managers and operators of electric, gas, street railway and telephone properties, prefer to retain our franchises by retaining the confidence of the people; to hold the privileges conferred by the public, not by right of law, but by right of merit.

"So thoroughly does our organization believe in this principle, and so anxious are we for its genuine application in all the municipalities in which we operate utilities, that I am now making a special effort to deeply impress upon you its far reaching significance.

"In few other lines of endeavor do petty practices cost so dearly as they do in the operation of public utilities. It is suicidal to adopt a policy bounded by the straightlaced terms of contract and franchise, cap-sheafed by the motto, 'we don't have to.'

"The 'we don't have to' spirit, gentlemen, has caused unmeasured woe to public utility corporations. It was one of the mortal sins of the old-fashioned operator, and we of the present day are still doing penance for its commission.

"Transact your business above board. Frame your policy and your projects honestly and stand pat. So you will increase respect for your occupation in the minds of your fellow men."

REV. ELLIOTT TELLS OF AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

17 Fifth St. S. E., Washington, D. C. Dear Democrat—Possibly you on the Pacific side may be interested in the hearing today. There is a three-cornered contest for the celebration of the Panama Canal opening in 1915, Washington, San Francisco and New Orleans. Each claimant presented its arguments to the house committee today. Washington wants the fleets of the world to gather in Hampton Roads and representatives of the government to come to Washington to a grand celebration, not an exposition, and then the President and other representatives of the nation and the populace to go to Norfolk and review the world's fleets. The expense of this would be small. Several great buildings are to be erected here by that time which could be used for this purpose before the departments for which they are erected take possession. Baltimore is also urging this plan.

San Francisco has raised \$17,000,000 for the purpose. They claim great credit for rebuilding the city so rapidly after the earthquake fire and make a good showing. It would be a good showing if New Orleans were not to make all others look like thirty cents.

Their committee has come here in force and taken up quarters in the New Ebbot Hotel, elegant quarters, could be no better. They have installed an exhibition of their claims in the parlors and hold a continual reception. They have great palms, labeled "grown in the streets of New Orleans," standing around the room. Then cotton and other products, corn, vegetables, even winter watermelons. They have a map of the region in relief showing New Orleans only one and a half days from Panama, while San Francisco takes three weeks time. New Orleans has in a radius of one day and a half travel 65,000,000 people, while San Francisco has only 6,000,000. They have raised ten millions and claim it has more purchasing power in New Orleans than the seventeen millions of San Francisco has in that city. They claim that New Orleans is the "logical point" and that San Francisco is urged by the transcontinental railroads from business motives. They urge that the railroads have tried in vain to prevent the building of the canal, that they are not now friendly but think to get a profit from an exposition on the Pacific Coast.

The best and most manueverable return by San Francisco is all these claims was that the two expositions held on the Pacific Coast were great successes, both financially and in attendance, while the two held in the south were failures.

It will probably be some time before the committee reports, but I shall be much surprised if they withstand the pressure brought by the representatives of the Gulf city.

Yes, I was at the President's reception New Year's day. I was in the G. A. R. section and had no delay. I shook hands with the President and about a dozen smiling ladies in the line. Chattered a little with some old friends in the rooms and was home again in two hours. The common folk waited for hours in a line that extended from the White House entrance out through the grounds and up the street to the Army and Navy building.

J. C. ELLIOTT.  
January 13, 1911.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

The Oregon legislature, in session this week, has been an important concern in the doings of Oregon, perhaps not so very important either. So far the session has been mostly politics of the lower order, members getting even with men for defeats and imaginary wrongs. Sometimes it looks as if voters hunt for the smallest men they can find to send to the legislature, men with merely axes to grind, and with little concern for the interests of the people. Of course mixed up with them are men of sterling character and worth; but it doesn't take long to discover the fact, and they stand out like beacons. Too honorable to scratch the backs of the bosses they may not accomplish much in a session, but they end it with clean records. The members who spend their time making an immense noise may attract attention; but the reputation they build up doesn't last very long.

