

EDITORIAL.

The city of Salem has before it the problem of municipal ownership of a public franchise, or corporate ownership. There are now in existence two charters granted by the city council for street car lines. These franchises were owned by two corporations. The managers of these corporations absorbed the property of the stock holders. All small interests were wiped out. The properties were passed into the hands of receivers and were sold out by order of court and are now owned by one company, the same company being in control of the Salem Electric Light and Power plant. The manager, Mr. Anson asks a new charter that will give that one company, of which he is manager, a franchise for a street car system for fifty years. This paper has published that charter, which is now again in the hands of the license committee of the city council.

There are but two ways of dealing with this question of street car franchises. One is municipal ownership. This is undoubtedly the right theory. The city should never part with ownership and control of its streets. It might lease them for a period of years. This plan is now followed in Chicago and New York. But is the city prepared to own, operate and maintain a street car line? Many cities do own and operate gas, light, water and car line plants. Have our officials the intelligence and honesty to conduct such enterprises? If they have not then they must turn over the right to do so to a private corporation. Mr. Anson has shown his ability to manage an electric light plant and if given sole control of the street car lines of this city might make them a valuable property. He is a self-made man, who started in life as a poor boy in Dubuque, Iowa, and worked his way up as a practical fireman and electrician. As a business man he has great ability. The city of Salem could have no better or more practical man at the head of its car lines.

If Mr. Anson can get a franchise for the entire street car system of Salem he can no doubt so improve the service as to be a benefit to the capital city. He can possibly put it on a paying basis, which could never be done with two lines covering much of the same territory, and operating some useless and unprofitable lines. Mr. Anson has shown a spirit of enterprise in his management of the car lines, which has given Salem the best service had by any city of its size in the west. He has improved the cars, has built the cars at Salem, has given the people theatre cars, and a perfect regular time card that is very satisfactory.

If the city of Salem desires to give a new franchise that shall take up the two old franchises it can do no better than give Mr. Anson a properly guarded franchise. Private ownership is not the best in our opinion. We do not believe in it. We do not believe that a city should part with its streets to a private corporation. But unless the community wants to take up the task of public ownership, these franchises must be granted to some one or the people must go without street car privileges. Ownership by the city leasing to a corporation, or ownership by the city and employment of a practical man like Mr. Anson to operate the car lines is the only alternative.

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THE STRAW MATTING OUTRAGE.

[The Springfield Republican:] There appears in the fax, hemp and jute schedule of the Dingley tariff bill and unpretentious little item which has hitherto for some years been a stranger to the dutiable list. It is as follows:— Floor matting, plain, fancy or figured, manufactured from straw, round or split, or other vegetable substance not otherwise provided for, including what are known as Chinese, Japanese and India straw matting, valued at not exceeding 10 cents per square yard, 8 cents per square yard; valued at exceeding 10 cents per square yard, 8 cents per square yard and 25 per cent ad valorem.

These are the matting which are known in every household and which are coming into larger and larger use. They are not made in this country, and never will be made here until invention has so far improved and expanded the process of manufacture as to make it worth the attention of American labor. Even the McKinley act of 1890 put these matting on the free list, and there they have been ever since; and prior to the McKinley act never more than a small ad valorem duty was put upon them. What, then, has moved the Dingley revisers?

These straw matting have come to be preferred by very many housekeeper to ingrain carpeting. They make a cleaner and far less troublesome floor covering. A good, closely-knit straw matting can be left on the floor until it is worn out, without serious need of removal at house-cleaning time. It does not catch and absorb the dirt as does a carpet, and can be swept without raising clouds of dust, which the friction offered by the wool carpet makes next to impossible. Consequently, on floors which need full covering, a straw matting on which rugs can be spread about offers a most satisfactory furnishing in many respects, and particularly for people who live in rented houses and are obliged to move sometimes. Carpets fitted to one set of rooms can be transferred to another only with expense and frequently total loss, while the rugs are good for any house and the cheaper matting, on moving, can be replaced with new at small cost comparatively.

Hence it is that floor matting, of this kind, have come into very large use, and the trade records prove that the demand for them is rapidly growing. Now the Dingley bill undertakes to make these matting so expensive to the people as to discourage their use. Probably the bulk of the matting sold in our markets today cost at wholesale at the port of shipment 10 cents or less per yard. A duty of 8 cents per yard would consequently amount to nearly or quite 100 per cent, and more than that on the cheapest grades. On matting costing 11 cents, the duty of 8 cents and 25 per cent amounts to over 97 per cent; on 12-cent matting, to over 90 per cent, etc. In short, it is proposed practically to double the cost of straw matting to the people.

And what for, if there is no straw matting industry in this country to be developed? The reason is plain. The ingrain carpet manufacturers demand the change in their interests. They want people to be compelled to buy their goods instead. The market for ingrain carpets has been reduced somewhat by the preference for matting. This must be stopped, and so Mr. Dingley proposes to stop it by doubling the price of straw matting. Meantime, also, the prices of ingrain carpets are to be advanced—must be, because of the demands of the wool-growers for a high duty on carpet wools not produced in this country, and if people who prefer straw matting are taken by the throat and compelled to prefer ingrain carpets, the ingrain manufacturers can the more easily overcome the disadvantage of high wool duties.

