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SPEAKER REED.

With the demise of Speaker Reed, of Maine, will close a chapter in the history of political heroism. Like Grover Cleveland, Reed was more than a political accident. He was a superhuman individuality.

He was a man of gigantic proportions of intellect and adamantine qualities of character. His form and face and brain were propelled into the public mind with dynamic power.

None but he could for several terms wield the despotic power of a speaker under the Reed rules of the House, and not break down or fall down under the strain.

Henderson, of Iowa, went to pieces under that Cromwellian regime that requires an Ironsides to enforce its decrees which make the millions of Americans and the millions of the treasury mere bauble playthings.

Cannon, of Illinois, as speaker, will not sustain order and carry on the high-handed despotism established by "Czar" Reed. How long he will endure is not an open question. There are few giants these days.

The nation has probably not another man of the Reed stripe left, unless it be ex-President Cleveland, the man who made the whole United States Senate bend to his will, when it was of opposite politics.

Reed has left a grand legacy of reflection but few or none of his mold in public affairs. But the nation is stronger for Reed's lifework.

THE NEW SALEM CHARTER.

The Journal will try to secure for its readers some intelligent information about the present Salem charter, and also show in what respect it needs changes, and open the subject for discussion through its columns.

For four years the city has been governed under a charter originating with the property owners, and drawn largely to prevent the city from repudiating its obligations, and to enforce business management.

That was probably the best charter for that purpose ever constructed in the United States. It was not the work of the average corporation attorney, who takes a salary from the city and works for special interests.

All the good and useful features of that charter should be retained. Some features can be improved upon. New features must be added. But not one of the sound financial features should be abrogated.

Among new features there should be a saloon limit established, preventing saloons being established in the residence parts of the city. A labor clause should go into the charter, such as Portland has. A park commission, with power to preserve and beautify the city, is needed.

Better provisions for sanitary improvement must be provided. The power to acquire a light or water plant should be established. The cement walk and fire-proof building district should be extended.

NOW FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

Let us all congratulate ourselves that Salem now has a Civic Improvement League. Even the name of the thing will be a benefit to the community.

Even to think of doing something to purify and beautify the city will benefit the thinker. The doer will be made much better still than the thinker, for he will benefit himself as well as others.

The thinker is too apt to beautify only the interior of his mental cavity and decorates the chambers of his heart, when he should be putting out a few rosebushes, or planting a bed of bulbs.

Let us be doers, as well thinkers. Too many of us are beautiful only in thought, while our premises look like the door yard of a country boarding house for town cows, or the avenue that leadeth to the calf-lot.

In each block of the city and suburbs should be found one person to become a member of this league for civic improvement—and removal of garbage. Such a person would be a veritable Tammany captain for well doing.

There is no reason why the premises surrounding every school house and church, and even private residences should not be made more beautiful at the expense of a little labor and loving care of the owners.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

There is a business and a sentimental side to the season of good deeds and good things and good thoughts.

It is the closing time of the year, and it is well for individuals and firms and companies to review the year's work, and prepare for its proper conclusion.

What have we done that we are proud of, what mistakes have we made and in what way can we make progress best and along the line of the least resistance in developing the individual and the business of life?

What man or woman does not like to think they would be able to do twice as much good work for themselves and for others this coming year than they have done in the past, and do it easier and better?

The careful business man will leave nothing undone to clear his shelves of dead stock. The banker will wind up bad loans. The contractor will seek to conclude unprofitable ventures without crippling himself.

So the individual, in scanning the almost trackless track he has made on the waters of life will seek to perfect his compass, improve his ballast and mend his sails and put his steering gear in better order.

He will lop off some bad habits, adopt higher standards of life and adjust his life to better ideals. He will walk more upright, breathe more fresh air, see more sunshine and walk less in darkness.

For in all of us is the divine impulse to prefer good to evil.

SALEM LABOR UNIONS.

These organizations are a new thing in this city. For many years a Printers' Union was maintained, by the fact of the state printing office being located here. Otherwise Salem was not a labor town.

In its palmy days the order of the Knights of Labor had a strong lodge at Salem. Nearly every politician in town belonged to it. But it went its way, and has only of late revived in the East.

The Grange has always partaken of the features of a labor union, pursuing lines of co-operative work, and seeking to better the social conditions of the farmers' life, and also to exert a political influence.

The fruit-growers have organized two co-operative unions—the prune growers and the strawberry growers—both seeking, through co-operation, to benefit themselves and prevent ruinous competition.

The Salem labor unions hold elections this month, and should seek to put the wisest and most level-headed people to the front. The radical and the agitator have their place, but hardly at the head in so conservative a community as this.

With greater prosperity, and the building of a larger city, Salem will, under good management, support many labor unions, and they will do great good along educational lines and co-operative effort.

The example set by the Salem street car employes, who, by friendly conference with their employers, secured an advance of wages, should not be overlooked.

They might have accomplished more if they were in a union, the advocates of organization will say. But the unions must also learn that a friendly interchange of ideas is always beneficial to both sides.

It is upon the efforts of the man who labors for a living that the upbuilding of our city depends, quite as much as on the capitalist. The teamster, mechanic and day laborer must build up our suburbs.

Whatever they can do above a bare living will nine times out of ten go into a home. So that a little more than a living wage is really an investment in a co-operative building society.

Salem labor unions will grow strong and teach their members how to assist in keeping permanent employment and to save something out of their earnings toward acquiring a home in the suburbs.

The largest freedom for individual effort and the greatest possible strength through co-operation, will secure a happy and prosperous community.

FEATURES OF THE EXPANSION JOURNAL.

Two pages of pictures and descriptive matter on the Lewis and Clark Exposition and the interest of Salem and Marion county in the same issue.

Picture of a prominent educator and interview showing the interest the public schools have in the preservation of historical explorations.

Views of a prominent young Oregon Republican on Indirect Taxation versus the present land tax.

Pictures of new blocks and other beautiful buildings in this city, erected the past year.

A birdseye map of Greater Salem, showing the way the city has expanded the past ten years.

Half page with illustrations and matter descriptive of the Strawberry industry in Oregon.

There will be other features and notices of all business enterprises of the Capital City are solicited.

Astoria Budget, Dem.: President Roosevelt has very properly given Venezuela to understand that the Monroe doctrine is not a mere dead wall behind which South American republics can safely throw bricks at European powers.

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