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"TOO UTTERLY UNRELIABLE FOR ANY USE."

That is the verdict of more than one conservative business man on the Statesman and the assertion is backed by personal interviews. The climax of its career as a liar both great and small was capped by its frantic effort to sell a few papers with a fire fake, which only resulted in throwing a number of women into hysterics.

Its reputation as a foolish, irresponsible juvenile liar has been long well established. It could add nothing to that except the added disgust of creating a malicious uncertainty that will cost business interests not a little. Unless the most vigorous steps are taken insurance will be advanced all around. The city council and board of trade should promptly act to save an advance of rates. The Journal believes in making a daily emphatic protest against any advance of rates in any form as it believes rates in Salem should be the lowest of any in Oregon. If the Statesman desired to benefit the city why did it not set the fire in its own block, burn its own business place and send abroad the report that its office was gutted and that it had retired from business. The lie would have come home to roost then. It could have rates in its own block raised and get the benefit of its own lying. It did not want that; a liar generally wants to hurt some one else.

The perfect brutality of scaring women and children with such a clumsy fake will not soon pass out of the minds of the people. The cowardly inhumanity of throwing women into hysterics by circulating a report that three well known citizens were buried under burning walls might be thought funny in a small rural village; but in a city the size of Salem, where people cannot but rely some on papers, it was a dastardly hoax.

THE STATESMAN HELPING THE INSURANCE ROBBERS. Seeing a chance to curry favor with another corporation, the Statesman treacherously came to the rescue of the Pacific Union Insurance trust with its fire fake Saturday. These San Francisco insurance pirates were in the city and had just worked the same kind of an outrage on Tacoma and the Statesman, as it always does, played willingly into the hands of the robbers. Mapping out the city, setting a price on each man's head, which he must pay or no company on the coast is allowed to insure his property at all, these tools of the robber trust wanted a glaring account of the city's helpless condition written up and got it—got it dirt cheap at the hands of the Statesman, that is now crawling back to save its lost influence with Salem business men.

Every ten-year-old boy knows that our city is not in the helpless condition pictured by the Statesman. Every child knows that not even a China shanty can be burned in this city or has been burned in years, to say nothing of the possibility of burning seven blocks. No such a fire has started in this city in years that was not put out in three minutes. It was a stupid monumental lie to help an outside robber combine.

The trust has now got in its work. The assurances of the Sunday Statesman from "interested sources" that "there will be no raise in insurance rates" is a flat lie published by a concern that is to all outside appearances at least in "catches" with the trust. When a trust does not put up rates on a city like this, it will be time to usher in the millennium on earth. The JOURNAL does not propose to help the trust. The Statesman is plainly its cheap tool.

The Statesman claims to have assurances from "interested sources" that the insurance robbers have only charitable instincts towards our city. All its information is from "interested sources." There is nothing "disinterested" about it. It is always "interested." It is "interested" in this case. Its interest is not that of Salem business men. Its interest is the interest of the robber trust at San Francisco.

Marion County Fruit Grower. The third quarterly meeting of the Marion County Fruit Growers' association was held at Woodburn, Tuesday, July 21. While the attendance was not large, the various sections of the county were represented and the meeting was one of more than usual interest. Pres. Babcock being absent, Mr. Seitelmeir, the pioneer nurseryman and fruit grower, was called upon to preside. The secretary then read "Horticultural Notes," being the paper prepared by Mr. S. A. Clarke, who asked to be excused in person on account of

ill health. The paper was interesting and elicited discussion. Dr. F. S. Matteson then read a paper on the new bird law and its relation to the fruit industry. While Mr. Matteson in his paper objected to some of the minor details of the law, he thought in the main the birds it seeks to protect are very useful as insect destroyers, and in consideration of their labors should have legal protection. We can well afford to raise fruit enough for ourselves and the birds too. It should be amended to favor taxidermists, who prepare them for use for educational purposes, and to include other valuable species not named in the law; also to make birds the property of those upon whose premises they are found.

