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DANGER TO THE RIVER FRONT.

There is danger of resting in too much security over the condition of the Salem water front.

One of the United States engineers declares there is no immediate danger of injury to the harbor.

Some Salem business men seem to be indifferent, and rest in easy assurance about the great depth and capacity of our natural harbor.

The recent survey of the harbor secured by the Greater Salem Commercial Club shows that the gravel bar is traveling toward the bridge at the rate of about 100 feet per annum.

It does not fall into the province of the United States board of engineers to suggest dangers or make requests for improvements and protection of the river and harbor at any city.

The duty devolves on the commercial club to present this danger to the war department, through the Oregon delegation.

The commercial club should at once have a map made, based on the United States surveys, showing the peril to the harbor from extending the gravel bar northward at the present rate.

Wingdams and revetment work are needed for a mile above the city, on the west bank. Dredging and opening of a new channel are needed on the bar itself. Protection by dredging is already in our reach.

An appropriation of fifty or one hundred thousand dollars should be secured, with an order for a comprehensive survey looking to complete protection of the water front.

To secure this, active work must be carried on with our Oregon delegation, as the next congress may not pass a river and harbors bill, and then the provision for the survey must be annexed as a rider to an appropriation bill.

After the survey is ordered a favorable report of the war department is necessary before an appropriation can be secured.

All this will take several years to accomplish, and there is no time to be lost in getting about it. When it is too late to remedy a bad matter plenty of wise men will be ready with their "I told you so long ago." But the prudent man acts before there is real danger of a serious loss and detriment to the community.

GET THE UMBRELLA READY.

The fruit crops and others that are well along toward maturity, and selling at continued fair prices will make this part of the Lord's vineyard the most prosperous part of the globe. There is nothing to dread, but industrial and political upheavals, but they are sure to come, and everybody better get the old umbrella in repair, although it may not be needed for a year or two.

Salem will have new boundaries October 1st. There will be some chance of making public improvements, if conservative policies prevail. Let every one get a good hold of their trousers and get prepared to push this town ahead along progressive and solid lines.

Salem weathered the other depression in the nineties, and, with wise policies, need never feel the next depression, if there be one.

Baseball games will probably be given at the state fair grounds. It will take the grand stand to hold the people, if the Salem team should carry off the pennant.

The naughty and purse-proud Eugene Guard (published in close proximity to the Roames sack) ridicules The Journal's advice to plant spuds and cabbage. It says:

"The Salem Journal man lives somewhat to eat, and does not forget the season of sowing."

THE LAW AND JOURNALISM.

A few years ago a lawyer, a banker and a newspaper man went to run a newspaper in the capital of the state of Idaho.

After a trial the lawyer resumes the practice of law, the newspaper man sells out to the banker and comes back to Oregon.

Both the lawyer and the newspaper man showed their good sense in making the change, and after awhile the banker will go to banking.

The newspaper makes larger drafts on resources and ingenuity than either the law or banking.

The wise newspaper man sees that to be the case, and resolves to train his son up to become a druggist, or a sawmill hand.

The lawyer gets a fee on one side of the case or the other, while the newspaper man must champion popular causes free gratis.

Every man or woman who has property must at some time or another hire a lawyer—retain one, we should have said.

After the lawyers and the courts and the legislature have failed to get people what they want they sometimes go to a newspaper for help.

THERE MUST BE REASONABLE RATES.

In the final adjustment of the electric light rates for this city there must be conciliation and consideration of both sides.

But there is no inconsistency in lower rates, reasonable rates and greater earning power for the plant. A corporation, like a labor union, or any business, must adopt reasonable conditions to do the largest business.

The postal card rates that were sent up to Salem from the Portland management about a year ago were based on the wrong principle, the principle of reducing service and raising rates. Thousands of electric lights went out, and the earnings of the company went to a minimum, and now they are forced to sell out.

Those rates were advanced from 100 to 200 per cent without notice, on the principal that if two-thirds quit taking light the remaining one-third would pay just as much.

