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CITY SUPERINTENDENT.

Now that the Salem city superintendent of schools has resigned, it would be a good time to abolish the office. There are several good reasons why this should be done.

For the reduced salary the board can pay, a first-class city superintendent cannot be procured. The financial situation of the district makes it almost imperative to lop off this office.

There is plenty of good authority for the system to be adopted, of governing each of the large schools in the city by its own principal, who is always in the school and knows more about its work than any city superintendent in a central office can possibly know.

Each large school should have a good principal and make him or her responsible for the discipline and work of the school and in that way get direct responsibility to the board.

The result would be a generous spirit of emulation between the schools in the several quarters of the city to see which would do the best work, and the abolition of an office that can not be well filled for less than \$1500 a year, and then is more ornamental than useful. Without a city superintendent it might require better work from the principals and perhaps better equipment for their work by principals but the pupils would get the benefit of that.

DAIRY MEETING AT SALEM.

A special meeting of the Oregon State Dairymen's Association will be held at Salem, Saturday, Aug. 5th, at 10 a. m.

The principal topics for discussion at this meeting will be the feasibility of establishing a dairy exchange for Oregon and how to stop the importation of butter into Oregon. These are both topics which need agitation. To a certain extent they blend into each other. The need of united efforts on a business basis among the progressive dairymen of this state is apparent to all who have studied the situation.

It might well be said that it is a disgrace to Oregon to import so large a share of the butter consumed in the state. That it does so is a great detriment to its prosperity. To the people of Salem and vicinity this question has an especial interest from the fact that the city and adjacent country can only be assured by a subdivision of the large farms into small ones. Under the old system it takes several acres to support a cow and the amount received for her butter is not enough to pay for her keeping. Under proper methods it is found both possible and profitable to keep a cow to an acre in Oregon and the adoption of better methods in dairying will, in conjunction with fruit growing and other forms of intensive farming, solve the problem of how to support ten families in comfort where one now has a hard struggle to get along.

On this line it is expected that Mr. E. Schulmerich, of Hillsboro, will tell "How we keep a cow to the acre in Washington county."

It is hoped that every person interested in the subject of dairying who can attend this meeting will do so. The dairymen of Oregon should not allow the fruit growers of the state to leave them too far in the rear in the matter of supporting a state organization.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

A Journal Writer on the Wing for the White City.

EN ROUTE, July 28.

Since many are now planning to visit the white city a little review of our trip may prove interesting. We left Portland on the Union Pacific, taking the local train in the morning, which enabled us to see the magnificent Columbia river scenery to the best advantage. At Pendleton we remained over night and proceeded on the "flyer" next morning. This gave us some more good scenery by daylight, passing through the Blue mountains and along the Grand Ronde river. Next we struck the Snake river, after which we were fully initiated into the land of perpetual sand and sage brush.

As we crossed Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Western Nebraska, a continual land of desert. I for the first time fully appreciated the story told by the Oregon pioneers of "crossing the plains." Although passing through the heat, dust, alkali, sand and sage brush and grass, wood, in the luxurious Pullman cars, one could fully appreciate the reality of their terrible suffering at times. Many now think it is a severe trip, but making the trip from Portland to Chicago in three and

a half days in the midst of all modern luxuries cannot be compared with the hazardous trip of six months on the lonely trail. The Union Pacific with its connections over the U. & F. W., makes the best time of any of the roads, and all accommodations are strictly first-class.

There is a good stream of travel these days, and an enjoyable time can be had with the various tourists, notwithstanding the monotony of barren mountains most of the way, and many are making the trip to the white city at small expense. One old English lady went through from Victoria to Clinton, Iowa, and boasted that aside from her tickets and stock of lunch, her expenses were less than one dollar. She slept in the chair car, and although she weighed no less than 250 pounds, declared she had had a comfortable trip.