AFTERNOON. Mr. H. S. Jory, who was on the program for a paper on marketing and packing green and dried fruits, being absent and his paper not appearing, the association proceeded to the discussion of miscellaneous topics of interest to fruit growers. Concluding the discussion, the association proceeded to the matter of exhibits at the state fair and Portland exposition, which was disposed of by appointing a committee of three Salem citizens to look after that important subject. Committee, John Van Eaton, E. Hofer, F. J. Reaty. The constitution was amended to provide for an executive committee to prepare programs, arrange for place of meeting, etc. The following committee was appointed temporarily: Chas. Long, Silverton; M. W. Gummi, Salem; Hugh Harrison, Jefferson. After the meeting adjourned the members were taken through the extensive nurseries of Mr. Seitelmeir. They found this nursery well kept, free from insects of any kind, and in healthy condition. The absence of the green aphid, so injurious to young apple trees, was especially noted. We were told that the only remedy applied was vigilance, and as soon as a leaf showed signs of the pest it was dipped in a vessel of clear coal oil. While this remedy was severe, and sometimes killed the young tree, it was sure death to the aphid and prevented its spreading. The foreman said better a dead tree than a live aphid, as one aphid left alone would soon breed millions.

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the editor-in-chief of the Chicago Staats Zeitung, died Saturday evening in Germany.

Fred P. Weinman has been commissioned postmaster at Benica, Cal.

Attorney General Miller has appointed William Allison assistant United States attorney for the territory of Utah.

Sir James Ferguson, political secretary of the foreign office, says he has reason to believe that very soon satisfactory arrangements will be made with the United States government in regard to arbitration in the Behring sea dispute.

The pope has approved the exhibition of the "holy coat" at Traves, and sanctioned the forgiveness of the sins of pilgrims who journey thither. Three steamers, each with 900 pilgrims aboard, have arrived from America.

The Grand Duke Alexis, will entertain the officers of the French fleet today on board of the cruiser Asia. The 29th they will be entertained by the czar at Peterhof.

Mr. Parnell appeared in the bankruptcy court in London, Saturday, with reference to the O'Shea bankruptcy proceedings.

An official investigation has been commenced of the murder of Ah Guong Tia, the Chinaman who was killed and brutally chopped to pieces at Bridgeport, Cal., in June last.

Henry O. Bronnman, near East Berlin, Pa., was struck by lightning during a heavy storm. His daughter, Annie, who went to look out of a window, was also struck by lightning and instantly killed. Her mother was rendered insensible and is in a very serious condition. Considerable damage was done to the building.

Mrs. Charles Vogel and Mary Bauer, her servant, were lighting a gasolene stove Saturday at Ann Arbor, Mich., when it exploded. Both were horribly burned and died soon after.

The Berlin Reichszangeiger says that during the rainstorm Thursday Emperor William slipped on the wet deck of the Hohenzollern and injured his knee. He will be compelled to give his leg a long rest, and his projected mountain, excursion will be abandoned.

Chas. E. Short has returned from his visit to Goldendale Washington. Mrs. Grubb, city superintendent of Salem public schools, is spending a part of her vacation at the home of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. C. C. Griffith.

H. J. Smith's hop yard is now giving prospect of a good crop, although there was some indication of the hop louse in the earlier part of the season. It is not now thought they will do any material damage to the present crop. The new hop yards planted by Messrs. Donovan are also looking well.

C. M. Warren is putting his threshing machine in order, for the season's threshing. He will be fully equipped with all the modern improvements, will have a cook wagon and a full crew, prepared to go in the field and do it; the work of threshing and boarding the men, thus relieving the farmer's wife of the most arduous part of the harvest.

McCrow, of this place, lately bought sixty head of beef cattle for his Salem market, of Hon. Jasper Wilkins, of Lane county, which averaged 1220 pounds, and said to be the finest grass beef taken to Salem for many a day. Among the lot were eight head of half bred Poled Angus steers, three year old, averaging 1210 pounds which dressed out 60 pounds to the 100.

