BACK-DOWN.

Mayor's Cowardly Course.

Afraid to Back Up His Own Official Utterances.

Is Dr. Richardson a coward, or was he insincere in his January message to the council?

Dr. Richardson's city organ is silent this morning. When confronted with Richardson's own message, what could it say? What can he say? Nothing.

Mayor Richardson's attack on the JOURNAL is unexplainable, as this paper was in good faith backing up the mayor's message and carrying out the mayor's own suggestions as made in his message, which we assumed was made on facts.

He there said our streets were a disgrace, and repairs of them nothing but making more mud holes. When a newspaper appeals to the mayor and council to have the disgrace abated, His Honor makes a direct fight against what he plead for. What is the reason? Was Mr. Richardson not sincere in his message? Many would conclude so from his actions, but THE JOURNAL prefers to believe he was sincere. Whether he lacks the courage of his convictions and is afraid to take the bull by the horns, or whether he has other reasons for repudiating the charges of his own message, remains to be seen. Dr. Richardson stands high in his profession. He has made a fortune out of practice in the state institutions. He holds a high official position. He still has time to make a good mayor and make Salem a clean healthy city.

Who started the rackets about bad water at Salem and streets that were a disgrace? Mayor Richardson in his message. THE JOURNAL has only upheld the mayor, who started in by denouncing the electric light contract, the bad streets, the opera house and the water he says is unfit for use half the year. These statements to the detriment of Salem, were spread broadcast in an official document over the name of Dr. Richardson as mayor of the Capital city; and gave our city a black eye and the mayor a reputation for demagogry, because he has never backed up his assertions by a single act to remove the evils he so forcibly pointed out. He has shown himself insincere, if not cowardly.

He has done nothing but use his official position to strike at THE ONE CENT DAILY for saying what he himself had said, and bulldoze the council into annulling a $15 contract so as to pay his organ four or five times as much for city advertising it failed to get by open bids for the work. Shame on such official cowardice and inconsistency!

Mayor Richardson is a man of some property. He says in his message the city ought to have free water. Then the water-takers would pay the whole bill for a city water supply. The non-users would get fire protection free. That part of the people who take water would pay for all. We do not defend Salem Water Co. water. It must stand on its own merits. THE JOURNAL is one of the largest patrons of the Water Co. and pays full rates. But it will say for Mr. Wallace that he has improved the pressure and the service and lowered the rate to the consumer. Dr Richardson would have the city pay nothing and the private consumer pay all. Is this fair? Does not the city and the general taxpayer get protection for all he pays in city taxes? Should this additional burden be heaped on the water users, and the whole city get its fire protection at the expense of a few? Mayor Richardson cannot maintain his position.

SIGHT READING.—Prof Heritage begins a class at the Willamette University chapel for children over 10 years of age. Work begins, Saturday, March 20th, at 9:40 a. m. and continues for 12 regular lessons. Tuition, 75 cents. Books and Chart, free. The first lesson is very important.

MILLINERY.—The Nonpareil millinery store in the First Nation bank block, is busy opening new spring goods, and will announce its spring opening day later. 17-3t

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper

EDITORIAL.

The various members of boards and commissions who have been left hanging in the air by failure of the legislature to elect, or even to appropriate money for, are entitled to some consideration. It is but human to hope and to hang on to official honors and emoluments. In this respect people are pretty much alike. These officials are left in doubt as to their status. The supreme court has once continued them, without election, but when appropriations were made for them. Some able lawyers now tell these officials they can still hang to their places and collect pay for their services. What shall men do under the circumstances, but humanly hope, hang on and collect if they can? We do not believe this can be done, but our opinion is no better worth considering than another's. But no one should blame Secretary Kincaid for refusing to take the responsibility of "auditing and allowing" claims for these officials whose status is not determined. They can as well go before the legislature on the merits of their claims as to ask Mr. Kincaid to take the risk of being repudiated by the legislature, if not discredited by the people themselves. There has been great outcry against these boards and commissions, and it is unfair to make the occupants of the offices, or the secretary of state the scapegoat for their existence. Let the legislature squarely face the responsibility of continuing them and providing for them. Let it be made an issue at the next election. If the people want all these boards and commissions continued; if they are rendering a material service to the people; if the public service cannot get along at all well without them let candidates go before the people on the platform of restoring and continuing them and let that settle the matter.

