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A HELPFUL POLICY.

THE JOURNAL would make a plea for a helpful policy in city and county affairs. All the vetoes and revocations in the world will not prevent a reaction in the affairs of Salem and Marion county. One negative blow struck at this time does more harm than years of work will build up. The manner in which real estate sales have fallen off will prove this.

THE JOURNAL will not charge that the action of the mayor and county court in refusing to grant street car line and motor franchises is the cause directly of so much less real estate being sold in March, but it wishes to make use of the fact to show the importance of a helpful, affirmative, hopeful, progressive policy, as contrasted with a destructive, objecting, hindering, harmful attitude on the part of the officials.

Salem and Marion county are settling up rapidly and are undergoing rapid changes and the demand for rapid transit and improved transportation facilities is growing greater. Motor lines are being built all over Portland and along the country roads altogether. If there are objections to the charters asked by enterprising individuals they should be removed and overcome in a helpful and conciliatory manner and not in a way to discourage any such enterprise.

It takes but a little of hindrance and objection to turn the tide of prosperity against any city or county and with a depression existing in so many Pacific coast cities that little should not be furnished by public officials. The people have a right to expect a helpful and not a hindering course of action from such officials.

TO DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The contrast between Cleveland and Hill is a striking and suggestive one. They entertain the same general views and purposes, but their methods are entirely different. The former assumes a dignified and self-exalting air and pretends that he does not want the nomination for president, but will simply consent to take it as a patriotic duty. Hill, on the other hand, makes himself agreeable to the people, uses his influence directly in caucuses and conventions, and lets it be known that he wants the nomination and will do everything in his power to obtain it. The fact is, of course, that Cleveland is just as anxious to secure the prize as a man can possibly be, and his studied affectation of indifference is designed to promote his chances. He does not deceive the people with his solemn platitudes about the responsibilities of the office and the sacrifice of personal comfort involved in holding it. They know very well that he wants the place again, because of the power and honor attached to it. He might as well come out like Hill and acknowledge the truth. Nobody can be made to believe that he is sincere in saying that if he were to consult only his personal preferences he would neither seek nor accept the nomination, and when he talks that way he loses rather than gains popular respect and confidence.

It is evident that Hill's manner is more acceptable to the people than Cleveland's. Whatever they may think of the relative ability of the two men, they cannot help admiring the candor and courage of the one who makes a direct fight for the thing he wants.

CHEAPER FOOD.

The Burlington Hawkeye points out thus plainly the cheapness of food at the present time compared with the prices of last year: "One of the blessings enjoyed by the people of the United States this year is a notable decrease in the cost of food. While many of the countries of Europe are suffering from famine, or at least a grievous lack of bread at prices within reach of the poor, there has been a decrease of at least ten per cent. in the average cost of groceries to the retail consumer in American cities. A careful comparison has been made quite recently of prices governing now and a year ago, and the average decrease was about ten per cent. In certain orders covering as many as twenty-five items the aggregate cost of the goods was twenty-five to thirty per cent. less than it would have been last March. The decrease has been greatest in some of the most important staples used by all classes of consumers. For instance, sugar is about one-third cheaper. Dried fruits cost only about sixty or seventy per cent. as much as they did a year ago. The price of syrup is considerably lower. This means \$9, on the average, will go as far as \$10

FROM MONMOUTH.

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would a year ago in buying groceries for a family, and in the staples most important to households of modest means, \$7 or \$8 can be made to count as much as \$10 did a year ago. Part of this great saving to the masses is due to the bounty of nature and part of it to the McKinley law and the Republican party. The low price of sugar and dried fruits is a monument to the work of the last congress, which will grow more and more vast and impressive as time increases the benefits of the law enjoyed by the American people."

THE PROPOSED CENSORSHIP.