There are numerous important things to come up. Five road bills, for instance. Roads are a big factor in a state's progress, and some good road laws are needed; but they should be good ones, not just experiments and visionary affairs, nor providing for highways just for automobiles, but ways for travel for all kinds of vehicles and for the getting of products to the market at the least cost. Of decided importance are the bills for big appropriations for the colleges, about \$1,000,000 in all. This matter of spending money for higher education is a serious problem. There is no question about the public and high schools, but there is about the schools for the finishing touches. Our game laws always come in for a share of consideration. True sportsmanship demands protection for the game of the country. There will be numerous bills stabbing the initiative and referendum laws, efforts at strangling them or making them ineffective. This needs watching. The press of the state has two or three bills up. The newspaper is a great factor in the development of a state; but the newspaper is a business proposition and is not entitled to anything of a graft character any more than any other business concern. Perhaps there is nothing more important than proposed tax laws, a great question being presented, one that has always kept men guessing, and will continue to. Justice to the most people and to every section, with no favors, should be the desired result. The banking laws, it is said, need some changes. The laws regulating the bank should be of a very strict and emphatic character, making it impossible for a bank to go astray. Many other problems will come up. The legislator needs to be a man of stamina and character to meet them as they should be met.

This week has seen about the heaviest rain storm in the history of Oregon. It was almost the traditional pitchforks a couple of days, over 6 inches in 48 hours, which is raining some for this valley of moderation, a sixth of the rainfall of an entire year in two days. It looked serious; but what makes high water in the valley is melting snow in the mountains, and the snow didn't melt, so the valley escaped a flood. These little storms make us appreciate the regular dose of good weather, which can hardly be beaten in the world.

(FRIDAY.)

The Climax.

The next attraction at Albany will be the dramatic event of the season, "The Climax," one of the greatest plays ever written will be offered to the theatre-goers of this city on Jan. 26. The United Play Co., producers of several Broadway successes, have sent this attraction on the road, and, according to the endorsements that it has received from the press, it is a meritorious one. One metropolitan paper says that "if there were more plays like the Climax the theatre would be better off."

The following are extracts from some of the leading papers:  
"Tender, uplifting and compelling."  
—New York World.  
"An excellent plot, a beautiful lesson."  
—Chicago American.  
"The play moves along with great force, holding the audience every minute."  
—Boston Globe.

An Odd Bunco Scheme.

A peculiar bunco game was attempted in this city recently. A stranger asked a clerk on First street for a \$5 bill and handed out some silver, which was counted, but lacked some of being \$5.  
"Well, said the fellow, I have put the bill in this special delivery envelope to send away, and will go the hotel and get \$5 of my wife."

He went, but didn't return. The clerk became suspicious, opened the envelope and found nothing. He rushed to the depot and found the man just ready to leave. The \$5 was paid back and an effort made to arrest the man, but he escaped.

The Trappist Fathers.

Sto News:—It is reported that the Trappist Fathers have concluded to close out their holdings, up in the Bilyea Den country, in the future. The people of Sto and vicinity will be sorry to know of this fact, for Fathers Henry, Joseph and Taylor, have established a character for progressiveness and integrity. They have been the largest contributors in building the Fair.

Attention Orchardists!

We carry a stock of spraying materials. The right stuff at right prices. The season for spraying is here. Call and see us and get prices.  
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AT SALEM

Doings of the State Legislature

The principal event of the day yesterday was Bowerman's attack on Dr. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the asylum, whom he charged with extravagance, using the money of the people for Davenport, wine, automobile, Wilton rugs, etc. This was the reason why he appointed Plamondon, he said, for the Eastern Oregon asylum.

Senator Von der Hellen has a bill preventing rate discrimination.  
A resolution for a committee to visit all the state institutions, just a big junketing trip, with nothing in it, was proposed in a warm way by Senator M. A. Miller, Good.