Those who do not like to read about the money queston must remember that the question is still with us whether we like it or not. If at times we print matters that do not set well on their stomachs they must excuse us, as THE JOURNAL is the only bimetallic daily at Salem and its readers, in other parts of the state, have an interest in the matter that does not always exist in the mind of the average hog politician whose sense of political justice has been blunted by long tarrying at the public swill. So we venture to reproduce two paragraphs from the able financial article, of the Boston Transcript, of March 5, following a long rambling disquisition to show that prosperity has not put in an appearance in this country:

"President Reynolds, of the Mexican Industrial Railways company, is again in this city, after an extended trip to the company's property in Mexico. President Reynolds found the property in excellent condition, reflecting most encouraging prospects for the future. Development work is rapidly being pushed, and the company's plant, before long, will be in a position where active operations can be begun. President Reynolds found Mexico in a prosperous condition, financial depression and absence of industrial activity being something foreign to that county. The railroads are doing an immense business, especially the Mexican Central. As President Reynolds came up on this latter road he noticed the sidings filled with bodied freight cars waiting for motive power with which to move them.

The present Mexican government also comes in for mention for the remarkably clean way in which affairs are conducted. The treasury contains a surplus, which constantly is being augmented by reason of a favorable trade balance. There is a growing tendency toward real estate investment in Mexico, on the part of foreign capital. Many Americans are engaging in coffee growing, and considerable land is being purchased for this purpose. On account of the cheap labor there, and the increased value of the commodity when shipped to a foreign port, where the government is on a gold basis, coffee raising is a very profitable undertaking. Mexico is not enjoying any boom. A period of legitimate business expansion now is obtaining there, as a result of good government, social harmony and freefrom artificial, injurious inflrences. Just now Mexico presents a decided contrast to the situation here."

A telegram, printed Saturday, says plans are perfected to build a railroad from Vera Cruz to Acapulco, 2,000 miles shorter than the Nicaragua route.

$400,000.

San Francisco Money Offered

To Take State Expenditure Vouchers at Par.

Par!

What a big word these days.

San Francisco capitalists offer to take $400,000 of expenditure claims at par.

Ralph Moody has just returned from San Francisco with an offer to cash claims at par if Secretary Kincaid will audit and allow them.

This Secretary Kincaid positively declines to do. He stands firm on this position, heretofore taken, that he will not audit claims before money has been appropriated unless compelled to do so by the court.

He believes the appropriations will be made by the legislature to pay the vouchers which he is preparing to issue in duplicate and to be audited and allowed by the various boards, just as surely as if the claims had been audited by the Secretary of State and they would be just as legal in any way.

On the other hand, Mr. Kincaid says, if the claims had been "audited and allowed" officially by the secretary of state, the various boards and officials and members of the legislature would shield themselves behind the secretary of state's official act and no reduction in state expenses could be secured.

THE NATURE OF PAPER that is to be issued by Secretary Kincaid is as follows: For all salaries fixed by law the officers can file their vouchers certifying on honor, or under oath, the amount due, at the same time certifying to a duplicate, which with a printed assignment on the back, will be sent to them with a statement signed by the secretary that it is a correct copy of the original on file. The duplicate can be transferred or hypothecated.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEET.

Fail to Elect a Clerk—Other Business Transacted.

At a meeting of the board of directors for school district No. 24 held last evening all members were present with the exception of E. M. Waite who is in California.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of, the vote for school director to succeed H. A. Johnson, was canvassed, and that gentleman having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected and was sworn in by Notary Public Scott Bozorth. Mr. E. M. Waite now succeeds to the chairmanship of the board and in his absence last evening, A. Ohmart, next eldest member of the board, presided.

City Supt. G. A. Peebles was present and made a verbal report of the condition of the city's schools he also submitted a report pertaining to the attendance at the schools. It shows an enrollment of 1477 in the city's schools of which number 1237 were in attendance on the 17th inst.