There is method in all tariff madness and here is the method of this particularly mad and unconscionable proceedings. It is a case of taxing a popular preference into submission to the wishes of a single selfish interest. It is like taxing wheat to compel people to eat corn, or meat to compel them to eat fish, or wool clothing to compel them to wear cotton, or wooden houses to compel them to build brick and so profit the brick-makers. It is an unmitigated outrage, and will and ought to cost the Republican party thousands of votes.

JOURNAL "X" RAYS.

Directed Upon the Oregon Politicians and Public Men.

Bert Huffman, of La Grande, Or., is the author of a very-pretty poem, "Lover's Bridge." It has these verses:

Oh that sweet enchanting spot, How my mind to it returns— And for one draught of its ecstasy My heart sincerely yearns.

Still it spans the laughing stream— Other lovers come and go, And listen to the minstrelsy Of fiddle and wave below.

Oh those golden, twilight hours! How they shine through all the space We have treasured, hand in hand— How they live in matchless grace.

There we hung across the rail, (Elbows touching—thus, you know.) That was just enough of ecstasy To set my soul aglow.

Following sketch of a Portland member of the late legislature, who is ranked as one of the keenest politicians of Oregon, is sure to be appreciated. It is from the Salem correspondence of the Eugene Journal: Some men are pleasant to meet no matter how disagreeable may be your errand. They are always polite and never seem to be worried and always make you feel that you are their equal when you are in their presence. One of this kind of men is Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr. He is a gentleman in the most exacting Parisian meaning of the term. When confronted by what would seem the most exasperating circumstances and conditions, I have seen him sit down, coolly, as if collecting in resources out of the atmosphere and the aroma of a freshly lighted two-bit cigar, slowly begin to unfold some method of surmounting the difficulty. A man of wonderful individuality, ingenuity, and executive ability. I should say that the trait of character most developed and most to be admired in this man is steadfastness of purpose. "A purpose once fixed—then death or victory," or something of the kind. Not a free-silverite yesterday, a bimetalist today and a gold monometalist tomorrow, but the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Too many men change their opinions with the seasons, the moon or the weather or the sitting of conventions or other changeable things. Mr. Bourne doesn't do this. When in the Republican camp he plans to help the silver cause; in the fusion campaign his purpose was the same, so also when leagued with the Populists in the legislature. His purpose then was to defeat one of the most dangerous enemies of the silver cause—one who had been his brilliant father, but who in the hour of trial had turned to strangle his own offspring.

In personal appearance Mr. Bourne is shorter than medium in height, slender and sinewy with a quick elastic step indicating great physical endurance. His face, with those rather long, curly, sandy side whiskers and a pleasant smile, is easily remembered. He always dresses neatly but very plainly; never wears a white shirt but is invariably seen in a soft comfortable negligee. Mr. Bourne is a New Englander and is naturally a Republican and a valuable man for the party, had not that party driven him out of its ranks on account of his pronounced silver ideas.

The middle west is protesting against the duty on coal, which does not help the greater part of American producers, but will, they fear, provoke a retaliatory Canadian duty upon their exports to that country. A duty on coal is a monstrous absurdity. Coal can be marketed profitably only near the mines, as transportation to a distance eats up the profit. The natural coal supply of New England is Nova Scotia, of Oregon and California is British Columbia, of all middle Canada is the Ohio valley. To interfere with this natural course of trade is incredible folly. We export more coal than we import, anyway.—Oregonian.

The silver service for the battleship Oregon, at a cost of almost \$5,000, which sum was raised throughout this state by public contribution, has arrived from the east. It consists of a punch bowl, of ten gallons' capacity, with ladle and 24 glasses in silver holders; a toddy bowl of 12 pints, with ladle, and a grand massive silver. Oregon will experience a great boom no doubt and the price of life, liberty and happiness will not come so high.

William Jennings Bryan seems to be thriving very well, financially. His book bringing him a tidy bit of money, his lectures a little more and just now he is representing the state of Nebraska in a case before the United States supreme court. He will not go to the poorhouse nor make any unseemly exhibitions of himself, to the great chagrin of his opponents.

Opinions about public men written to order. Apply to Salem Statesman.

Bailey has joined the busy Be, including Bryan, Bland, Blackburn and Boise, but Hucker is the only one who is having a good time. Coos Bay Mail.

The Congressman Bailey referred to is the youngest congressman from Texas. He is a brilliant man and no doubt will be the next senator from Texas. He is a lawyer and a scientific bimetalist.

Washington voted by a big majority for Bryan and free silver and its fusion administration of state affairs is able, honest and economical. California and Oregon voted for McKinley and a gold standard and their Republican legislatures have not been satisfactory. Comparisons are not pleasant anyhow.

Albany Democrat: Of thirteen decisions handed in yesterday by the supreme court six opinions were by Judge Wolrerton, four by Judge Bean, one by Judge Moore and two per curiam. Albany's member of the bench is proving to be a competent judge and a comprehensive writer of opinions.