A red hot dog bill by Jones has attracted attention.  
One bill passed the senate, one providing for the proving of documents.  
Numerous game bills have been introduced. One makes 25 ducks the limit for a week and three deer in a season.

One bill wants a new judicial district, number fourteen covering Josephine county.  
Carson has a bill requiring mining companies to submit reports to the secretary of state every June. Some of them would have mighty little to submit.

A bill by Senator Barrett requires 12 per cent of names on an initiative petition.  
A representative introduced a bill calling for a \$4,000 salary for every circuit judge in the state.  
Representative Hollis has a bill calling for a fish and game commission.

SATURDAY.

PERSONAL

James Bond, of Halsey, was an Albany visitor today.  
Frank Robinson, of Everett, Wash., has been in the city.

Davis Leininger went a harping to Eugene this afternoon.  
Judge Kelley returned this noon from Salem and Mrs. Kelley from a Portland trip.

Rev. J. T. Abbott, district superintendent, was in the city today on his way to the west side.  
Misses Zona Haught and Margaret Monteith went to Corvallis this afternoon to attend a military dance tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harnish, after being in San Francisco several months have moved to Sandiego to reside.  
Rev. W. P. White, this morning returned from Seattle, where he has been assisting in special meetings for two weeks.

Orville Monteith, a former popular news boy of this office, returned this noon from Hillsboro where he has been for several months.  
Fred Kreutz, wife and daughter have arrived from Oklahoma and expect to make their home here. They are former neighbors of L. J. Grey, the real estate man, and come here through his recommendation.

Albany's Object Lesson.

Ashland Tidings:  
Capt. L. H. Knapp, of the Adjutant General's office, Portland, formerly quartermaster of the Third Regiment, O. N. G., addressed the citizens of Ashland last Monday night on the proposition for a new Armory in this city.

The attendance was slim, but few in addition to the national guard membership being present.  
Albany has been extensively quoted as affording an object-lesson in the Armory enterprise, where the state assumed half, while the county of Linn and the city of Albany each assumed a quarter of the expense. Pictures of this new Armory are extensively circulated at this meeting, and the merits of the same dwelt upon by Capt. Knapp, who reviewed the efforts put forth by the Linn county metropolis to secure the prize.

Basket Ball Tonight.

The game of basket ball tonight between the Alico Club and the crack Y. M. C. A. team of Portland, one of the best in the state, will be full of interest, and Albany people should give it their support.

Dooly and Stalaker, forwards, for Albany, were members of the high school team for several years. Gene Dooly, center, was one of the best in the Columbia of Portland, Penland is a former U. O. player, and Torbet has made good on the college and other Albany teams. They will put up a good game against the Portlanders. Go and see it. Admission 25 cents.

Preceding the big game beginning at 7:30 two kid teams will have a warm contest, worth seeing.

The Bees Are Buzzing

The startling report comes from Salem that J. Bowerman will be a candidate for U. S. senator, also Melarky, and that Dimick, Rusk, McKinney, Brooke, Mahoney and W. Blair Thompson would like to go to congress. They had better make a record for the people in the legislature first before allowing the bees to buzz too much.

Beard in the Pen.

Harry Beard has been taken back to the penitentiary. He has 7 1/2 years to serve on his old sentence, being out only on parol. There is enough more against him, if pressed, to make him spend the most of the rest of his life in the pen. He has dug his own grave.

The Guarantee Optical Company have a large and new stock of all styles of spectacles and eye glasses, also a variety of Hair pins and Ear-bop chains and chain holders. We guarantee accurate fitting of glasses and frames. Stock at Dawson's Drug Store.

THIS MORNING

News from Albany's Six Early Trains.

Prof. Briggs and Postmaster Van Winkle returned from Lebanon, where they officiated as judges in the debate between Lebanon high and Junction, in the high school debating tournament. Lebanon had the affirmative of the education test question for immigration, and won easily, the best and most popular side or it.