The bill introduced by Representative Henderson, of Iowa, giving to the head of the postoffice department the power to exclude newspapers from the mails on his own responsibility is a thoroughly unwise piece of legislation. It would set up a dangerous and autocratic censorship of the press which ought not to be and could not be tolerated. The present laws, rigidly enforced, should be sufficient to cause the exclusion of all improper literature from the mails. THE JOURNAL is glad to know that the postmaster general does not favor the Henderson bill.

Binger Hermann will have a walk over for nomination for congress. What will the Salem JOURNAL and a few other Republican journals do then?—Albany Democrat.

Will the Salem JOURNAL and other newspapers that have been fighting Hermann's nomination cheerfully accept the inevitable? Binger is certain to secure the nomination as the result of the conventions held Saturday.—Eugene Guard.

About as cheerfully as the Guard and other Democratic papers will support the nomination of a Democratic president they have been fighting.

An Appeal for the Humane Society.

"The quality of mercy is not strained; it droppeth, as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath; it is twice blessed; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes; 'tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown."—Shakespeare.

At the annual meeting of the Humane society, which will be held at the reading room of the Willamette hotel next Friday afternoon April 1st at 2 o'clock. A paper will be read by H. H. Smith on "the importance of teaching kindness to animals in the public and Sunday schools." Remarks will be made by Hon. T. T. Geer on "the value of kindness to domestic animals." John Boyle O'Reilly's poem "Died in Harness" written expressly for one of the annual meetings in Boston and read by himself will be read at our annual meeting next Friday afternoon, by Mrs. Dr. Cartwright. A paper on "the great work this noble society has accomplished" will be read by the secretary, Miss R. T. Hall. New features will be introduced and we hope for a large attendance.

We are in need of the annual fee (which is only one dollar) from the old members, not only to help us to go on with this good and much needed work, but to extend its influence. There can be no greater work than this. And there is need enough of it here, for in all places there are some whose hearts are dead to mercy, kindness and love. Come in and learn of our work even if not uniting with us.

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second, and that Miss Collins should receive the first prize for declamation and Miss Hanson the second. The prizes were given by the Library association. This entertainment was the first of the kind ever held in Monmouth. It proved to be very successful. The ones that got the prizes were well pleased, and those who did not, look to the future for the time to come when they might have the pleasure of getting revenge of those who won the prizes this time.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The report of the La Grande school clerk shows an enumeration of 840 pupils in that district, an increase of 30 per cent. over last year's enumeration. The number of pupils at present enrolled in the schools is 667, under the management of ten teachers.

Grain everywhere on the Umatilla reservation is green and pretty and its growth is far advanced. In many instances it is so thick that ranchers have found re-harrowing necessary. Umatilla county will produce a crop this season far in excess of any previous year.

A rich find in gravel diggings has been made at Auburn. The lucky discoverer sunk a shaft to a depth of eighty feet and after breaking through what was supposed to be bedrock they came onto a heavy deposit of gravel which prospects wonderfully rich in gold.

Those destructive sheepstealers, the coyotes, have been slain lately in considerable numbers in Grant county, judging from the number of scalps brought into the county clerk's office for bounties.

Cattle interests in Eastern Oregon were never in better condition for years than in the present season. Horses, horned cattle and sheep are in good flesh, and the grass on the hills is excellent for this season of the year.

The clip of wool this season will be in better condition than for several years past, and the yield will be abundant and of good quality. Wool will not begin to come to market for some time, but The Dalles warehousemen are preparing to handle the largest clip of any season.

E. A. Kruse, who is employed on the Chenoweth Park, near Oakland, states the company has 200 acres of trees of mixed varieties now set out, and will put out as many more next season. They are plowing the ground very deep and doing good work under the present supervision of J. A. Varney.

The crop outlook in the central Willamette valley is excellent for a bountiful yield. The acreage of fall grain is nearly equal to that of 1891, when a phenomenal crop was produced. A mild winter, the almost total absence of freezing, and the recent fine weather have made the crop outlook most favorable, and will result in a large acreage of spring grain.