The executive committee was authorized to provide additional benches besides making necessary repairs to the blackboards at the Big Central school house.

The janitor of the East school was ordered to remove a certain ash pile from the street, a complaint against the same having been lodged by Street Commissioner Gobalet.

The following bills were audited and ordered paid by warrants:

Northcutt's exprers	$ 50
Scott Bozorth	65 00
R P Boise	2 50
Gray Bros	3 60
Patton Bros	2 05
T E Cherrington	15 78
Election judges and clerks (12)	24 00

The board fixed the salary of the clerk at $250 per annum, this sum to include all services, taking the school census, making directors' annual report, rent, light, fuel, etc.

The payment of $435.50 interest on school bonds on April 1, was ordered by the board.

The next matter that came up for consideration of the board was the election of the clerk to succeed Scott Bozorth. The directors were evenly divided on two candidates, Messrs. Bozorth and W. H. Riddell and after taking twenty-one ballots decided to adjourn until 7:30 tonight when a compromise may be effected on a new candidate. In all the ballots cast no candidate received more than two votes hence there was no election. The candidates balloted on for the position were Scott Bozorth, W. H. Riddell, J. M. Connor, H. S. Gile, Mr Schomaker, T. O. Barker, C. B. Updegraff, and Mrs. Thos. Hubbard.

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You should try Dawson's Bitters.

JOURNAL "X" RAYS.

Directed Upon the Oregon Politicians and Public Men.

He is no more,
The pug who wore
The pompadour.

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Say, but isn't Bob Ingersoll dropping out of sight fast?

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What disease has our Dr. Mayor, anyway? Is it ambition?

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"Our streets are a disgrace," but none except the mayor does say so.

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Does the barber at the state reform school teach the boys to raise whiskers.

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Since the Mayor's gavel was furnished the Benson house it has become affected with peculiar idiosyncracies.

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A prize fight is bad enough; but the interminable blowing of the combatants six months before is fatal to the business.

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The suits to compell Kincaid to pay money that was never appropriated to officials that were never elected are not being brought so fast.

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Our reform mayor made some very good suggestions in the start, but like many reformers he objects to having his ideas put into execution.

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How funny, that the first act of the McKinley Republican administration should be to break itself in two passing a "revenue" tariff bill.

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Recovery must be slow, says the goldbug organ, but we suppose it will be awful sure; if we are only not all in our graves when it comes.

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Senator Ingalls lowered himself unnecessarily in public esteem by going as a reporter to the Carson prizefight. Verily, a statesman out of a job will do strange things.

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Since THE JOURNAL has made a great ten-strike on state circulation, it has incurred the jealous attention's of small-bore politicians—witness the Richardson attack.

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When Klinger says his beer is better than city water, Wallace laughs and tells his neighbor at the ice works that his beer is made of the city water, all but the foam, and most people blow that off.

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When Mayor Richardson condemned the city water and pronounced Salem's streets a disgrace, some people thought perhaps he was sincere. Now that he berates THE JOURNAL for asking him to clean up those streets, he goes back on his own words and proves himself a political fakir.

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The Salem special to the Oregonian says: Salem is waking up to the necessity of clean streets and pure water. At the council meeting tonight a petition was presented by the citizens for the appointment of a special health officer to inspect all premises and report to the authorities that they might order cleaning up.

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If Mayor Richardson had sworn in ten good working men to clean the streets and alleys instead of swearing in ten deputy sergeants at-arms to keep Speaker Davis out of his chair, it would have met with far more public favor in this city. He would not have had to call them off at midnight and had them paid out of private funds.

