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The Weather.

Tonight and Wednesday, cloudy to
partly cloudy, with occasional rain.

TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

My Lord Somebody was looking quite
blue
Amid millions of bills that were over-
due,
They littered the mantle and covered
the floor,
They were shoved with anger right un-
der the door,
They flew in the window with spiteful
dart
From boys who were clever and lads
that were smart,
Who cared not a rap for the eldest son
With unpaid notes that would weigh
a ton.Then My Lord Somebody, with sapient
air,
Cried out, "I'm a pitiful kind of an
heir
With mortgages piled on my castle's
lands
And creditors calling with loud de-
mands—
What shall I do to escape these bores
With their ceaseless clamor and an-
gry roars?
Ho, ho, I will go to Amerikkah
And marry a maid with a wealthy
paw."Then My Lord Somebody sailed the
boat
And reached Oldport with a favoring
breeze;
And the maidens came in automobiles
And in other high things that ran on
wheels,
To see this heir to a 'cumbered estate
Who was looking about for a million-
aire mate.

Then My Lord Somebody said, "I'm

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think of that?J. C. Ayer & Co.,
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I'm not good looking, but sound and
 hale,
And I have grand titles as long as
 your arm
That will please republicans to a
 charm!"
So My Lord Somebody was soon
 knocked down
To the highest bidder for place and
 crown.

—Boston Budget.

EMPLOYERS OF LABOR.

Many people have an imperfect idea
of the importance to any city of hav-
ing an enterprising management of the
electric light plant.The statement was printed that pay
day yesterday involved the distribu-
tion of \$2600 for the month's work to
the workmen of the city.An additional force of ten men was
put on the new lighting line to the re-
form school, and all the state institu-
tions are being connected with light-
ing lines from this city.Several of these institutions have
heretofore made their own electric
lights. It will all be made and dis-
tributed from Salem hereafter.The power line from Silverton will
bring about 1500 horse power to this
city, that will operate the street cars,
and furnish power for factories, eleva-
tors, etc.The ownership of this plant by a
capitalist who has abundant means
at his command to develop the plant
means a great deal to this city. It
means increased manufacturing, ex-
tension of motor lines, building of belt
lines, etc.Under its new ownership and the
Greater Salem charter this electric
plant will become one of the largest
taxpayers of the city. The employ-
ment of live capital to employ labor
and make improvements is what
makes a live town.The employers of labor at good
wages, workmen at fair wages all
the year around, who support families
and build homes, are public benefac-
tors, compared to dead capital that
only draws interest.

PRUNES IN NEW YORK MARKET.

(California Fruit Grower, Nov. 7th.)
Advices from New York are to the
effect that holders of prunes in that
city are somewhat anxious over the
situation. The prices in some sizes
are a little more than nominal.The carry-over crop of last year's
prunes demoralized the Eastern mar-
kets at the opening of the present sea-
son. These goods were offered one
half cent lower than new fruit of the
same grade, and, as the quality of the
old stock was good, buyers did not
care to pay more for the new fruit.It is evident that the influence of the
Oregon shipments has been injurious.
Prunes from that state are offered in
New York on a 2 1/2c basis. As the es-
timate of the Oregon crop is placed at
1000 cars this season, this supply must
be reckoned with in establishing prices.A factor in the prune trade this year
will be the European demand, since
the failure of the French crop com-
pels that country to secure its fruit
from foreigners. Large orders have
been received for California prunes for
France, and hundreds of tons have
gone forward, but purchasing houses
have difficulty in shipping fast enough
to fill orders.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Salem
chamber of commerce, or Greater Sa-lem Commercial Club, will be held to-
night at the city police court room.The finances of the club will be
overhauled. As usual with such bodies
the club was run in debt, for pam-
phlets demanded by the Harriman ad-
vertising syndicate.The present officers are probably
not to blame for running the club in
debt, and did their best to keep the
club out of debt. It was the under-
standing at the start that the club was
to contract no debts.Whether it is desirable to keep the
club alive will be discussed this even-
ing by those who go, and there ought
to be a good attendance, even if the
ceremonies are of an obsequial nature.For some time there has not been
any attendance to speak of at the
meetings, which is characteristic of
nine-tenths of such organizations. Un-
less Salem can be an exception to that
rule there better be no club.

CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMEN.

The people of the seven wards of
Greater Salem should take an active
interest in bringing out their best and
most enterprising business men, rep-
resentative citizens for aldermen at the
coming city election.The Republican primaries will be
conducted on the direct nomination
plan, which permits any group of five
citizens to nominate a candidate for
alderman and submit his name at the
Republican primary on the Australian
ballot plan.No fairer means of nominating can-
didates can be invented, and if the
Citizens' administration concludes to
nominate its best men in the same
way, the people will be sure to have
a choice of the very best material that
each ward affords.The office of alderman is generally
considered not worth having but the
future development of Greater Salem
is a matter that ought to interest any
patriotic citizen.Beautiful Salem, the Capital City,
has a great future, and it is a debt and
a duty we owe to the state to make
this a clean city, morally, as well as
sanitary.Good government, progressive gov-
ernment, and good business manage-
ment ought to go hand in hand, and
are not inconsistent with each other.
With an enterprising city government
this city can be doubled in population
in the next five years.