There was no consideration of the right of the public to have a reasonable rate. That is the first right of the people under any public service franchise.

What kind of advisers and what peculiar brand of intelligence possessed the Portland managers?

All will admit that the late Mr. Wallace, in building up the Salem Water Co. plant, used good judgment in improving the service and lowering the rates.

The now proprietor of the Salem Light, Traction & Power Co. has the same problem before him, and he must seek to solve it along the same modern and progressive lines, if he would succeed.

He is entitled to a fair trial in this direction, and with an honest effort and square dealing with our people his plant can be made popular and valuable to himself and to the community.

There is no other way for public service franchises to exist under private ownership in the long run, but by the highest standard of excellence in service, and at reasonable rates to the consumer.

A SLOW CAMPAIGN.

The Journal does not wish to criticize any of the campaign managers, but so far the Hermann campaign, that is to be concluded with a special election a few weeks hence, has been a slow and dragging affair.

The Oregonian does not print Mr. Hermann's speeches.

This is true as to both parties, but especially so of the Republicans in Marion county. That there should have been disappointment here over the result of the Eugene convention was but natural.

The papers do not announce the schedule of Hermann's meetings.

But the Marion county Republicans owe it to themselves, if they wish to retain standing and influence in the party of Oregon, to not show the white feather, if they wish to have any future organization.

The Marion county central committee has not held a meeting.

They divided on Furnish and on Geer. To split and cause the defeat of Hermann might not hurt the party in the state or nation, but there would not be enough political dericks on this side of paradise to lift a Marion county politician out of obscurity for years to come.

To defeat Hermann means a split on national issues, a split with the federal administration at a crucial time for Oregon, a split that would hurt Salem and the Willamette valley and the development of the whole state.

The Republican organizations have not been aroused to action.

Do Marion county Republicans wish to shoulder this responsibility of disrupting their party and injuring the whole state? They will not do it, and should act at once to prevent such a calamity.

The Republican clubs have not been asked to organize.

The county central committee and the three Republican clubs of this city and the county Republicans should get into working organization at once, and never rest until they have done their full duty, and ensured victory.

FREAKS OF FORTUNE.

It was but a short time ago that Hugh Tevis, a widower with one child and one of the richest men of California, married a beautiful girl from Colorado. Ordinarily the event would not have been of importance, but considerable interest was excited from the fact that the lady in the case had been engaged to a young man living in Denver, and when she got close to the Tevis millions, proceeded to grab them, this of course necessitated the throwing over of the Denver man, who alighted with a thud that shook his little social world. The happy couple went to Japan, and while there the groom cast a shadow over the honeymoon by dying. A few months after this melancholy event, the widow gave birth to a son. To complicate the situation further, the little daughter, issue of the first marriage, was claimed by death. The question then arose as to where the Tevis millions should go. The court has decided that they must go to the widow, that the posthumous child is absolutely without rights, although the natural heir of the mother.

This leaves the widow about as young and fair as ever, and with an immense fortune, earned by a brief association with the man who had possessed it. It shows that this field of speculation is not without great promise. Perhaps the young widow had been won through love alone, and this certainly would be to her credit, but many of the women who unite themselves with gold do not permit the element of love to enter into the transaction. Such a person would have an equal chance to make the fair pay dividends. Freaks of fortune are peculiar.

Tevis had piled up a competency, and passed a portion of it to his son, who thus was relieved of the necessity of piling up anything. A stranger appears, wins the affection of the son, and all his vast wealth passes to her. There is not the slightest occasion to repine over the matter. The Tevis fortune in new hands will do the world as much good, and perhaps more, as under the old regime.

THE READY LETTER WRITER.

(Tacoma Ledger.)

Collier's Weekly offered a prize for the "best letter" and the person who simulated girlishness and addressed a missive to her daddy had walked away with the cake, or whatever the prize was. The supposititious writer could give an oil well points on gushing. She could hand a Yellowstone Park geyser cards and spades and win out in the game. Of course, a standpipe at a packing house fire would not be in it with her for a minute.

