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SATURDAY NIGHT SOLILOQUY.

While the relation of the individual to society is always of interest, the reverse of this at times rises to greater importance. It is necessary at times to submerge all individuality and consider only the common welfare of society. This is true at Salem at present. The city stands as it were at the parting of the ways. In the near future must be determined what degree of prominence shall be given educational interests, or whether any prominence whatever shall be given this city as an educational center. While the drift of public opinion is strongly toward commercial and speculative interests, it is also true that the better thought of the time is also directed toward education. The best thought of the age is for the new education. The building of a Catholic university at Washington; the founding of the Leland Stanford, Jr., university in California; the establishment of the Baptist university at Chicago; the bill of Senator Edmunds for a national university;—all these are achievements of the year just closed. The spirit of education is the potential spirit of the age. The state or community not alive to this fact is not only slow to perceive the indices of progress, but indifferent to the surest way open for distinction and prosperity.

It is well for the people of Salem to consider deeply their situation. As a community they enjoy the reputation of being a city of churches and schools. The city is favored with institutions of learning, and its history is rich with the traditions of high-minded educational effort. Sacrifices have been made and devotion displayed in the cause of higher education by the founders of this city, that entitle it to rank in this reputation with the best college towns of New England. This city has now an institution, old in years, sustained by a powerful church, manned by a hard-working faculty, with the friendship of thousands of families and regarded by thousands of students, scattered all over the Northwest, with loving tenderness only wrought into the heart by an Alma Mater. It is proposed to relocate and enlarge this institution. This must and will be done. If not here, elsewhere. With her reputation as a school town in the past, with her educational traditions, with her excellent environments for a college, what shall Salem do? What shall be most becoming to this city? Shall our city abandon the sacred cause of education, and follow a merely commercial or speculative career, or shall the capital city of the state be made distinctly a great and successful college city?

A committee of citizens has been selected to conserve the interests of our city in this matter. They are men of intelligence and friends of education. They will do their duty disinterestedly and well. But there is a duty for each citizen of Salem, to whom the future fame of the city is dear. That is to take a deep interest in education. That duty is to advance the cause of higher education in making and giving to public sentiment in this city, a distinctive educational caste. Any city with the advantages of Salem can grow in population and wealth. To achieve a distinctive character for a love of learning, and the better and higher things of life, is quite another matter. It will be objected by some that the university it is proposed to erect is a denominational one. It is not necessary to refer to the fact that nearly all the great schools are such. It is of more importance to conceive the proper sphere of a university, and the proper conception of religious liberty. Ours is a land where church and state move in separate orbits, and yet co-operate for the common welfare. Ours is a government of the majority, where men put their trust in God and in knowledge. It is not to our numbers of wealth that we owe our significance as a nation. It is the establishment and maintenance of religious liberty that give us the leading place among the nations which are moving along the rising ways to higher, freer life. What man then, in view of the distinctive character of our government and its supreme guarantee of freedom of conscience, can raise the objection to a college that is controlled by a denomination?

The hearts of the people of Salem need to be consecrated anew to the cause of education. We do too much follow each his own to obtain best results. Citizens that will not unite in a common enthusiasm for the cause of education, churches that will not commingle to advance Christian culture, are unworthy to enjoy the benefits of such blessings.

The man who has no abiding belief in the worth of progress is an infidel to our civilization. He can only be classed with the savage and barbarian, the hopelessly weak, ignorant and wretched. Is not ignorance the chief source of man's misery? "My people," says the prophet, "are destroyed for lack of knowledge." From ignorance rather than depravity have sprung the most appalling crimes and the most pernicious vices. In darkness of mind men have worshipped senseless material things, and it is only by the higher light of modern science and Christian education that all races intermingle and lose their jealousies and hatreds. In his recent work on "Education and the Higher Life," Bishop Spalding has beautifully expressed the relation of education to religion. He says: "He who believes in culture must believe in God; for what but God do we mean when we talk of loving the best thoughts and the highest beauty? No God, no best; but at most better and worse."

To grow, a community needs to aspire. A city only decays of what it is satisfied with. Its aspirations and ambitions make it what it will be. No nobler aspiration than devotion to education can win its heart and soul. It is at the critical time of Salem's history that right choice must be made. That time is now. All people seek only the best if they can but find it out. All grasp after, if they only know where to reach. No man wishes his city or state evil. The masses but need education to the right things to prefer them. At present the people of Salem need awakening to the importance of making this a progressive educational center. Make Salem a grand, successful college city and all else will follow, more easily than any other sequence.

ACOMPREHENSIVE GROWL.

What a Taxpayer Thinks of Political Rings.

ED. JOURNAL: I will indite a short letter for your valuable paper, on the Australian ballot system. In the CAPITAL JOURNAL of the 16th inst. you published a fine article in behalf of ballot reform and honest elections. It expressed my views exactly, and I hope you will continue the good work so well begun in behalf of the best interest of the people.