DISCUSSING LABOR UNIONS.

Under the head of "Frauds in Un-
ionism," the Salem Sentinel prints an
attack on Salem labor unions gener-
ally, in which it says:"The cause of organized labor suf-
fers more from the words of loud-
mouthed agitators than from all other
sources combined. During the past
few months Salem has had a nauseat-
ing dose, and so long as windy rin-
compoops and anarchistic nobodies
lead the Salem unions by the nose
locally the cause of unionism and of
organized labor will continue to suf-
fer."Unionism in Salem is a one-sided
humbug, a snare and a delusion."E. H. Flagg in "a communication to
the press has this in reply:"Mr. C. B. Irvine in his Sentinel,
expresses his opinion of organized la-
bor in Salem in very intemperate
terms, declaring that its leaders are
'anarchistic nobodies and windy rin-
compoops.' Organized labor in Sa-
lem doesn't deserve his denunciation
and its representatives are self-respect-
ing, law-abiding citizens. The
carpenters' union, with about 70 mem-
bers, is presided over by John Gray;
the painters' union has C. A. Bort for
president; Dell Dismore was until
recently president of the clerks' union;
Ed Lamb presides over the pri-
sters' union. The other unions are
equally well officered and the mem-
bership are men and women who are a
credit to Salem."Mr. Irvine says in his article that
he has 'used the union label in the
past.' Why has he done so when, ac-
cording to his recent utterances, the
union label must be the badge of 'an-
archy and incompetence,' whatever
that may mean? Has he been of this
opinion always, and if so, why has he
not, as a gun-fan of the public's
rights, fought a good fight against this
hydra-headed monster?""Labor unions advocate nothing
but what is for the public good and
unionism in Salem means just the
same as it does elsewhere. The fact
that local unions or individual mem-
bers sometimes err or even are guilty
of wilful wrongdoing, is no more an
argument against unionism than the
myriad of crimes and torts of capital-
ists is an argument against the exist-
ence of capital."The public interest in the above is
not in personalities of the writers, but
in the question, are labor unions gen-
erally helpful to the individuals and
to the community?
It has been said by persons that the
organization of labor unions at Sa-
lem the past year has been an injury
and has brought on the present dull-
ness in the building trades.Without entering into this question,
it must be admitted that any humanorganization is not infallible and
might pursue policies that would be-
come hurtful or beneficial as the case
might be.It may be that in their first efforts
at presenting the demands of trades
unions the unions at Salem over-
reached, as it is claimed they did at
Portland.But, even admitting that, and all
that may be said against unions that
has a basis of truth, the preponder-
ance of fact is in favor of labor un-
ions.In a free country, with free press
and free speech, and as intelligent as
the masses of the people are in this
country, it stands to reason that la-
bor unions will not in the long run
pursue policies hurtful to themselves.Indiscriminate condemnation of la-
bor unions does not settle the ques-
tion. Neither does universal admira-
tion for these organizations as infal-
lible instruments of humanity and
justice.The Journal believes that labor un-
ions are beneficial and profitable to
the members and society if conducted
along lines and principles of educa-
tion, and co-operation.They have a right to contend for
better conditions and to protect them-
selves against the corrosion of de-
structive competition with one an-
other.We believe they have made mis-
takes in the past, especially in com-
munities where trades unionism is
young, in not having sufficient consid-
eration for existing conditions.But consider that congress and
legislatures, which are picked bodies
of men, make serious and almost crim-
inal blunders, and you will be more
charitable of organized labor's mis-
takes.Organized labor should expend
more of its energies in promoting po-
licies that will give greater employ-
ment to labor, in favoring conditions,
that will produce the largest possible
wage fund.But that is exactly what the wisest
statesmen are engaged in doing or
trying to do—artificially increase wage
funds. If organized labor takes hold
of that they are accused of going into
politics.But that is what The Journal seri-
ously advises them to consider—not
going into politics, but promoting such
policies as will give the largest possi-
ble employment to labor under fair
conditions.A policy that would keep all the
carpenters at work the year around
at fair wages would be worth consid-
ering and advocating by every labor
union in Salem.A policy that would keep all the
common labor, all the teamsters, and
all the mechanics employed the year
around at Salem at fair wages would
be worth laying awake nights to bring
about.All the common labor, mechanics,
and teamsters employed all the year
around at Salem would make more
demand for building lots and would
erect more houses than all the world's
fair ever held.If organized labor will consider
such policies and pursue them it will
do more for its welfare than by any
restrictive or dominating policy it can
adopt.By such policies it will peacefully
dominate and that is the greatest vic-
tory of all victories it could win, and
we hope to be able to show labor un-
ions how that can be brought about
in another article.

JOURNAL X-RAYS

An explosion and fire was caused in
Chicago a few days ago, because a wo-
man dropped 25 coppers into a gas-
meter instead of a quarter. The ma-
chine wouldn't stand for the chicken
feed.Three tests of an advertising medi-
um. The character of its readers. The
extent of its circulation. The cleanli-
ness of its columns. The Capital
Journal answers these tests.A newspaper man named Warren
blew out his brains in Philadelphia a
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be married. Of course, as Western
people have not yet seen the intend-
ed bride, but, on general principles,
the suicide seems premature.

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