Mrs. S. G. Butler, of Ashland, has a pet squirrel which disappeared last fall and was supposed to have been killed by some of the town dogs, but came out from his winter quarters last week as lively as ever. W. H. Shepherd, of Emigrant creek, has a curiosity in this line in the shape of a white chipmunk, which for several years past has hibernated every winter and come out in the spring to hunt up its quarters in the Shepherd house at once.

Candidates for circuit judge of the second judicial district are quite numerous among the Republicans. Douglas county has three, Sobbble, Willis and Fullerton; in Lane county Coudon, present prosecuting attorney, and Woodcock are the aspirants for the nomination. Benton county has also two aspirants. Our old friend and Indian war veteran, Colonel John Kelsey, whose political record is so well known that he needs no further introduction, would like the nomination. Hon W. S. Hufford, our present county judge, has a strong following and his friends are working hard for his nomination.—Corvallis Gazette.

A Leader.

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AGAINST THE BANKS.

Senator Irby Will Sell All His Bank Stocks.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 31.—United States Senator Irby has written a letter to his local organ, in which he states that on the strength of his advice last spring the Alliance borrowed a great deal of money from banks in Laurens. He finds now, he says, that the banks forgetful of past patronage, are extorting the last cent that common decency will allow from the farmers on the loans. He says that in the helpless and impoverished condition of the farmers the banks force them to pay 1 per cent. per month, and do it as if they were conferring a great favor upon the borrowers. The letter concludes: "I have always opposed such financial schemes, and naturally I am more opposed to them now than ever. I am a stockholder in one of these banks. I condemn the practice, and will not be a party with those shysters to indirectly rob the people. Two weeks ago I gave them notice that I would sell my bank stock, and I asked the cashier of the bank to sell it. I intend to sell it, and this explanation is made lest some enemy of mine will charge me with being a party to what I conceive to be a moral crime." So bitter is the hostility of the Tillman administration to corporations that the employees of the railroads are organizing an association to protect their companies from unfavorable legislation.

WHAT DANA SAYS.

The United States Will Be Defeated in the Behring Sea Case.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The Sun yesterday had the following editorial: "We have asked for the name of the statesman who composed and directed the arbitration treaty with England respecting the questions that have been raised in Behring sea, and we are not surprised that no one has yet arisen to answer the question. All our rights in Behring sea are effectually given away by that party. The tribunal of arbitration is so constructed and the questions to be put before it are so expressed that it is just as certain now that the whole case will finally be determined in favor of Great Britain as it will be after the decision is rendered. On every several count the United States will be turned out of court, a defeated party. Nothing will remain to us but the mere Pribiloff islands, whatever that may be worth. Under such circumstances, it is astonishing that President Harrison should have thought it necessary to send armed vessels to Behring sea to keep poachers away. What is the good of preserving the seals of a few weeks longer, more or less, when they are bound to enter upon the process of rapid extinction as soon as the tribunal shall pronounce its judgment. The whole case of the United States is given away in advance by this treaty. The arbitration tribunal is constituted as if for the express purpose of deciding against us. Who is responsible for this? Is it anybody but Benjamin Harrison?"

THE HEATHEN CHINESE.

They Can Come in as Subjects of Great Britain.

MONTREAL, March 31.—The recently discovered loophole in the United States Chinese exclusion law has already begun to show its effects in the arrival of Chinese from western ports to take out papers as British citizens in the superior court in order to go to the United States as British subjects. Three Chinese who had taken the oath of allegiance to the queen have gone to Boston from here. United States officers on this side of the line tried to stop them, but had to let them through when papers of citizenship were exhibited. As the treaty between Great Britain and the United States provides the latter shall admit within its borders, with the right of residence, any British subject, it is not apparent that anything can now be done to stop the Chinese who wish to go to the United States as British subjects. A prominent United States treasury official now in the city said there was nothing to prevent the United States from being flooded with "British" Chinese by tens of thousands before some plan could be adopted to put