Your attack on the Portland ring, headed by Joe Simon I heartily approve, and also the attention you bestow on the Marion county bureau. These are the parties who (in my opinion) manipulated the state elections in the interest of corporations and corruptionists. We are compelled to believe from the reckless manner in which the people's money is spent for the Salem bridge, that the home ring, (backed by the Portland ring,) are the chief beneficiaries of this corrupt job. And this is not the only job put upon the taxpayers of Marion county. This county is plastered all over with such extravagant expenditures in building and repairing our bridges. Even the equalizing of the taxes in this county, it appears to me, is done in the interest of the Salem bureau. It looks as though the bridge company was a part of the Portland ring. And why? Because they came to the rescue of Koehler, in the Lake Labish disaster, so promptly and lovingly. So far, Mr. Editor, I have given you a few hints about the financial and political rings that fleece the taxpayers of Marion county and of the state. It is almost an assured fact that the republican primaries and the county convention were fixed ten days to three weeks by the Salem and Portland rings before the republican county convention met. It is stated as a fact, by the first census-taker in this county that there were cast at the polls fourteen hundred more votes than there were voters in the county. If this is a fact, (and I do not doubt it,) then the two political rings must have rustled the repeaters in at a lively rate.

I believe you are correct when you say Joe Simon, (and I would add, the two political rings,) elected our governor and most of our county officials. Hence Joseph has been placed in a high and responsible position for past services, and where he can be of the most benefit to the rings. I fully believe, under a similar management of the ballot, Joe Simon and the rings, if it had suited their purpose, could have elected Dave Thompson, the republican nominee for governor, by ten thousand majority, the same as Binger Hermann. I am fully satisfied that an honest majority of the voters of Marion county, and of the state, are opposed to Joe Simon and the rings. The president of the United States is crying aloud from the capital of the nation for ballot reform. So are a great many leading congressmen. Governor Penneyer demands of this legislature the Australian ballot system, with a good and sufficient registry law; and right here, let me say, the Australian ballot system will prove worthless without a registry law compelling every voter to register in his own precinct, at least thirty days preceding a general

election. But I predict the present legislature will not pass any such law in the interest of honest elections.

Previous legislatures in Oregon have failed to pass a registry law for the reason (as I missive) that it would stop the trade of the repeater and the imported voter. I believe a registry law will meet with stronger opposition in the legislature than other reform measures, yet it would be, in my opinion, the most useful adjunct to ballot reform. One more question. What will the county officials do with the excess of taxes collected in the county, by putting the state ratio at six mills, when it is only four and a half mills? JAMES W. TAYLOR, Sublimity, Or.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW.

JOURNAL Editorial Headquarters, Legislative Assembly.

The legislation correspondent of the East Oregonian says: "The speaker of the house, Mr. Geer, is honest, capable and inclined to do his duty irrespective of party lines, and I don't think the partisan whip—although wielded by a Portland millionaire—will be able to sway him from a just and honest performance of his duty."

Hon. Thos. Cauthorn of Corvallis has been a legislative visitor.

The bill just introduced by Rep. Minto proposes the ownership of the state fair grounds, \$158,26 reserved for the indebtedness of \$10,000, with a few hundred dollars of outstanding claims. The property is worth from \$30,000 to \$50,000, and sole condition for its surrender is that under which Marion county purchased the first eighty acres and gave to the state agricultural society, to wit, to hold it for state fair, military drill and other public gatherings of the people.

The legislature Friday recognized the principle of control and regulation of a corporation to render a public service, as a common carrier. It passed the bill of Mr. Merritt to incorporate the Sugar Pine Flume company in Jackson county. The control of this flume and rates of transportation upon it are by this act placed entirely within the power of the county court. The capital of this corporation is \$200,000, and the purpose of the corporation is to give the people cheaper lumber, and open a supply of timber now closed to them. When this lumber gets to the railroad, that common carrier should also be required to transport it at rates made, controlled and regulated in the interest of the people. What is the difference in principle between a corporation of \$200,000 or one of \$20,000,000?

Non-Resident Stock.

KNIGHT, Or., Jan. 28, 1891.

ED. JOURNAL: The citizens of this section have been imposed upon for several years by non-residents driving their stock on our range in the spring, pasturing it here during the summer and then driving it away in the fall. This has worked a hardship upon our citizen in two ways: 1st. In eating out the pasturage on the range from our own stock. 2nd. In causing us to lose more or less of our own cattle every fall, either by their being driven off with these non-resident cattle or in following them out when driven away. A meeting of the citizens of this neighborhood was therefore held on the 27th inst., at which the matter was fully discussed and the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The running of stock on the range in this township by non-residents and eating out the pasturage on the range to such an extent that it has become a matter of serious hardship to settlers here, Therefore be it

Resolved, That we the citizens of this township in this meeting assembled declare it as our purpose to protect our rights in this regard by all lawful means in our power, and to continue so doing until this evil is corrected.

The following citizens signed their names to the above: S B Ormsby, R Reid, J B Gilligly, O S Butler, C R Fletcher, B Pottruff, L M Ormsby, James Roswell, Samuel Brown, J Dannels, C Freeman, John W Roswell. On motion of O. S. Butler a committee was appointed consisting of S. B. Ormsby, J. A. Gilligly and R. Reid for the purpose of obtaining what legal information was necessary and to report at a subsequent meeting to be held upon call of the chairman of the meeting. Our citizens have borne long and patiently in this matter and they propose an effectual remedy.

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