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THE INCAPACITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF TRADE TO HANDLE THE WORLD'S FAIR MATTER.

The following is taken from the as reported in the Oregonian of Nov. 12:

The State Board of Trade gentleand bigoted to assume to act lutelligently for the masses in such a matter as preparing the people and securing from the state an approriation of \$250,000 for an Oregon exhibit at the World's Fair. The will be almost as necessary to secure this appropriation from the governor as from the legislature, and while the governor has not been as enterprising in the World's Fair business as some would wish, he is still entitled to be treated with respect.

The Oregon exhibit at the World's Fair should be an exhibit by and for and of the whole people, and not from any one political party, or section, or class. The offer of superior intelligence to direct this matter, even at the hands of such enterprising persons as President Osborne of the State Board of Trade Osborne of the State Board of Trade or of Mr. Allen with his fine artistic tastes, cannot be accepted when

Worid's Fair exhibit took far it was tampered with, it must be be-broader grounds. Hon. Harvey Scott, who has expressed as little was unsound and unsafe, the measure of blame due the company for failing to discover and repair its unsuitil respects him as the chief execstill respects him as the chief executor of nearly four hundred thousand people, and is not afraid to trust his excellency in appointing commissioners. From the report of the Press proceedings in the same paper the following:

Mr. Scott said he would probably not agree with Governor Pennoyer, but he had been elected governor by a large majority and hence the people of Oregon evidently want him and he should serve the people by making those appointments, and he will certainly take a pride in them. Governor Pennoyer better understands now the importance of the World's Fair. He believed efficient men would thus be appointed. He would naturally take counsel from all parts of the state to secure the best results. He said he had no particular objection to the county courts making appointments.

This is a far more considerate tone, Mr. Scott said he would probably

This is a far more considerate tone and shows that a journanist at least has broad views, and knows the courtesy due to a man in an official condition as representative of the

Dr. Minthorn of the Oregon Land Co., could not attend as delegate to the State board of trade, but had he een there would have advocated holding a mass meeting in each county to select delegates, on a basis of population, to a State World's Fair convention, thus bringing the whole movement back to the people themselves. Such a World's Fair organization would be more apt to succeed and avoid hostilities, than one managed by a few Portland gentleman who have not even the Those registering with University class are given the same rate. Terms for special classes made known on application to Miss Ames at the University.

While the railroad company

operatives, as could be proven by a slaughter. thorough investigation. It was known to the community around lend itself to extenuate official railthat it was a death-trap. The farmers knew it for miles about and

brauded a pitfall. The public interests demands fairness to corporations in such cases. It also demands that their managers be not shielded and encouraged in such criminal negligence. future.

oridge was rotton and unsafe, the bridge. Oregonian's conversion, and Mr. Gronhahl to the contrary. The be misinformed by the blassed resudden change of the Portland lations of Manager Koehler and by paper is remarkable. The day af- such notorious incompetents as ter the wreck, Nov. 14, it said edi- Grondahl, who has, in declaring torially:

thorough inspection of the trestle as was necessary to prove its strength beyond a doubt for its burden, then the management have been guilty of horribly criminal negligence. If the necessary inspection was made, and any warning of instability found and reported, but not heeded, then the management are morally responsible for the death of those who perished through official procrastination, recklessness or neglect.

Evidence is multiplying that in

Evidence is multiplying, that, in spite of what they all say now, the question. It ceased to gentlemen should remember that it trainmen generally, and the track questioned officials and managers knew from the inspection records that this bridge was not safe and sound. The Oregonian said, Nov. 14:

The Cregonian arrays the facts about the bridge thus;

coupled with a siur at the chief it is said to have been repaired with executive which could not do otherwise than arouse his critical hostility to such management. The
State Board of Trade manipulators
have not shown good sense or broad
views in this matter and have hurt

tils said to have been repaired withit is said to have been repaired within two years. Testimony on this
point and bearing on the strictness
of the inspec ion and tests to which
it had been subjected is scanty and
inconclusive. On the other hand,
evidence of persons living in the
neighborhood as to the unsafe apnearance of the treatle, owing to the the prospects of a large appropriation to be expended under their direction.

The State Press committee on the World's Fair exhibit took far broader around.

But behold the magical change in facts and conclusions of the Oregonian! On the 15th its editorial the Portland Oregonian declares the train was wrecked!

Here is its editorial conclusion, and we defy anyone to read the disc of the sun go down in the west. papers for the two days, and take the facts as they stand, the facts as

The theory that the bridge was the dog's neck and ordered him to unsound breaks down upon careful go home.

Poor Atty! The faithful "Dime" examination of the structure. There has been no suggestion of carelessness in running the train. Whether the engine left the track through criminal design, or by one of those fatal ircaks to which the most perfectly handled machinery is mysteriously subject, the disastrous result, so far as the management is concerned, was pure accident. The coroner's jury was too hasty in its arraignment of the company for criminal negligence. The disaster bears two explanations, one of which explains nothing, and the other of which lacks proof. It was either a mystery or a crime. mystery or a crime.

