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OREGON COMING EVENTS.

Executive committee meeting of
American Mining Congress, Portland,
December 10.

Dairymen's association, Corvallis,
December 15-16.

Poultry and pet stock show, Salem,
December 17-18.

Special session of the legislature,
Salem, December 21.

National Livestock convention,
Portland, January 12-15.

Angora goat show, Dallas, Janu-
ary 14-15.

The Weather.

Tonight, fair; Wednesday increas-
ing cloudiness.

AN ELEPHANT ON THEIR HANDS.

The party that won this election
has an elephant on its hands.

The demands for improvements
from the new wards will be per-
sistent, and hard to meet with the rev-
enues of the city.

The territory is very large, and
with twice the revenues, the expecta-
tions of the citizens could not all be
met.

Their necessities are going to ex-
cel any amount of money, and their
expectations will be disappointed by
the best disposition can be made of
the taxes.

With all the good intentions in the
world the new wards will be full of
kicks that will manifest themselves at
the very first opportunity against the
party in power.

They will do that with a vengeance,
and not a little of the disappointment
they will feel at not getting all they
think they ought to have will fall on
their aldermen.

So there is no path of roses before
the men who will undertake the gov-
ernment of Greater Salem. Men who
serve without pay, and who cannot,
directly or indirectly, enrich them-
selves under the present charter, are
entitled to sympathy and encourage-
ment.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

This document wisely takes the
line of safety by introducing no de-
mands for innovations or disturbing
legislation on the eve of a presidential
election.

Roosevelt plays his trump cards for
the Republican administration by giving
prominence to the Alaskan bound-
ary and Panama canal treaties.

The Republicans have won renown
for national glory by their successful
dealing with those great questions.
They have been fortunate achieve-
ments from a party standpoint, and
appeal to national pride.

In every department of the govern-
ment he demands the greatest econ-
omy, and, under Speaker Cannon, he
will get some help. There is not
much demanded among official circles
on this line, but the people want re-
lief.

Roosevelt demands that our coun-
try knit closer relations with the
Philippines in tariff legislation, and
there he drops the tariff question.

By securing a reciprocity treaty
with Cuba, the administration has
taken one great practical step toward
opening our markets to that island's
products, and for the relief of their
people.

The message makes an appeal for
greater safety appliances on railroad
trains for saving human lives.

VALE, CITIZENS.

You are buried after a good fight,
but your good deeds will live after
you. In the words of the scripture:
"Rejoice that your names are written
in heaven."

Fortune favored you in many mat-
ters, like \$5000 on the Anson bond,
\$7000 for the postoffice lot, increasing
revenues. You went in at a favorable
time, and go out when the job is be-
coming complicated.

The Journal was with you for five
years, and stayed with you while you
did right, and left you when you did
wrong. But you could not always re-

main in power, and there are honest
citizens outside your ranks.

The defeat of the candidates on
your ticket this time was not the de-
feat of those men as individuals, but
the repudiation by this community of
your mistakes of judgment and errors
in public policy.

Not a word has been said reflecting
on the character or charging corruption
on anyone on the Citizens' ticket.
The Republicans knew they had a
fight on their hands to beat you, and
had to fight hard.

For Rev. P. S. Knight, who stood
the brunt of the Citizens' battle, the
people of Salem will continue to have
their old-fashioned respect and
tender regard as a Christian gentle-
man.

WORKING FOR THE FUTURE.
The great task of building the
Greater Salem of the future should
now be entered upon in the right spirit
by the city fathers and the people.

There is too much to do to spend
any time in litigations over the city
charter, or testing the constitutionality
of the poll tax exclusion.

The poll tax feature of the charter
should be struck out, or it will be
used at the next city election for the
further corruption of the voter.

What a shameful introduction to a
political career for the first voter who
had to step up and have \$30 laid down
for him by some committee.

