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THE GREATER SALEM BOAT.

That is about the surest way to bring trade to Salem—put a boat on the river that will have for its sole object making it convenient and cheap for people to get to Salem.

It is cheap transportation that is building up all the large cities—together with the trade advantages they offer. Salem has great advantages, but poor facilities for traveling to the city.

A boat on the river can be made self-sustaining, and yet render the city and the people great service and increased accommodations.

The conduct of such a boat for one year would result in a second boat being put on the river. A boat to do nothing but gather cream for the Salem creameries would soon have plenty of business.

A passenger boat to run exclusively to nearby points would have all it could do as soon as the people found they could rely on it.

A freighter would also soon have trade enough from Salem to nearby points—picking up berries, fruits, apples, vegetables, potatoes and carrying heavy groceries, lumber and building material.

The Greater Salem Club can do nothing more practical than to set the pace, and help put on the first exclusive Salem boat.

THE GREATEST STATE FAIR.

The progressive progress of the Oregon state fair must be gratifying to every citizen. The showing of the present board of agriculture is that of having about three thousand dollars cash surplus this year.

This shows good business management, as it is the custom of such bodies to expend all they get, and generally a great deal more. The demand for money generally makes pace faster than receipts.

The surplus went to wipe out the last dollar of old warrants, the legacy of old state fair boards. The state fair has, in five years, worked itself out of a large debt onto a cash basis, and has improved in all ways.

The Greater Salem Day purse of \$2000 made Salem day the greatest day for receipts in the history of the

fair. Salem business men have for three years helped raise that purse, and it has been a grand help to the fair, and a big thing for Salem at the same time.

All the surplus money earned by the state fair is spent by the board on improvements on the fair grounds. It is generally admitted that the state fair grounds at Salem are the best in the whole Northwest.

The present state fair board was appointed by Governor Geer, in part, two of the old state board of agriculture holding over. Governor Chamberlain cannot do much better than continue such management.

THE PSYCHOLOGY FAD.

A traveling lecturer on psychology has left the city with unkind feelings at our people, because they did not turn out en masse to hear him dilate on the science of the soul—perchance he could dilate thereon.

There is a rampant class of faddists these days who bleed the public in the name of psychology, and other forms of soul-science, who are mere charlatans and quacks dealing from a materialistic basis.

There is no higher or nobler science than metaphysics, on which psychology is founded. From the days of Plato to the present it has engaged the minds of the greatest thinkers and the noblest intellects.

But when some great beefy apostle of psychology, at so much per "psyche," comes around and offers to treat nervous diseases, tell fortunes or settle troubles of long standing, it is not the good of your soul he is after, but your pocketbook.

It reflects the highest credit on the people of Salem that they will not flock out to hear every fakir who comes along with inside information on spiritual affairs, at so much a night.

The sincere, earnest student is to be commended for striving for higher light on metaphysics. It is something professional men should study, but they should go to the fountain heads of thought on the subject—read Plato, the New Testament, the early Christian fathers.

THE TALE OF MANY BOOKS.

With its many educational institutions a most frequent sight is to see a boy or girl staggering to school under a load of ten or a dozen textbooks, occasionally transferring the armful from one side to the other.

These young people, with their soft muscles and yielding bones, and not entirely adamant craniums, have gleaming eyes and a hunger for information that is painful and pathetic and come at the same time.

They are carrying on eight or ten studies, belong to two or three societies, read and study nights, and get up early to review their multitudinous occupations of educational precocity.

A healthy boy or girl who is not slated to be a case of arrested development should not be permitted to carry on more than about three studies, and should not be allowed to carry them on in a way that worries.

More than three studies means a smattering of education, and nothing very thorough. They cannot become thorough in more than about one thing—or all, and the other studies should be more of a diversion.

Over six hours a day at study and in the school room is a slow process of annihilating the individual. Put Mary at the wash-tub, in the kitchen; put John at the end of a hoe-handle or at the woodpile. But not over three studies for Mary or John, as sure as you are a foot high.

WAS BARRETT A NEWSPAPER MAN?

The Salem Journal deprecates the appointment of John Barrett, of Oregon, to be minister to Japan, because, forsooth he was once a newspaper man. We consider that Oregon journalism was honored, and deservedly so, by the appointment of Barrett.—Eugene Register.

Let us analyze the facts about Barrett. He did work on a Portland evening paper for a few years. But did that make him a "newspaper man?" Well, hardly. There is no proof that he was even a first-class reporter.

But suppose he was. That does not make him a newspaper man. There are thousands of city reporters who could not run the smallest country newspaper a year successfully.

Barrett could not safely be put in charge of the smallest Oregon daily. He never even run a society paper, or trade paper. He never ran any paper, is he then a "journalist?" He may be, but a newspaper man, never. Senator Simon, with fitting sarcasm, puts it exactly right, that there is not much interest in his case, as he is scarcely regarded as a resident of Oregon.

With infinite gall and superlative cheek on the part of his exploiters he has been held up to the world as the foremost young man in Oregon. What a shame that the people of Oregon are thus imposed upon, and the native sons and daughters meekly stand back and allow a representative of mere "pull" to be foisted on the world as their superior.

