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EDITORIAL REVIEW.

The writer of this page must find fault with the way the advertisers are crowded together on the local page and first page of THE JOURNAL. Now to his mind this is the most interesting page of the paper. The telegraphic news page has of course the matters of national and world-wide interest. The local page has the reports of the little affairs of the town. But between the two a really alive newspaper has an editorial page where the opinions of the editor are to be sought and sometimes found. Here he fights his battles, displays his bigotry, airs his prejudices and rides hobbies. He is supposed to tackle the live local issues and help get a majority of his readers safely landed on one side or the other of a question. The location of the Salem postoffice, the conduct of the city government, the new opera house talk, how to keep off old age and sickness, the early closing movement, the upbuilding of Salem as a musical center, improvement of our public schools.—These are the topics, and others as they come up, that are here discussed and they interest all. The editorial page of a paper. If it is read at all, is more read and talked about and re-read and retalked about than any part of a paper and it follows that it is the best advertising page in the paper.

The discussion of how to live long interests our readers. At night good sleep, under favorable and correct scientific and metaphysical conditions, is the best restorative of expended energies, and as Shakespear says there's nothing like it "to knit the ravelled sleeve of care." What is the best mental attitude by daytime? We should say, get rid of all tension of mind. Don't go about your day's work all strung up for some purpose, either self importance, or determination to "down" somebody, or to do anything else but what is right, just, kind and good natured.

You will say, these are pretty things to tell others to do, but we do not do them ourselves. Well, we started out to tell you to take down the tension. You know there is a tension adjuster on a sewing machine and it can't do good work unless it's just right. So no human being can do his or her best under a wrong tension. The nearer you can come to having no tension at all,—the happier, healthier, stronger and wiser you will be. The man or woman who goes about strung up to concert pitch makes quite a noise and impression for awhile but soon gets out of tune. A more natural key makes sweeter music in the long run and don't rack the instrument nor torture others half so much. So get rid of your tension. Don't form the habit of screwing your mind down hard on every little thing, you will make just as much money, live just as long, have more friends and enjoyment if you let yourself loose a little, do a few things as a matter of impulse and feeling and sentiment and not work all the time under high pressure of hard close calculation. Don't suppress all your better nature and your more humane instincts to conform to so-called fear of "appearances," or public opinion of so-called successful people, or your perhaps still more heartless and hardfisted neighbors. Then there will enter into your life a little rebound and enthusiasm and you will prolong the last calls of the doctor and undertaker.

A great many people make themselves sick and starve their souls by never permitting their better nature to come to the surface. The tension of desired success, cold, scheming, selfish calculation for concrete results in this world and a "sure-thing cinch" on the next, dwarfs and cramps their existence. Next to getting good sleep, get rid of tension.

The Salem bond election Thursday March 30, is the first and most important step towards putting this city on a cash basis. Other steps will have to be taken, and it is not yet certain that our city will get out of the mire of over-indebtedness and escape repudiation.

The loyal, earnest support of every taxpayer and friend of good government is needed to sustain the credit of the city. Not only must the interest tax be reduced to the lowest limit, expenses must be cut down to the lowest notch, but city revenues must be increased. These three things must be done heroically. If four per cent money or four and one half per cent money can be obtained to carry the floating debt until it can be paid off it should be obtained. If we can get along with one less policeman as we have for a month past it should be done. If the city council can in a few months frame an occupation tax that will give the city a surplus to begin paying off the city debt it should be tried. These are business matters, utterly devoid of political significance, embodying only principles of common municipal honestly that receive every man's support.

Salem people should adhere to the program adopted at the annual school meeting, of entirely doing away with the office of city superintendent of schools, putting each of the four large schools on the same grade with a first-class principal in charge.

All four of these principals can attend the semi-monthly meetings of the school board, and the board and the principals can confer together as to the courses of studies and grades, and all school work, instead of communicating through a city superintendent. For instance in the Yew Park whipping case, the matter was referred to the city superintendent who investigated and reported that all had been satisfactorily adjusted. Immediately followed the arrest of Principal Jones and the matter was dragged through court, and an encounter has followed since.