Miss Elizabeth Irvine, of the college, returned from Junction, where she acted as a judge in the debate between Junction and Eugene, on the same question, Junction having the affirmative and winning.

J. L. Irvine left for Portland to attend the big automobile show. This is being made an event at Portland, to last a week, and numerous auto attractions are booked.

Mrs. F. Holloway and child returned to their home in the country, after a visit with her father Hon. C. L. Shaw. Mr. Shaw came up from Salem last night, reporting a week of squabbles, without much doing.

Mrs. Mabel Stearns went to Portland, called there by the dangerous illness of her sister, Mrs. Mida Jackson. It was reported that dropsy had set in, making the case very complicated.

J. H. Thurston, the saw mill man, came down from Brownsville. Elder Williams arrived from Tallman. Clyde Ward arrived from Corvallis. He was married for several days over beyond Blodgett, where he had been looking after telephone lines.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Langdon and daughter, and Mrs. E. D. Cusick went to Portland for a couple days visit.  
John Dumond went out to Lebanon. He reported his son-in-law J. C. Mayer ill.

Misses Carrett and Dunston, of the high school went to Portland for a couple days visit.

AT THE COURT HOUSE

Deeds recorded:—  
C. S. Bond to Mary E. Robinett 64 acres.....\$ 1500  
John R. Fitzhugh to Manual O. Edwards 295.39 acres..... 900  
Eber H. Rhodes to Wm. H. Rhodes 229 acres 10-3 W..... 10

Probate:—In estate Henry A. Clegg March 6 was set for final settlement.  
Log brand of Fred Wodtli filed.

At the Empire.

A thrilling picture at the Empire is the attack on Ft. Ridgely, showing the fort and telling an interesting story. A portrayal of the Bible incident of the Samaritan woman at the well, where she met Christ and was converted, is presented in colors, a graphic film. There is a neat comedy in which a couple of fathers get gloriously fooled.

The Weather.

The Willamette has been falling and today was 18 feet.  
There was a little rainfall, .08 of an inch.  
The range of temperature was 45-30. Today a few flakes of snow fell, going off at once.  
The prediction is: fair tonight and Sunday.

ALBANY

HOT NOON LUNCHES  
At the Mission Parlors.  
Holt again at the Holt corner.  
A neat place, Holt's Meat Market.  
Choice lunches at the Vienna Bakery.  
The best POSTS in Albany at the SAW MILL.  
Cedar fence posts 10c at Curtis Lumber Co's.  
Have your feet attended to by Mrs. Driver 230 Lyon, both phones.

Did you hear what fine bread that Columbia hard wheat flour makes. Ask any of the leading grocers for it.

Good flour, the Columbia.  
Wm. German, of Junction, today lost a gold watch in this city.  
Y. M. C. A. Spartans vs. A. C. Carthagenians at the Alico Club Gym, tonight at 8:30.

The high school basket ball team was defeated by the strong Newberg team last night at Newberg 28 to 8. Tonight, Albany will play McMinnville, which also has a good one.

The Abstract reports the sale of 80 by 100 feet at 13th and Alberta streets, Portland, to F. B. A. Calaway, of Albany, Or., for \$2500, and that Mr. Calaway expects to erect on it a frame business house.

Will Make You Smile.

And keep on smiling when you see the refined sero-comedy, The Toy Maker, The Doll and the Devil.  
This picture by The Edison Co. introduces the popular fat comedian from the original Biograph Stock Co. who has delighted thousands. It is far above the usual so-called comedy and is interesting, full of clean wholesome humor with lots of snap and go, putting a staying smile. Take the tip, see it. Its well worth while.  
MGR DREAMLAND.

MISFITS.

Good evening, how is your basement?

We miss the trains when they don't come.  
That was quite a storm for Oregon for a fact.

Legislators drinking boiled water in Salem. Not much.  
Wet weather makes us appreciate the dry weather, and vice versa.

The same old demagogues down at Salem usual in a legislature.  
The commission form of government is being considered everywhere.