There should be definite steps taken
that the people of Salem shall be able
to accomplish the permanent im-
provement of at least one street.

It is a great victory for progress
that a city government has been
elected that will encourage progress
on the part of the people.

It was a blow to that mossbackian
that sneers at public spirit, and makes
it almost a crime not to belong to
the calamity brigade.

The Republican city administration
will have it to show to the people that
progress and good business adminis-
tration are not incompatible with each
other, and that Greater Salem can
be as honestly administered as the
county and state are under Repub-
lican rule, and they will do it.

MEN WHO DESERVE CREDIT.
In the city campaign just closed
there were many who did effective
work for the success of the Repub-
lican ticket, who deserve credit.

The Young Men's Republican Club
comes in for generous compliments,
and all the young men feel a pride in
belonging to such an organization.
The Republican city committee de-
serve great credit for starting the
campaign right under the direct nom-
ination system of making a ticket.

The Republican press committee,
composed of Messrs. Prescott, Toews
and Abrams, of the Salem Press Club,
showed great ability and political sa-
cility in their treatment of the situation
as it developed.

These newspaper men enjoy great
prestige for their skill as political
writers, and they will be in demand
in other campaigns. The material
that was shovved at them by the Cit-
izens' press committee was more than
met and demolished.

The old Republican boys, who were
sought to be driven into the Citizens'
camp, showed their staying qualities,
and deserve the credit that always be-
longs to unflinching veterans.

JOURNAL X-RAYS

"We have met the enemy, and we
are theirs." Suggested as an obitu-
ary.

Have you paid your poll tax? If
not, why not.

Binger Hermann, without committee
chairmanships, will be worth more to
Western Oregon than some men would
be if they had them.

Democrats didn't relish paying \$3
for voting the Republican ticket, but
some of them did it.

The election shows that there are
more than three men in this town who
are unselfish patriots.

It is the largest poll that knocks
the political persimmon, and a three-
dollar tax don't matter, either.

It takes a good lawyer to win on
both sides of the case before the same
jury.

The men who went to the polls
and were refused a vote because they
had not paid their poll tax, having
foregone that privilege, will not be
called on to pay the tax. If that is
not the case, the law is what Judge
Burnett would call unilateral.

The thanks of the people are due
to Harmon Snook, Jos. Wright and
George S. Downing, and other Demo-
cratic judges of election in the new
wards, who refused to enforce the
American and un-Democratic poll tax
exclusion ordinance of the Citizens'
administration.

AN EFFECTUAL "TAX DODGING" REMEDY

We have for several years studied
the subject of assessment and taxation
and have observed the effect of many
laws enacted by our legislatures for
the purpose of bringing about a fair
listing of all property subject to as-
sessment and taxation in this State. A
great many tax-payers, in nearly all
stations of life, have talked with us
about the prevailing practice of evad-
ing assessment, and the consequences
that follow. They generally consider
that the present habit of prevarication
in listing assessable property is a mis-
chief that most seriously retards our
advancement, and that it more than
overcomes all our efforts made at the
public expense and by private enter-
prise to induce immigration to our
State. That our tax-rolls show scarce-
ly a tenth of the real value of our
property, and as it is upon the amount
of this low valuation of prop-
erty, as shown on the assessment
rolls that our tax rates are levied, our
tax rates appear to be high and exor-
bitant to people coming to the Pacific
coast; and as a consequence many are
detected from locating in our State.

If all property were assessed and
listed at its true cash value it would
not require anyone to pay a greater
sum than he now pays; but, on ac-
count of new properties which would
be added to the roll which now es-
cape taxation, many would not be
compelled to pay as much taxes as
they do now. Many frankly admit that
they stretch their conscience some-
what giving a list of property to the
assessor, and that they aim to omit
from their list as much property as
their neighbor, according to custom, will
omit from his assessment. That they
would cheerfully list all their prop-
erty at its true cash value if all other
property were assessed in the same
manner. That they desire to bear
their just proportion of the public
expenses, but, under the present prac-
tice, if they listed their property fairly,
they would be compelled to pay more
than their just share. That while
they are willing to do their part to
ward the payment of taxes yet they
are determined to do no more. We
find the people unanimous in the de-
sire for good government, and that
they are willing to pay their just pro-
portion for its maintenance.

