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EDITORIAL

THE JOHNSON SCHOOL LAND LOAN

A Salem Republican paper that is making a specialty of showing up defects in the Geer administration, hinges its principal argument for the retirement of Governor Geer on the loan of $2500 to H. A. Johnson from the school land fund.

THE JOURNAL is frank to confess that if there is any way under the sun to improve our state administration it would like to see it done, and in its small way contribute to that end.

If this Republican editor can produce any great evidence of fraud against Geer we certainly believe that the Republican party should turn him down and find some better man for Governor.

But the Salem editor who makes a specialty of camping on the Governor will have to dig up some more proofs to convince any fair person that a fraud has been committed in the case of the Johnson land loan.

The papers in the case are on file at the treasurer's office In fact, the Treasurer and Secretary of State are equal partners with the Governor in this Johnson land swindle as it is called.

The loan is not on land in Howell Prairie, as it has been so faithfully and persistently published, but between the Garden Road and the State Fair Grounds, as the application shows.

The abstractor says that land all around this land has been selling for from $125 to $500 an acre, and the attorney for the state says that the 43.28 acres is worth $7500, and at one-third value the state makes loans.

The owner had this loan out at 10 per cent to F. C. Baker and got it transferred to the state to get 6 per cent money. It may not be a gilt-edge loan, but it appears to be strictly according to law.

There is absolutely no indication from the record that any fraud has been committed by the Governor or any of the board or the state land agent in this loan to Mr. Johnson.

It is a fact that the state is sometimes imposed upon and some very bad loans have been made in the past and under former administrations. But on all the foreclosures made by the state it is $16,000 ahead.

The fact that all the business of the State School Land Board has been done in a far more businesslike way than ever before is enough to get some people down on any such an administration.

And we ought to be all down on it if it has committed any fraud in a loan right here so close to Salem. We ought to get right after such an administration and show it up and not pile it all on the Governor.

SUCCESS OF THE NON-PARTISAN ADMINISTRATION.

The Citizen's non-partisan administration of the City of Salem has passed another milestone in the history of municipal reform and the showing made in the annual message of the Mayor is very complimentary.

All predictions that this work would not stand and that a city government without a political party back of it was impossible, have come to nothing. The program has stood the test of time and experience.

Following is a showing of constantly increased receipts under a business administration, supplemented by the still more gratifying showing of constantly reduced expenses:

Year	Collect.	Disb'm'ts
1899	$8,945 34	$16,087 00
1900	9,505 89	15 937 62
1901	9,647 60	13,356 72

The first time since a full-fledged non partisan administration was put in power in the northwest it was regarded as a mere temporary upheaval—a quarrel among politicians. It was said it would not last.

In the past twenty years Tammany in New York City has been overthrown four times. Always the next year it swept back into power. But there was no politics in the movement to reform Salem but good politics.

The above showing is the best kind of politics any party or set of men can play at. When the Salem debt is wiped out partially there can be begun constructive work and municipal enterprises.

The JOURNAL believes that as soon as circumstances will warrant the undertaking, the city should acquire or build a water and light plant and derive its principal revenues from what are now sources of greatest expense.

In the mean time citizens should with their private means undertake such municipal improvements as can be made without increasing public taxation. With cash road tax our streets can be greatly improved.

The end of the fourth year of the Citizen's administration should and will see the floating debt entirely wiped out and that without an occupation tax or any increase of taxation.

GOOD LODGE FINANCIERING.

By the sale of some property the trustees of Chemeketa lodge, of this city, begin to see their way out from under the load of debt that was assumed by them to build the new Salem Grand Opera House.

The lodge has an income from property of about $4000 a year, and, with assets that will soon be converted into cash, its debt of $16,000 of a few years ago has been cut down to about $7000.

This shows good financial management and Salem people will be gratified to know that the lodge is getting along so well, as they have always felt grateful for the erection of the new opera house.

The Grand Opera House was a stroke of enterprise that no private individual felt like undertaking, and only a powerful, well-managed, and public-spirited organization like the Odd Fellows could undertake.

The Grand Opera House has won its way to the heart of the whole community as a popular theater and public assemblage place. No troupe or public entertainment can come here but the people feel proud of it.

THE OWNERSHIP OF THE JOURNAL.

Some Salem would-be politicians, and they may prove good ones for aught we know about the business, are staking a great deal on saying. THE JOURNAL has gone into a combination with another Salem paper, and that the two papers are under one management.

We supposed it had been definitely settled by the courts that THE JOURNAL was owned by the present publishers and that would not have to be discussed any more before the public.

Of course, no Salem politicians would misrepresent so small a matter as that two Salem newspapers were under one management. The very name of politician is protection to the people against that.

Yet if the two papers referred to were under one management and it could be proven some Van Sant or man who makes and unmakes Van Sants could bring a suit in the state courts against such a merger.