The high water didn't come. We were all fooled and are glad of it.  
Shake, Mr. Stevens, Albany will be glad to see you with your electric line.

The Oregon Electric will be a welcome visitor to Albany this year. Come along, Mr. Hill.  
Bowerman is digging his grave daily at Salem; but a colossal conceit keeps him from knowing it.

Some of these fellows who are hitting Bourne the hardest need to look in the glass and see the spectacle there.  
An electric line doubles the value of farm property along the way, it has been said. Don't try to hold it up.

A number of Oregon's legislators go about with knives striking at the Oregon plan, simply government by the people.  
If Eugene gets the Oregon Electric by the end of the year, Albany ought to be able to take a ride on it by August.

There are different ways of advertising a show. One is to ride horse back from Wyoming to New York by way of Oregon.  
The Democrat receives from Boston two women's rights journals, one demanding the right to vote, the other to run the home.

A bill is introduced in the legislature making school children keep clean. Why not have one also providing for clean characters.  
Albany's post office business, school census and general business conditions justify the directory people's count of 6,129 for the city.

A couple, both of whom had been married before, sent out this invitation: "Be sure to come for this is no amateur performance."  
The Oregonian has the Oregon system ebbing right along, but as a matter of fact it is growing and spreading out over the country. It is also stronger at home.

A good many people seem to think the Oregon Electric passenger depot will be at the corner of Broad and Fifth street; but there has been no formal announcement.  
Albany lived through the day without the Oregonian; but it was missed decidedly. A big morning paper with the news of the world, delivered early in the morning is a fine thing.

This is a good one handed the Democrat for this column. "Your savings get into the bank whether you put them there or not. If you spend all your income somebody else will deposit your money. It is better to do your own banking."  
The G.-T.: \$40,000 has been appropriated toward Albany's proposed Federal building. Doubtless this sum will be doubled or trebled before the building is finally completed. The government usually builds for permanency and anticipates growth.

The U. O. asked for \$409,418 extra appropriation, and not to be out done by it the O. A. C. comes forward with a request for \$410,000, in addition to the regular appropriation, the whole of the two being more than the total cost of running Oregon previous to four or five years ago.  
The Corvallis Gazette-Times commended Julian McFadden for his splendid new hotel, and a correspondent comes back by declaring that he will now be fined from \$500 to \$1,000 a year for the enterprise. That is the single taxpayer's way of looking at it. But the man who builds a fine hotel does so as a business enterprise, with a good income in view from it, some of the best paying properties being hotel buildings, and it is a part of his business to pay his part of the taxes on the assessed valuation of his property.

The Market.

Wheat \$80, Oats 35c.  
Beef 6c; veal dressed 9c.  
Pork dressed 12c; on foot 9 1/2c.  
Lard 15c.  
Eggs 32c.  
Hickens on foot 10c.  
Hams 22c to 27c, sides 20 to 25c.  
Shoulders 15 to 18c.  
Butter 30c to 35c.  
Flour \$1.50 to \$1.75 a sack.  
Potatoes 6 1/2c per bu.  
Hay, from \$10 some a few to \$12 the best timothy

C H NEWS

Deeds recorded:  
S. L. Hicks to Maynard K. Loomis 4 lots Lebanon.....\$2000  
E. E. Trask to John R. Trask 70 acres..... 3500

Probate. Final account approved in estate of John Bradley.  
Personal property ordered sold in estate Conradina Arnold, and final hearing set for Feb. 20.  
Final hearing in estate of Samuel R. Scott Feb. 20, on estate of R. J. Harrison March 6.

Deeds Recorded:—  
Ellen R. Miller to J. G. Gassner 2 acres.....\$ 10  
Wm. J. Johnston to Carrie E. Raines 2 1/2 acres..... 200  
W. E. Simons to Frederick L. Simons 40 acres..... 1  
Fred Wodtli to Lydia Wodtli lot Poster..... 10

143 hunters licenses.  
What's the matter? Only 6 license to marry this month.

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