This notorious usage of "tax dodg-
ing" has become a most virulent ulcer
upon our body politic. An Oregon
tax-roll is the eighth great wonder of
the world. Its study proves to one that
conscience has been often discarded,
and that many must surely trust that
the Maker on that final day of judg-
ment in casting up the final account
of their deeds done on this earth will
forget to scan these tax-rolls. The
reckless manner in which the proper-
ties owned are forgotten by many when
the assessor calls on them is remarkable.
While it is true that people know
quite generally that there is a hab-
itual evasion of the assessment laws to
a certain degree, yet few have but a
faint conception of the extent to
which this practice is carried, unless
they personally examine the tax-rolls.

If newspapers of each county would
publish a list of each taxpayer's prop-
erty, as given to the assessor, it would
strike many a good and well meaning
citizen with consternation, and we
would find that the tax-roll of next
year year would be increased many-
fold over that of our present year.
Publicity is the only remedy to bring
about a true reform in this matter.
Adequate laws may be enacted upon
any subject, yet if they are improperly
enforced or executed they will not ac-
complish the purpose for which they
are intended. If the people are kept
in ignorance as to the manner in
which an officer performs the duties
imposed upon him by law, and the people
are also kept in ignorance of those
whose duty it is to observe them, then
favorites ward strikers, political
bosses, and unscrupulous persons will
evade our laws with impunity. Dark-
ness is a most favorable place to breed
microbes and foster deadly germs of
disease, and sunlight is their deadly
foe. So secrecy in our body politic
tends to produce an unhealthy condi-
tion and creates a most favorable op-
portunity for the breeding of fraud
and corruption, and their unrelenting
foe is publicity. Turn the sunlight of
the facts upon public abuses and the
people will force its perpetrators to
desist. The people demand an honest
administration of public and private
affairs, and fraud and corruption can-
not long exist when brought in view
for public inspection.

In conclusion we will say that the
newspapers of our State have always
shown a public spirit, and gladly fur-
nished the news to their readers. The
legislature can place proper safe-
guards upon this law which we pro-
pose against the evasion of the as-
sessment laws, by prescribing prices
for publication, so that but little ex-
pense will be entailed in its opera-
tion.

We are thankful that we are alive
and doing business at the same old
stand, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Tweed and his gang bribed judges

and legislatures, laws were passed in
their interest, public treasures were

pillaged by them, and decisions were

rendered in their favor, and no such

complete and extensive plan of fraud

and public spoilage was ever devised

in any country, yet publicity brought

about the downfall of this powerful

ring. It was through the columns of

the New York press that this vast

system of fraud and corruption was

exposed and broken up, and "Boss"

Tweed, who was more powerful than

any king, to languish and die in a fel-
on's cell. The newspapers are the

moles of public opinion. It is

through the columns of the news-
papers that public and private abuses

are disclosed, frauds unearthed and

great reforms are brought about. It

was Napoleon who said, "Four hostile

newspapers are more to be feared

than ten thousand bayonets."

We would, therefore, recommend

complete publicity as a certain reme-
dy against the practice of "tax-dodg-
ing."

The assessment of each person

liable to assessment in a county

should be published as is done in sev-
eral other states, before the county

board of equalization meets, in the

leading newspapers published in the

county. The state of Illinois now has

such a law, and its effect is magical.

Each person is made aware of his

neighbor's list of property given in to

the assessor, and if such neighbor

omits any of his property subject to

assessment he is compelled to hasten

his correction. This law has brought

about a revolution in that state with

regard to equal and just taxation