A competent principal in each school is just as proper a person to deal with the parents and children and the teachers under him as another official between him and the board. Then the people will get the benefit of emulation and competition between four principals and four city schools, instead of of all being held down under one city superintendent who would see that no principal is employed who will push his work along new lines or with energy and ability calculated to put the city superintendent of schools in the shade. Such is human nature that no man in official position but likes to keep inferiors under him. Let the people of each part of the city where there is a large school indicate in some way who they desire for principal. Let the fathers and mothers who send children to school, if they are pleased with the way their children are making progress in school, say so, not alone in regard to the principal but with every teacher employed. This is a government of, for and by the people after all. The less machinery and monarchy, the better, both in school management and selection of teachers and officers. The selection of forty teachers should not be regarded as so much political patronage in the hands of a majority of five school directors to do with as they please, but as a matter that belongs primarily to the school patrons.

The relations between the school teacher and the family is next to the relation between parents and children. Even the manners, the habits and the language of the teacher are carried into the home by the children. Permanence of tenure in office on the part of the teacher is important because only after several years' service does the teacher really become acquainted with the wants of growing children and able to do the best work with them. The parents should visit the schools, see what kind of work is being done, and help decide in each case whether a teacher is worthy of being retained in the public schools or not.

The early closing movement meets with general public favor. What is still more generally approved is Sunday closing. It is reported that a Salem lawyer went to the Salem Sunday clothier and assured him of his patronage if he would keep open Sunday.

We shall not mention these parties' names, but really they violate the general public sentiment of this community, which is in favor of doing no business on Sunday but keeping the day as a day of rest.

Business men and professional men should be the last in the community to array themselves against a decent and wholesome observance of the day as a day of rest, and abstinence from work and all business as far as possible. The early closing movement and Sunday closing movement should be supported by all lovers of good order and Christian institutions.

THE SPOILS SYSTEM IN STATE AFFAIRS.

One of the greatest problems to be over-come by our Republican form of government is the corrupt spoils system and immediate results. Truly "to the victor belongs the spoils" but too frequently the immediate helpers of the victors are not competent for high office. Take Senator Hanna for example. He does not pretend to represent the people of the nation. He makes no denial of his allegiance to the great combinations of capital known as trusts. Yet he is perhaps most influential and the nearest politically of any living man to the president. Early in his term of office McKinley made an effort to continue the good work of President Cleveland in greatly enlarging the number of important government positions under the civil service. But the pressure from Senator Hanna, Secretary Alger, Senator Platt and others has been too great and now many of the most important interests of our nation are in the hands and control of vicious and corrupt spoilsmen while every industry of our fair land feels the tightening grasp or some mighty trust formed under the administration of Hanna, Alger, et al.

The spoils system extends with detrimental effect through state and municipal governments and leaves its wreckage behind with the change of officers after each administration and election. The idea of a State Hospital for the Insane, a state reformatory, a state institute for the blind or the deaf mute being subject to sudden and uncalled for changes of management on account of the victory of this or that political faction is simply preposterous. In a State Insane Hospital no one should be employed who is not a trained attendant and he or she should be assured a life position so long as his or her services was up to the standard.

The physicians and higher officers should be appointed by a non-partisan board and selected and retained for and on account of merit only.

At the State Reformatory for boys there should be trained teachers. Not ordinary mechanics and laborers but specialists. It is hard enough to teach and live with ordinary boys but when you put several hundred of the worst in the state together it requires a person with special training to handle them to reform them. Yet under our spoils system it has been the custom to give places to place seekers, almost regardless of their special qualifications, with the result that boys are actually made worse by being sent to the reformatory. It is a well-known fact that men vulgar in language, dissipated in habits and cruel in manners, have held responsible positions at our state reformatory since its organization. The same has been true at the state penitentiary. Cruelties and barbarities have been openly practiced. At the lesser institutions the spoils system has its representatives. The present Republican administration has a splendid opportunity to make a good record at these institutions. It is "cleaning them out," as the saying goes, but great care should be exercised. Let the heads of the departments not hearken too much to the cry of the office seeker or our great institutions will suffer irreparably. The poor convict who skulks to his cell at night, his back bleeding from cruel cuts of the cat-of-nine-tails, the reformatory youth who goes shivering to his little iron bedstead at night with his hands and body swollen with beating for some trivial misbehavior—these and others are anxiously watching and waiting the changes—and wondering—yes wondering and guessing and half fearing for the result of the changes.

A prairie fire moves faster than any horse can run. No matter how speedy your mount may be unless you have a good start of the fire it will overtake you. It is the same way with many diseases. Unless you get a fair start, you cannot possibly shake them off. The only hope for anyone who is threatened with serious disease is to start in time, and seek safety before the danger closes in about him.