Joking is really too thin on this subject. These politicians lie when they say anyone but Hofer Brothers owns THE JOURNAL. The people also understand that no politicians own it.

The ownership of THE JOURNAL is a trust in the hands of the publishers on behalf of the people. It is valuable only so long as it is conducted sacredly in their interest. Their support gives it value and nothing else.

The present publishers hope to do nothing to impair that value that has been built up by twelve years of hard work—the best years of the publishers' lives have been given to the cause of building up a paper that shall at all times labor to promote self-government along the lines of intelligent progress.

That THE JOURNAL should be injured or ruined by an action of its owners after laboring to establish its independence of all but the general public is ridiculous. That will not be done intentionally, dear friends.

OUR AWKWARD REGISTRATION LAW.

As THE JOURNAL stated at the time, the Oregon registration law is going to prove a cumbersome farce. It will not stand the trial of two elections. It is expensive, impractical, and will defeat popular election.

Under it every two years all the voters in the county have to go to the county seat and register their names, or go before a justice or notary and make out papers almost equal to proof of citizenship.

The first time the law was tried private citizens and office seekers spent a great deal of time and money to have the voters registered. Quite a large registration was secured but the vote fell off one-fourth.

Now all the voters must go through the farce again. They are not doing it and chances are that another fourth will drop out and not vote. People will not go to great trouble and expense to vote.

All this proves that such laws are a detriment to popular government as they educate people to not participate in elections. They operate to keep them away from the polls. The law should be repealed.

The only just registration system is that provided by the Australian ballot law and which was left out of the law as adopted in most states. It is the law of Australia and all British provinces.

In each voting precinct a registration officer is appointed by the court who makes up a list of the legal voters in the precinct and the list is closed on the day the residence qualification for voting expires.

A day is set and advertised when the list is published or hung up in a public place, and all who are voters and have been omitted can appear and have their names put on, or non-voters can be struck off.

After this publication and purging of the list it is closed and no one whose name does not appear can vote in that precinct at the ensuing election. The voter is put to as little expense as possible to get his name on the roll. That is the only right way to register voters. The Oregon way is about the worst way that could be adopted if it is desired to have people vote. But of such is the kingdom of legislation.

SUCCESS OF THE FARMESS' CONGRESS.

By the efforts of the newspapers the Farmers' congress has been made a great success. In fact the most intelligent farmers and the press of Oregon are working hand in hand for the promotion of better conditions in this state.

The first Farmers' congress a few years ago was barely attended by a score of persons. The present one has had the attendance of the most intelligent and progressive farmers of Oregon.

THE JOURNAL is extremely gratified at the interest taken in these sessions for the discussion of practical agriculture and horticulture and dairying. It is a newspaper primarily, but it is also a farmer's paper.

THE JOURNAL was the first daily in Oregon to make a special rate by mail to put it in the reach of the farmer—$1 a year for the past four years—and hundreds of farmers took their first daily paper.

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Two hundred copies of the DAILY JOURNAL go to farmers reached by the eight free rural deliveries that start from Salem each morning. This is a great compliment to the enterprise of an evening paper.

The JOURNAL feels a great responsibility in helping to entertain the farmer's family and its only desire is to give him as complete a newspaper as possible—all the news, a good market, and no deception.

We regret that the advance in the price of paper and all materials controlled by the trusts compells us to advance the price of the DAILY JOURNAL from three dollars a year to four dollars a year after February 1. But the JOURNAL will still be the cheapest daily for the farmer in the west. It is the best paper for him because it fights for low taxes in an effective manner.

The trust has advanced the price of common thread 25 per cent and it says to the dealer do not sell thread below the price we fix or we'll give you no thread to sell. The poor man can't help himself. The dealer can't do a thing but obey. That explains why all the bids for thread for the insane asylum are at the same price. The state, the merchant and the masses are held up by the trust. Could anything make sentiment more rapidly for state socialism than that. "Nay, verily." We are getting in a hard row of bricks.

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The referendum and initiative are good things in their way but there is a great deal to be done besides. These new reform plans will not secure good administration nor make officials honest. They will not abolish grafts as fast as some claim. The fact that all the boodle politicians are willing to have amendments to the constitution is proof that they are not afraid of those remedies.

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Marion county will have three aspirants for state offices—Gov. Geer, for renomination, F. T. Wrightman for attorney general, and Will Clarke for state printer.

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J. N. Robertson of Turner brought to Salem the biggest hog of the season, dressing 433 lbs. He would be a good man to send to the legislature—a man who produces something instead of a man who hogs the state treasury.

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Of course, the Senate favors the Panama canal proposition. The Senate favors anything that favors inaction. The Senate is inaction itself.

CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the breast, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning.

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