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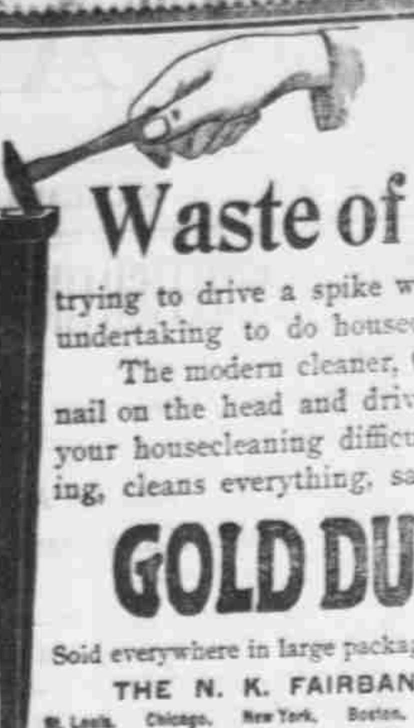
Eugene Guard: A slander is going the rounds of the state press to the effered that a junk man gathered three wagon loads of empty bottles from the boarding places of members of the legislature after that body quit. Our libel laws are not strict enough. A member of the legislature was never known to leave even an empty bottle behind when he left Salem.

It was in nature of a foregone conclusion that Corbett would be whipped by Fitzsimmons in a fair, square, hard fight. The absence of dissipation from the Australian's habits, his better nature, his higher moral courage, told in his favor. His refusal to engage in any banquetting and roystering has stamped him a superior man and given him a confidence in himself and scientific men a confidence in him that were conspicuously absent in Mr. Corbett. Otherwise than a demonstration that character tells even in prizefighting in the long run, this contest has no value to the public. But it does prove that even a man with the physical endowment of a Hercules cannot dissipate without receiving nature's inevitable punishment of moral, muscular and nervous degeneracy.



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Meeting at Reed's Opera House Next Nonday Night.

Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Woman's Flax and Hemp association were prepared and signed by the Woman's board today.

The meeting which was to have been held yesterday at the W. C. T. U. rooms was cancelled, owing to other attractions. The Salem soliciting committees meet at the home of Mrs. Rhoda Ede at two o'clock yesterday to map out plans producture.

Patton Bros. have kindly tendered the use of Reed's opera house Monday night when the next meeting will probably be held.

Friday Mrs. Lord goes to Eugene to address the woman's club there.

Saturday night Mrs. Lord has consented to address the South Salem Reading club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hall on Commercial street.

On Saturday March 20th a German manufacturer of linen muslin underwear is to be in Salem to make a proposition to establish a factory.

FOURTEEN ROUNDS.—It took Fitzsimmons fourteen rounds to defeat Corbett but it requires only one trial of our groceries to convince an economical purchaser, that they are superior in quality to those sold elsewhere.—Branson & Co.

NOTARIES APPOINTED.—F. S. Gordon, Victor; Luther B. Burtenshaw, Myrtle Point; Thomas N. Lakin, Sellwood.

"Perfection in dying is only attained by using Perfection Dyes. 17-6t

Mayor Richardson might like Salem water better if it were conducted on the watered stock plan.

SOMETIMES the most careful women are the most careless. Many a woman bundles herself up, puts on heavy clothing and wraps and furs to keep out the cold—to keep out sickness—when she is neglecting the very worst sickness that can come to a woman. She is allowing a slight disorder to grow, to become worse, to slowly and surely sap her vitality. The little pain and the other slight indications of trouble seem to her unimportant. She pays no attention to them. By and by they grow a little worse, but she is used to them then and takes them as a matter of course. By and by, they have grown into dragging pains that occasionally keep her in the house—that occasionally put her to bed. Then she knows what is the matter, but she won't go to a doctor because she knows he will insist on "examinations" and "local treatment." She goes on, with increasing suffering, until life itself becomes a drag. Nervousness, "sinking spells," digestive disturbances, and fifty other complications may arise from the same cause. Frequently such symptoms are treated as digestive diseases when the root of the whole matter is the derangement of the organs distinctly feminine. Over thirty years ago, the need for a reliable remedy for so-called "female complaints," was recognized by Dr. R. V. Pierce, then, as now, chief consulting physician to the World's Dispensary and Invalids' Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y. He prepared Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the most wonderfully effective remedy that has ever been used for such maladies. Its sale now exceeds the combined sales of all other medicines for women. Its effect is perceptible almost immediately. It relieves pain, allays inflammation, checks debilitating drains, and quickly subdues other distressing symptoms. It makes the organs and their surrounding tissues strong and healthy, thereby correcting displacements and invigorating the whole body.

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