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To City Taxpayers:

Apropos of the coming special city election, for or against the issuance of bond, (March 30,) I desire to say a word to my fellow-taxpayers as to the real significance of that election, to themselves, and to the city itself.

Salem is confronted with the question of adjusting her floating indebtedness, (up to October 15, 1898, approximating $64,000, principal, and $16,000, interest, a total of $80,000,) which bears interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, or $6,400 per annum; and to do it as cheaply and as safely as the rules of business will permit.

In assuming this duty, the council has three charter-priviledges under which it may operate, namely: To bond, in this sum, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4½ per cent and with the consent of the taxpayers upon property in the city; To issue refund warrants, in said sum, at a rate of interest not exceeding 5½ per cent: And to levy (next year) an additional 5 mill general tax upon the assessed values of the city, making 15 mills in all.

Which of the three expedients is the safest, quickest and cheapest? This is the question to which the new council has lent its best thought since it was placed in charge of the city's affairs, and which it has decided, with the consent of the people, to solve with a bond-issue, due on or before 10 years and at a rate of 4 per cent per annum.

There are those in Salem, reputable citizens, heavy taxpayers, who insist that the refunding-warrant plan is the best and easiest way out of the financial difficulty. But is it?

In the first place, the warrants would not be as attractive, as a commercial commodity, as the bonds. The integrity of a bond is infinitly preferable to that of a warrant and the bond would sell quickly, while the warrant, from its very strangeness as an investment, would draw charily and dubiously, upon the idle, but conservative, capital of the people of Salem: and this wholesome objection aside, there remains the stalwart and imperishable fact, that the bonds, at 4 per cent interest per annum, would cost the city $3,200 a year, while the warrants, at 5½ per cent interest per annum, would cost $4,400, a difference in favor of the bonds of exactly $1,200. Another fact is entitled to notice in this connection: when these matters were first bruited here, early in February last, a syndicate of local capitalists agreed to take up the outstanding warrant indebtedness, provides the rate of interest would not be less than 6 per cent per annun, and when it was found the rate was restricted, by legislative enactment, to 5½ per cent, the proposition was instantly declared "off." The warrants as an investment, must carry the limit of interest fixed by the charter or they will not be looked at, a circumstance that bolsters the conclusion that the bonds are really the cheapest for the city.

It is said, by way of objection to the bonds, that their issuance would entail a fixed interest charge upon the city of $3,200 per year, that this must be paid semi-annually, thus entailing a demand for new and larger fixed income to meet it. This is true. But while the city is paying this new charge, half yearly, she is keeping the original debt within its limit, and not permitting the interest bill to grow indefinitly, year in and year out, to her subsequent undoing. Nearly one-fourth of the very debt she is now trying to provide for, is interest, pure and simple, and for which, she has nothing within her borders to show, except the honor and purpose to pay it.

It is said, also, that if the debt is funded into bonds, a spirit of recklessness will follow in the administration of city affairs, and a new debt will be built up, only to be again bonded and put away for coming generations to liquidate, (if they are able). There may be truth in this, but it will not come to pass unless the people, themselves, send up councilmen, who, prove reckless and irresponsible. The present charter, if it shall be preserved, contains a clause providing for the fining, and custing from the council, of the alderman who shall dare, in the future, to trangress the debt-limit of the city. And his prosecution, thereunder, is not confined to his colleagues, any citizen may enter the suit and carry it to a conclusion.

The 5½ per cent warrants, if sold, would be taken up, by city revenues from all sources in about four years, in place of which, would be still outstanding, the 6 per cent, current expense warrants, so that in even this brief period, the refund loan would be converted into the larger debt, with its ever increasing annual interest burden; no less than $4,800, and here again the bonds would be an advantage by $1,600 per annum.

The possibility of using the third expedient, the 5 mill general tax levy is too remote to be discussed at present.

The logic of economy, of business expediency, of commercial integrity, prompts the employment of the bonding privileges, as it will, beyond all question, solve the financial problems of Salem, in the quickest, safest, and cheapest way, possible.

The bonds proposed to be issued, will be made payable, principal and interest, right here in Salem, and thus the home debt will create a valuable, public interest in the city's affairs; for, as the city's creditors will be on the spot to watch and guard the administration of her affairs, it may be safely presumed they will use the opportunity for an intelligent and serviceable oversight at all times.

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