Readers can draw their conclusions. In addition to a great public fatality, there is attempted greater public imposition. While people can be made to read such stuff, they cannot be made to believe in it, nor can they be made to think crookedly Atty chocked back a lump in his and corruptly. The JOURNAL is not conducting a fight against the his hands and face. railroad company nor against the

It was the last tie to companionoregonian. It is making a fight for
ship, and after all, perhaps, it was

should be given every opportunity this matter than a corporation that to prove that the Lake Labish train has won an unenviable reputation dog. this matter than a corporation that night-even though it was only horror resulted from the work of for its reckless defiance of public Ah, it only Jack knew where he train wreckers and was caused by a safety and public opinion. If this was! If he had only brought "Medcrime against the public, it should were the first or the only rotten not be conceded that therefore it has furnished the proof. Its effort ent. If it plead poverty or inability Would he ever put his hands around to prove a malicious derailment, and a sound bridge should be encouraged but not blindly accepted as there is growing a general belief proof. The effort on its part is not that its management is as unrelisearch for him at night?

Then he remembered that the proproof. So far it is not established, able, unsafe and rotten as some of

and coadjutors. In the mind of the ple, in the lurid light of this disgeneral public remains the ineradi- aster, theories and beliefs in lieu of cable impression that the whole facts to explain away the horror and structure that went down was as bloodslied. Nicely worded interrotten and unsafe as a trestie well views and olly editorial casulstries could be and stand under any traffic are to be substituted for a thousand at all. It was a thoroughly rotten, feet of fallen, half-decayed trestle. damuable concern from end to end. Anything and everything will be It was regarded unsafe by the train done to prepare for further public

The press of the state should not

road wrecking. The railroad commission should not seek to screen were not surprised at the result. the officials, if guilty. Indications Citizens of Salem young and old, sre that the commission is not proceedings of the State Board of even the school children, knew its prosecuting public interests in this Trade, when in session at Portland, general reputation. It was publicly case; it seems to be a wholly idle and indifferent sort of body of salary drawers. It should have gone at once to see the bridge. It should have begun a dignified thorough investigation. It should have taken the testimony of the tramps near-To them a few, or a dozen, or a hun- est the engineer. It should have dred lives are as nothing. It is secured the statements of reputable altogether too much, to ask that the passengers and reliable citizens im-Southern Pacific be allowed in this mediately after the wreck. It case to press its own theories, entire- should have established beyond conly regardless of public welfare in troversy the facts as to the condition of the timbers and the gen-The bridge was not sound. The eral history and reputation of the

> It should not leave the public to this trestle safe and sound thor-"If the railway management oughly established his unfitness to have neglected to provide for such build the Salem bridge, if anything thorough inspection of the treatle as more were needed in that line. It the railroad company is not in be long ago. So elem is concerned far as Salem

Manager Koehler need expect little sympathy here. He has always tried to give Salem a black The whole question of cause turns upon the condition of the trestle and the reason for its breaking. The train seems not to have been running at a high rate of speed. Evidence of this is the fact that it did not leave the track and fall into the keep eight or ten miles of road in the reach that it did not leave the track and fall into the eye. He is unfit to manage a great keep eight or ten miles of road inorder. It is in a general way the creator of the present railway commission and we presume will be well

OUR STORY.

"THE SUN-FLASH."

By Lieut, John C. waishe, U. S. A.

"Dime" had squatted down pear him, with his tongue lolling out and his intelligent eyes fixed in-He was hungry, too, and thought quick barks meant: "Let us go back now, They'll be expecting us at the camp."

"Oh, 'Dime,' what shall we do?"
mouned the child. The pain of his
bruised ankle was so acute that he was afraid it was broken, and the horror of being lost in the hills almost stupifled him.

He shivered as the thought of and news columns declare "the sending the dog back to the camp bridge was sound?" Before it is with a message on a slip of paper proven in any court of law, or ex- tied in a bandkerchief around his amined by the railroad commission n ck first occurred to him. That would leave him alone, and the terrors of the mountain grew vaster and grewsome as he saw the red

But it must be done. He could think of no other plan, and he tore furnished by the railroad officials a leaf out of his little pocket diary. themselves, and say that they are He scribbled a few words to his not contradictory and wholly un- brother and wrapped it in his handkerchief. This he tied around

Poor Atty! The faithful "Dime" wagged his tail and barked, but refused to stir.

"Go on, sir. Go right back," and the boy made a gesture of command as he pointed down the ravine.

He looked so angry that "Dime" jumped a few paces off and thep lay down with his head on his extended paws and tongue lolling out, watching his little master with great luminous, blinking eyes.

Atty dug up a piece of rock and threw it at him, but "Dime" dodged it, and only whimpered.

It was getting dark, and soon the faithful brute slowly crept back, crawling on his belly and mutely asking pardon for his disobedience. He crept close up to the boy, and throat as he felt the setter licking

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