About Ogden there was a little strip of green country, which was quite a relief to the eye. The scene going up Weber Canyon east of there was picturesque as well as refreshing. The swift river pouring down through the gorges was lined with anglers, and many a handsome trout was reeled in, in our presence. Our conductor remarked that it was evidently Sunday, judging from the number of anglers. From here to the lower Platte valley in Eastern Nebraska about the only green thing to be seen is the little parks kept up by the U. P. at division ends and important stations at one point, however, a small bunch of grass was growing near the depot, and although it contained not over a dozen spears of green, the railroad men had put up a sign: "Keep off the grass."

A lady passenger wanted to know how she could tell when we were to the summit when one of the train boys informed her that as soon as we got beyond the saloons would all have a sign out which reads: "Beer only five cents a glass." She wore a white ribbon in her button-hole, and it is needless to say she was somewhat shocked. On the evening of our second day nearly all passengers on the north side of the train were enjoying a beautiful golden sunset—similar to that on the prairies of Dakota—when a large sign presented itself announcing that we had reached the "Divide of the continent," which is over 7000 feet high. A band of six antelope was visible at the same time.

The lady passenger above referred to was led to remark that in nearly every town a new church was building, when an old miner on board explained the cause. He said these towns were largely made up of new-comers from the east, "and" he continued, "they can't associate with the natives very long without getting religion."

ABOUT VITRIFIED BRICK. At Clinton, Iowa, a thrifty city about the size of Salem, we had an hour's pleasant experience sipping up the street paved with vitrified brick. The streets are wide as ours, and the brick seems to be just what is wanted for a solid, durable and quiet surface. They were laid several years ago by the Rockford Construction Co., and although I did not learn the exact cost, they were put down with a five year guarantee.

One course of brick is put down flat and another on edge, both filled with sand. However I was told by the president of the Cedar Rapids National bank, that in their city only one course was put down, and that on edge, on six inches of solidly rolled gravel. He claims that it is fully as satisfactory, and stated that such a street was now being put down in Cedar Rapids at \$1.60 per square yard, with a five year guarantee, and that in the parts of the city having the heaviest traffic.

This, of course, is a cold climate, but it is evident the frost does not injure the pavement. I naturally thought of our wet winters, and was told that the Clinton pavement had stood 42 days of rain in the spring of 1892, which with the pouring rains here means more water than a whole winter of "gentle Oregon mist." Vitrified brick is gaining in popularity all over this section of the country as a solution of the paving problem.

We have been spending ten days at McGregor, on "the father of waters," visiting old friends and familiar scenes, but will start for the White City today, from where the JOURNAL readers will hear from us occasionally if we are not completely swallowed up by the great show.

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SELECTIONS

MRS. DICKSON'S BURGLAR TRAP.

It Caught and Held Two the First Time It Was Sprung.

A widow of the name of Susannah Dickson, owning a farm within half a mile of Grenada, Miss., recently hit on a novel manner of capturing burglars. One night it happened that she was left entirely alone by the rest of the household, and as it grew late she heard noises in the kitchen that made her suspicious that there was some one feloniously inclined on the premises. So she bethought herself of a large wardrobe, old fashioned in make, and shut herself therein, locking the door after her.

She could hear the men as they rummaged the house, and their voices in dispute in regard to the value of this object or that. She recognized two of them by their accents. At last they had collected everything they considered worth carrying off and loaded it into empty pillow-slips, when, casting his eyes about him, one of the rogues espied the wardrobe, and calling out to the others that here was a depository where something of value might be concealed he started toward it, followed closely by the others.

Mrs. Dickson, alarmed at the thought of falling into the hands of so unprincipled a band of wretches, involuntarily gave a spring forward as if to escape from the confined hole in which, to her heated imagination, she could be murdered and her nearest neighbor hear nothing of what was taking place. As she threw herself against the door in the attempt to escape, her weight caused the massive old piece of furniture to fall forward on its front, crushing beneath it two of the three advancing men. The one in the rear sprang back in time to save himself with the exception of the great toe on the left foot. The bone of that was broken, however, and injured in such a manner as to make the wound very painful and serious.