A casual glance at the prize letter reveals that the girl was much in love with her daddy, indicating on her part a proper frame of mind. Some Reggie had come along and stolen her heart away, or, at least, made a grab at it. She lacked the nerve to tell the old man about this by word of mouth, but had locked herself in her room with her joy and her stationery, designing to break the ice for Reggie, so the family dog might be tied. This letter was to be tucked under the old man's door so that he would get it in the morning, the inspection naturally driving off the memory of any incidental nightmare.

The mistake came in when daddy gave the letter to the press. Had he honored the confidence bestowed on him by his daughter and merely told Reggie to stop smoking cigarettes and it would be all right, there would have been no harm done. When a girl gets a stilly streak and seeks relief by unloading upon the author of her being, if he is a nice author, the world will never know. This particular prize-winning beauty wanted the old man's consent, but she did not ask him to go to the extreme of actually offering it. No, He was to be spared this pain. All he had to do was to place a rose by the grille's plate in the morning. In the absence of the rose she would know it was all off with Reggie and have to get ready to elope. This, of course, is partially inference. She failed to get it all into the letter, but a sensible reader takes a squint between the lines.

"Ah, put the rose there in the morning, daddy," concludes the gusher and if he knew his business he put it there. He put a whole bunch there. He took the bush up by the roots and put it there, too. And we would like to know whether

Collier's is giving prizes for letters or placing a premium on slop?

AMERICAN VIEWS

OF RUSSIA'S PLAN

A St. Petersburg dispatch, not credited to any particular source, asserts that Russia's backdown in Manchuria is complete, and it assumes that this was due to a "dangerous outcry" elicited in Japan, England and the United States, and particularly "to the attitude of the American people." The author of this remarkable opinion must have been utterly ignorant, of course, of what actually occurred in this country, because his assertions are exactly the opposite of the truth regarding the expression of public opinion here. So far as the people of the United States were concerned they were absolutely unmoved by the attitude of Russia toward China regarding the sovereignty of Manchuria. It is true that the government, in defense of its own treaties and for commercial reasons, protested indirectly against the Russian demands, by advising the Chinese government not to grant them; but such action was taken voluntarily, without being influenced by public opinion at home or by entering into any entangling alliance abroad. It was, in fact, distinctly stated that the United States was taking absolutely independent action in the matter. And the correspondence which has since passed between the Secretary of State and the Russian government and its accredited Ambassador at Washington has been of the most friendly nature, although it is claimed that it serves to make a permanent record of Russia's position, and is assumed at Washington to be a triumph of American diplomacy.

That Russia has temporarily, at least, refrained from executing her plan of permanently annexing Manchuria must doubtless be admitted. But her action must not be accepted as an abandonment of the intent. It has always been Russia's policy, since the Crimean war, at least, to yield temporarily to pressure when her aggressive policy created it. It never involved, however, a complete abandonment of the general plan. She has learned the value of waiting for favorable opportunities, when opposition is likely to be abortive, and of these she has never failed to make the most. All of her Central Asian territorial acquisitions have been secured by pursuing this policy. When the risk of a grab in that quarter threatened real danger the latter was averted by apparent yielding. But in all instances the act of yielding was like that of a rubber cushion when pressure is applied—it returned to its normal condition when the pressure was withdrawn. Russia is thus repeating her own history in Manchuria. International pressure is at present too great to allow her plans to be carried out without possible collision with some power and the creation of complications which she is not prepared to meet. She therefore retreats enough to save her face and give her more time. But she has not withdrawn from Manchuria, and it is safe to say she never will.

The new proprietor of the Salem electric lighting plant is in a promising mood. But is he a man who will do things?

That bar in front of the city harbor should be removed, or it will be a big stiff license tax on the community—we mean that gravel bar.

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