A local exchange has this appreciation notice of the late Hon. Wm. Darst: "Mentally he was a man of fair attainments, his mind being far above the average, and had he possessed the aggressive disposition of some, would have reached some of the highest positions within the gift of his fellow citizens. But he was of a modest and retiring disposition, which, while it placed him high in the estimation of others, did not serve to elevate him in places of public trust. It is true that he served his people as justice for a long number of years and also represented them in the legislature one or more terms; but, he did not seem to be ambitious to reach more exalted stations."

GENERAL NEWS NOTES. Cecil Ralph Howard, sixth earl of Wicklow, died Sunday. Lord Colmore succeeds to the title.

William M. Weeden, the man who developed the celebrated Waterbury watch, is dead at New Bedford, Mass.

Herman Raster, widely known as

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

Associated Press Report and Digests of all Important News of To-Day. MISCELLANY.

FREE COINAGE OF SILVER. WASHINGTON, July 27.—The feeling seems to be growing that it will be impossible to prevent the passage of a free coinage bill through both houses of congress next winter. It is generally believed also that such a bill will be promptly returned to congress by the president with his veto message, and that it would fail to pass over the veto. If the presidential election were not pending that might be the end of the matter. Both parties will be seeking votes, and the farmers' alliance may have votes to give. Friends of the president would like very much to save him from the necessity of writing a veto message, for such a message they believe would hurt him among the farmers of the western states, and especially among the silver miners of the Pacific slope. To save him from embarrassment a strong effort will be made in the republican senate to shelve the entire subject, but from present indications it does not seem likely to succeed.

MINISTER PHELPS'S SUFFERING. NEW YORK, July 27.—Recent cables from Berlin have incidentally spoken of the sickness of Minister Phelps. At first his indisposition was not considered serious; but in the last few days some of his friends have become alarmed. It was learned at his office in the United Bank building on Saturday that Mr. Phelps had undergone a surgical operation not usually of a dangerous character in itself. The minister's wife and daughter are with him in Berlin. His two sons are at Lake George. The sons and Mr. Phelps' representatives in the United Bank building have received word that Mr. Phelps has been a good deal weakened by the operation, which was performed nearly a month ago, and that the wound does not heal as rapidly as is ordinarily expected in such cases. The minister has never been considered a robust man, and his friends on this side of the Atlantic are not a little disturbed concerning him.

THE HOT WEATHER. SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The attention of Lieutenant Finley, weather officer, was called Saturday to a theory advanced in a telegraphic dispatch to account for the hot wave now visiting Southern California. The theory was to the effect that the lake at Salton had probably cooled the air in the interior, and this had the effect of diminishing the sea breezes and making the section around San Bernardino so warm. Lieutenant Finley says:

"Well, the lake is undoubtedly there, but the only effect it has is to increase the heat rather than to lower it. Why? Well, it takes a great amount of heat to cause rapid evaporation, and when once the atmosphere is charged with the vapor of water it retains more heat than if it were dry. Moisture in the atmosphere retains the heat. Heat is simply a question of the circulation of the atmosphere and the differences of high and low barometric pressure. They are also having a hot wave in Washington and Oregon, and the processes are the same in both sections, south and north of us.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION. PARIS, July 26.—It became known yesterday that an attempt has been made to assassinate Mme. Carnot, wife of the president of the French Republic. She received a package from Toulon which contained what appeared to be a Roman Catholic mass book. On examination of this "present," the leaves apparently were stuck together with varnish or maceilage. This caused a still more careful examination to be made, and it was found the interior of the book had been cut away, after the manner sometimes adopted by smugglers, and the book filled with a powerful fulminate powder. There is no clew, according to the police, as to who sent her the infernal machine, although the postoffice and police authorities of Toulon are said to be on the track of the perpetrators of the outrage. No reason is known for this attempt upon the life of Mme. Carnot, and the conclusion arrived at is that the would-be assassin really intended to take the life of the president, and supposed a pack-