But this was nothing to what his companions had sustained. One lay as though he were dead. He had been struck on the head by a piece of the fret-work crowning the wardrobe, while the other was pinned beneath it firmly and held so by Mrs. Dickson's weight. In about half an hour the rest of the household returned home and were surprised to see and hear nothing of the lady. They found the two men, one still unconscious and the other pleading for his liberty.

Hearing no sound from Mrs. Dickson within, the latter rogues endeavored to secure his release by stating that while passing by he had seen Mrs. Dickson leaving the house with a neighbor who had come for her in great haste to nurse a sick child and that, not liking to leave her house alone, she had requested him and his friend to remain there until the rest should return, when, entering, the cat had leaped from the top of the wardrobe and upset it on them before they could escape. The fellow having hitherto borne a fairly good character, this story sounded plausible enough, and he was about to be set at liberty when the lady in the wardrobe revived sufficiently to call out: "Thieves! Robbers! Help, help!"

At this the man threw himself out of the nearest window and would have made his escape had not Bob Dickson, the widow's nephew, leaped out after him, and after a short struggle succeeded in capturing the burglar. The rest had busied themselves liberating the poor widow, who was soon able to tell the story of her sufferings for herself and insisted on an officer being sent for, to whom she described the burglar who had escaped. Search was made for him, but he had had time to secure a horse and is still at large. The remaining thief is still lying insensible from concussion of the brain.—Cor. Philadelphia Times.

Getting Rid of a Bore.

Beranger once nearly rid himself of a bore who was constantly worrying him with his poetical effusions. No sooner had Beranger taken up the manuscript than he began, "This is delightful," he said. "But, M. Beranger, you have not read it." "No, I have not read this one, but I have read the others. Besides, I know you by this time and feel perfectly sure that it is fully equal to the others." "Never mind, I should like you to do me the honor of reading this, and I'll call again in about a week to have your opinion." "It would be altogether useless, for I could only repeat in a week what I am telling you now—namely, that it is perfectly delightful. So you had better take it away and not bring me any more. When, like you, a man has an individual gift, when he writes verse that is unlike that of any one else, he should never consult a second party lest he might spoil his originality by alterations." "Ah, cher maître, you overwhelm me." And the would be poet took his departure beaming with pleasure.—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Most Popular Individual.

Herr Pollak, who claims to be the fastest talker in the world, is on exhibition at the World's fair. He has a meaningless list of 20,000 words, which he says he can repeat in 40 minutes, and he will give 40,000 florins to any stenographer who will take him down. This is all wonderful, but many a man at the fair would take vastly more interest in an individual who would repeat just four words, "Have something on me," and could back them up with hard cash.—New York Tribune.

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SUGGESTED COMMENT.

Arresting workmen and putting them in jail to be fed at the expense of the taxpayers should be stopped.

The country has more to expect of the industry of the farmer than of all the speeches that will be made in congress when it assembles next Monday.

It does not appear to be the intention of the police to comply with the order of the city council about enforcing the law against houses of ill fame.

Mayer D'Arcy hit the San Francisco business men square between the eyes when he told them Salem was a town where banks had not failed.

The JOURNAL gives the people the news and they appreciate it. They don't have to wait till next day to get it, either; they get it right hot off the wire.

There should not be any delay in pushing work on that city hall as there is ready money lying in the bank to begin with that cannot be used for any other purpose.

The Chemeketa street improvement cases will not be decided until the September session of the supreme court but there is little doubt as to how the case will go.

It is well to begin to get ready for the State Fair and there is not a reason why that Fruit Palace should not be put up this year. We certainly have the fruit and we have the enterprise.

The council ordered the police to enforce the law against the bawdy houses. But the police seem afraid of hurting the feelings of some of the council if they proceed in any rough shod way.

The people want the financial news the same day or hour it occurs. If a bank fails at Portland today the people do not want to wait till tomorrow to know about it. That is why they appreciate the JOURNAL's news service.

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GOPHER PESTS IN THE WEST.

Farmers' Ways of Killing These Destructive Little Creatures.