Salem correspondent of Eugene Guard: That Governor Lord has lost none of his ability at the bar was shown last week when he appeared before the supreme court to argue a Portland tax case. There is not a brighter legal head in all the West than Oregon's present governor.

Wallace McCamant aroused the indignation of the Statesman by pursuing an absolutely consistent course. He should be ashamed of himself, refusing to change his principles to suit the occasion!

The attention of horticulturists is called to the fruit growers' Bible, where they will find the text: "Work, Watch and Spray."

Agent the farmers forming a trust; the big trust has been the one that enabled farmers to keep in debt to the merchants.

If Senator Morgan, of Alabama, had his way he would hit Spain where Fitz hit Corbett.

All hail the Pythian Knights. They are most chivalrous entertainers.

The fellow who can't collect his claims against the state can draw consolation from North Dakota, where no taxes for 1896 can be collected. Their new tax law does not provide for it, and the old law is repealed.

Victorious Spain.

MADRID, April 8.—An official telegram from Manila, Philippine islands, announces that the Spanish troops yesterday captured San Francisco and Malabong, where the majority of armed insurgents had sought refuge after the fierce conflict. The insurgents, it is further stated, were routed with enormous losses. Seven hundred houses have been destroyed at Louvro, by a fire which was accidentally started.

BY ORDER OF COURT.

Assignee of the J. M. Moyer & Co. Stock Forced to Sell.

PORTLAND, April 1.—By order of the circuit court Ben Selling, assignee of the \$75,000 Moyer woolen mill cloth stock, has put the uniform suits that were held in pledge by the Bank of Columbia onto the market at \$8.50. These all wool dark blue navy suits were never sold at Portland before for less than \$12 to \$16.

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STATE NEWS.

Astoria has a new football club. The woman's suffrage question was settled by a vote of 82 yeas to 31 noes at Woodburn.

Samuel Faust, of Canemah, hung himself in his barn, Monday. He was sixty years old.

There was a mass meeting in Astoria Monday evening condemning the new gambling ordinance.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clearwater, of Clearwater, died at her home, at the age of 80. Deceased was one of Oregon's pioneers.

Lyman Babcock, of Astoria, foreman of the clatsop-mills, had his back broken by a heavy chain striking him down upon his back across a log. He may die.

The remains of Mr. La Barre, who was drowned at Anidem, recently was buried at the mines, as the remains could not be brought out on account of snow.

About 1450 of the 3100 taxpayers of Jackson county have paid their taxes, but considerably less than half of the total amount due has been received—probably \$40,000.

Eugene elected W. Kuykendall mayor, B. F. Dorris recorder, G. W. Griffin treasurer, W. H. Luckey, E. K. Henderson, Geo. Fisher and Jerry Horn councilmen.

The city election held in Lemati resulted as follows: Mayor, O. F. Knox; councilmen J. K. Barret, Thomas Allen; recorder, J. C. Stouffer; treasurer, A. C. Lincoln.

Cottage Grove elected the following named officers: Mayor, W. S. Christman; councilmen, J. W. Goudy, L. Morris and J. W. Miller; recorder, W. F. Gray; treasurer, D. T. Bristol.

In the city election in Woodburn on Monday, John Egan was elected mayor and Chas. Scott and John Gates, councilmen, J. A. Knight, recorder, E. W. Copps, marshal, W. E. Finzer treasurer.

The sheriff of Umatilla county has begun suit in Pendleton to ascertain what expenses he is allowed under the law to incur. The case will be taken to the supreme court, and the whole question of the salary law will come up for an opinion.

Car 1002 in which Sheriff Bogard was standing when killed in California last year by the train robbers, is now being used on the run from Albany to Norton. The bullet holes are said to be in sight on the interior.

The report has reached Milton that many of the leading cattlemen of that part of Grant county have had many cattle lie down and die, apparently without cause. A thorough investigation was made recently by C. L. Williams, foreman of the Radio band of cattle. He decided to hold an autopsy of the remains of a fine, large steer, and found the cause of the animal filled with ticks.

The temperance people won the election in Brownsville. Following were elected: Mayor, C. E. Standard; recorder, George A. Dyson; treasurer, J. H. Class; marshal, T. B. Tyer; councilman, William Christensen first ward; J. C. Venum, second ward; and L. N. Warmoth, third ward. The entire anti-saloon ticket was elected, except the marshal.

AUMSVILLE.

W. P. Gilbert is preparing to take a trip to Southern Oregon, will travel by team and will start as soon as the road and weather will permit it.

April 1 did not prove to be all fools day at the home of Geo. Brown. He held his own all day and came out a 10-pound boy a head at night.

Mrs. Medil, of North Salem, gave us two interesting sermons at the Christian church last Sunday morning and evening.

Our enterprising nursery man Mr. Gibbs is shipping large amount of trees and plants nowadays.

A number of cattle buyers have visited our town lately looking up young cattle and cows to ship east. A good thing for our stock men around here as they seem to be overstocked.

Our farmers are taking advantage of the good weather and are plowing and sowing oats and planting early potatoes. Fruit trees are commencing to bloom and it really looks as if spring had come to stay.

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