Barrett is not a representative man in any walk of life, unless it be the pushing, immodest, self-assertive, over-estimated class, who imagine there is nothing they cannot do, from blacking the politician's boots, to running the universe.

Minister plenipotentiary to a monarchy like Japan should be at least a man who has been justice of the peace or a member of the Oregon legislature. Even serving a term in the state land department might be a distinction compared to absolute diaphanous nothingness.

JOURNAL X-RAYS.

If Salem has a Rip Van Winkle he should go to the play Friday night.

Digging a play out of a novel is like digging gold out of a mine. All but the gold is discarded.

Kipling's American poem, "Pan in Vermont," will be printed in the Christmas country life in America.

Oregon can afford a deadlock, or even go without the Lewis and Clark expo, if we could only get Johnny Barrett into a fat office.

Murray Wade's latest cartoon is on the Oregon speakership, and it is showing Murray up as the cleverest political cartoonist in Oregon.

Clarence Hamilton is a Salem business man who favors reaching after the business nearest our doors, before going after Asiatic commerce.

The man who confesses that all he is in favor of is the Almighty dollar is more after the dollar than the Almighty.

By the way, the school children are not yet getting their ten per cent on the public school savings. Fore the Lord have we no shame.

A number of prominent Salemites who spent 50 cents for tickets to a psychology lecture have a peculiar feeling of goodness in their pockets, if not in their souls.

A sentimental correspondent writes to ask if there are any sweeter words than "I love you?" Well, hardly, although she will find from experience a few years after she is married that these words are more satisfying: "Here is a five, dear; I thought you might be out of pocket money."

Marion County Social News

Personal Mention and Matters of Interest to Many.

The Journal would like social and personal news from towns in Western Oregon where it largely circulates, and where "nearly everybody knows everybody."

Brooks Items.

Miss Lena Nelson, Mrs. Wornie and son and the Misses M'ring, were in Salem Thursday.

Father O'Brien, assisted by Father LaVeck of Woodburn will begin a series of sermons on Dec. 11th, at St. Louis catholic church. Everybody is welcome to attend the mission.

George Snyder arrived Friday from North Dakota. He had not met his relatives for nine years, so the meeting was joyful, especially for his mother, whose delight was uncontrollable.

Highwater prevents mail carrier on route eight from completing his circuitous route, so mail is left at most convenient places until high water goes down. Our rural system is a great convenience.

What is read at some of our country homes and how we keep informed with local and general news:

At Elmer Savage's home the San Francisco Examiner, Gervais Star, Daily Statesman and Evening Telegram.

At Frank Arlis, San Francisco Call, Evening Telegram, Daily Capital Journal, Oregon Agriculturalist and Gervais Star.

At W. B. Egans, Catholic Sentinel, Examiner, the dailies Statesman and Journal, Gervais Star often the Oregonian.

At Jas. Finneys, Daily Capital Journal, Statesman, Gervais Star, Good Literature, Mt. Angel Magazine, Catholic Sentinel and News, Examiner, Latest novels being read are by Nicholas Carter, Hugh Conway and Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Thus winter evenings are spent in communication with the brightest intellects gathered selections of fiction and fact enlightens the mind.

Pigs have no respect for Uncle Sam or his laws. All around the standard of his U. S. mail boxes they root the grassy mounds fixed by some one who admires the beautiful.

Up and down the foot paths they trod, and just as like as not the great hog buyer, Conrad Reboan, saunters down the path, or the well known mining man W. B. Lawler, or the President of the H. G. A. comes walking in their foot steps, with an unkindness in his heart for the possible owner and in no mood for enjoying the opportunity of leaving foot prints in the sands of time.

Moral: Keep pigs off road, and there will be fewer ruffled tempers and neater walks.

Just one week ago Wm. McKay was off red 25 cents for his hops, at last reports he had not sold. Mr. McKay has a fifty acre hop yard. What's the price of hops today?

At Eldredge literary a duet by Marguerite Egan and Katharine Becker, a solo by Albert Egan and reading by Miss Helen Brown also a song by Aaron Nusome was appreciated. Speakers in debate were M. J. Egan, Aaron Nusome, John Hamilton, Joseph Erwin, Theodore Ruben and Frank Arel. Subject selected by Miss Beattie Lyons for Dec. 15th, was, Resolved, that poverty causes more crime than ignorance.

The moon lit evening may bring a large crowd.

No great loss without some small gain. Dr. Price, who didn't lecture at Salem on psychology, spent some of the good money here that he got of the people of other towns.

The Four-Track News, published by the New York Central railroad, prints Colonel Donan's last article on Oregon. We have always had a curiosity to see what a colonel's last article would look like.

Is it possible that in a civilized country jurors are starved into a verdict? There are said to be judges in Oregon who let the jury go without food or drink until they render a verdict. The old Oregon code permits that in the discretion of the court, but the practice has been generally discarded, except by a few judges, who insist on the strict letter of the law. The law or the judges should be changed.

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The people of Oregon should inquire who are public men of this state who force such men as Jack Matthews and Johnny Barrett into the highest offices in the name of the Republican party. Barrett was always a Democrat until he flopped to the gold standard.

The editor of one of our exchanges would take the first prize at any mask ball for the most complete disguise, if he would go there washed clean, and conduct himself as an ordinary gentleman.

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