One of the pests to which farmers in many parts of the west are subjected is the common ground squirrel, so familiar in Gallatin county. When suffered to breed unmolested, they increase at an alarming rate, and their destructive powers are something enormous. They are found in greatest numbers in the vicinity of grainfields, and the number of tons of wheat and barley consumed by these animals is something amazing. A single colony of squirrels will frequently strip several acres of its crop, and it is no infrequent sight to see a strip 25 or 50 feet wide along the entire extent of a large grainfield cut down as cleanly as though by a machine, while the well beaten trail leading to the great mounds of squirrel burrows shows the agency by which the work was accomplished.

There are many methods of killing the squirrels, a favorite one where irrigation is practiced being to divert a stream of water into a burrow and let it run until the occupants are all drowned out. Sometimes, however, this is impracticable, for it not infrequently happens that a good sized stream will be run for hours into a burrow without any indication that it is filled up and without driving a single squirrel to the surface. When a colony is drowned out, however, the number of those that reach the surface and endeavor to escape is something surprising. Several hundred not infrequently inhabit the same burrow.

The most effective means of destroying these pests is by the use of carbon bisulphide. One of the officials of the Colorado agricultural college who has been investigating the matter gives the following instructions for handling this remedy, which he recommends as very effective and not at all dangerous to the person applying it when handled with proper caution. The method is to take a tightly rolled ball of cotton the size of a hen's egg or smaller and thoroughly saturate it with the carbon bisulphide. With a rolling motion throw the cotton into the burrow and close the opening with earth, packing it down hard.

The operation is simple and the result certain. The carbon bisulphide evaporates quickly, and the vapor being heavier than air soon fills the burrow and smothers or overcomes the squirrels. The application should be made in the evening at sundown, as the squirrels are in their burrows at this time and can be reached by this method. All the burrows in a neighborhood should be treated at the same time, as those close together often connect, and where but a few are treated the squirrels can escape to those left open. When a thorough job is made and every burrow stopped up, colonies will be almost completely exterminated by a single application.—Helena Independent.

A Humorous English Sheriff.

A sheriff with a finesse of humor was he who, having been reproved by the judge of a certain court for presenting a jury not sufficiently respectable, read out at the subsequent session the following list, with a suitable emphasis upon the last names of the jurors: Max King, Henry Prince, George Duke, William Marquis, Edward Earl, Richard Lord, Richard Baron, Edmund Knight, Peter Esquire, George Gentleman, Robert Yeoman, Stephen Pope, Humphrey Cardinal, William Bishop, John Abbott, Richard Friar, Henry Monk, Edward Priest and Richard Deacon. After the laughter had subsided the presiding judge, accepting the joke in good part, complimented the witty sheriff upon his cleverness.—Exchange.

Paris Jail.

According to Pastor Rommel, who is attached by his ministrations to the prisons of Paris, a sojourn in one of them is tantamount to a reduction of 20 years of one's life. The penalty of imprisonment costs the life of many of the prisoners and shortens the lives of all. All conditions of health are neglected. Food and ventilation are bad. The lockup Sainte Pelagie, to which journalists are sent, and the Grande Rouquette are nests of malignant microbes. To shut out the sun and air was the task the architect had to accomplish. Cholera, smallpox, typhus and other contagious maladies often arise as if spontaneously in these jails and spread to the rest of the city.

How Obesity Is Regarded.

An eastern prince had in his service an officer whose sole duty was to regulate the size of his subjects and who dosed the unwieldy to reduce them to a proper volume. In China, where customs seem to be directly opposite to those of Europe, obesity is esteemed as a blessing, and a man's intellectual endowments are esteemed in the ratio of his corporeal bulk. Among the Germans, ours, yes and most other European nations it is almost inseparable from good humor and jocularly.—Philadelphia Press.

Newspapers in New York State.

Since the centennial year, 1876, the number of newspapers in New York state has nearly doubled. There were 1,088 published then, and there are 2,131 now.—Printer's Ink.

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