

Getting Ready to Inventory

On December 28 we shall commence taking our annual inventory. We have lots of stock on hand that we do not want to inventory. Rather close it out and count the money. We never carry over goods from one season to another, when Low Prices, Cut Prices, Cost Prices or any other kind of prices will sell them. So we will now commence a

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OREGON COMING EVENTS.

Dairymen's association, Corvallis, December 15-16.
Poultry and pet stock show, Salem, December 17-19.
Special session of the legislature, Salem, December 21.
National livestock convention, Portland, January 13-15.
Angora goat show, Dallas, January 14-15.

The Weather.

Tonight and Tuesday, cloudy, with occasional rain.

PORTLAND LEADS THEM ALL.

Portland has more bank deposits than any of the rival cities in the northwest.

Portland has forty millions of cash lying in her banks—God knows what for.

Portland seems to glory in the fact of a large surplus of idle capital lying in the banks.

Wouldn't it be a blessed good thing for Portland if Portland had less idle capital and more active capital.

Isn't the city hopelessly rich? Hasn't the town too many idle dollars waiting to eat up the enterprise and crush the active dollar?

Isn't the one active dollar that is turning over and over and making business and gathering no moss, worth ten idle dollars?

Isn't Portland's boast of having so much wealth lying idle in the banks, the boast of mossbackism and decay?

AVOID CAUSES FOR LITIGATION.

Some person publishes it as his opinion in the Salem Statesman that

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the new city government shall take office Tuesday evening.

In the past the new city council and mayor have been inaugurated in January, the old city officials holding until the new administration was sworn in.

As there is no published copy of the city charter complete, it is difficult to discuss this matter intelligently. But enough is known that it does not require the new city government to take the reins of government before January.

The present city council and mayor are required to make up the financial budget for next year. Read section three of the amendments to the charter.

3. On or before December 31st of each year, the council shall make an estimate of the expense for the ensuing year, and the council shall, by ordinance, estimate and declare the necessary amount of money to be raised by general taxes, and shall levy the necessary amount thereof, which levy shall not in any case exceed the sum of ten mills.

The official terms of the appointive officers begin in January, and continue for one year. The city council is the judge of the qualifications of its own members, and can determine whether they are legally entitled to hold their seats.

To undertake to swear in part or all the new aldermen before their term of office begins will involve them in controversy and perhaps litigation.

The fact is, few persons, besides the present city recorder, know what the city charter and ordinances of the city contain. They have not been compiled or made public in years, and have been frequently amended, changed, re-enacted and repealed.

Not a person living in Salem today knows what the bicycle restrictions are, and the new city government should proceed with the greatest caution, until it can act intelligently in the premises.

As no taxes are levied in the new wards for the assessment of 1903, it is not necessary to swear in the aldermen for those wards, and they cannot well be sworn in before the men elected at the same time they were are also given their seats.

Remembering that there is an element that only seeks a technical opportunity to take the charter of Greater Salem into the courts, and have it annulled, the councilmen who are loyal to the new charter should avoid giving any cause for such litigation.

Concerning "Taxpayer."

Editor Journal:— I thought the election was over last Monday, but I see quite a number of heavy "Taxpayers," whose names are too brittle to have made public, are still charging corruption, and everything else which don't cost anything, to the Republican party and its election to office.

One of the most serious charges is to the political record of Councilman Jacobs. That is, serious to "Taxpayer." Taxpayer charges Mr. Jacobs with once being a Bryan man, and endeavoring to establish a co-operative exchange, and with being a Socialist. Voting for Bryan can't be such a awful crime since Taxpayer represents many who did vote for him. A co-operative exchange isn't a bad idea when the country is financially panic-stricken and the workman, with his "empty dinner pail" is without work and money, all brought about by such ideas of political economy as Taxpayer evidently represents. Under the impetus of the Roosevelt and McKinley administrations, the workmen now carry the "full dinner pail." To charge Mr. Jacobs as being inclined towards the Socialists, is to let fly a boomerang, for has not the city government been under the thumb of an open and outspoken Socialist for the past five years? What does Mr. Taxpayer want? Is a Socialist all right if he pays any taxes? Well Mr. Jacobs has a nice \$5,000 home in

North Salem, and pay taxes, and votes the Republican ticket. Can Mr. Taxpayer show that any city property is owned by his Socialist? Does his Socialist pay any city taxes?

Taxpayer among other of his statements says: "We are also informed by the evening paper that \$351 was paid out in order to vote floaters who had not paid their poll-tax, which counts for 117 votes." He is as rash in his assertions as he is liberal in selecting his premises. The evening paper never said anything of the kind, or anything that could be tortured into an insinuation to that effect. What it did say was, that poll taxes amounting to \$3.4 had been collected, representing 119 votes.

As to ouying floaters, its like being "hanged if you do and hanged if you don't." The so-called Citizens movement stationed hired men to make every American citizen pay \$3 for the privilege of exercising his free born right of suffrage, and because the Republican party had more American spirit and money in its ranks, and enough to defeat the schemers who endeavored to silence the Republican vote by agitating the matter of poll-taxes, now the Republicans are charged with buying the election.

Those who are dead, please lay still! Salem, Dec. 12, 1903.

REPUBLICAN VOTER.

Women and Bargains. (Reader Magazine.)

I, who write this, at last fell a victim to the green-and-white wicker chair.

This is how it happened. I asked the price. Eight dollars, replied the shopkeeper. No. It was a ten-dollar chair. But he said eight. It was a mistake. Nevertheless he would keep his word. I could have it for eight.

What heart of woman could resist a bargain like this? Besides, I thought such honesty ought to be encouraged. It is but too uncommon in this wicked world. And—well, I really wanted the chair. How could a woman help wanting it when she found that the salesman had made an error of two dollars? It was a ten-dollar chair, the shopkeeper repeated. I saw the tag marked "Lxxx Jxxx Mxxx." There could be no doubt of it.

I gazed and gazed, but finally went on, like the seaman of Ulysses, deafening myself to the siren-voice. And though I hesitated, I might not have been lost; but returning by the same route, I saw a neighboring druggist rush into that store bareheaded, as I now supposed to change a bill. Need I say that I then thought he had come for my chair? Need I say that I then and there bought the chair?

Thus have I brought shame on a judicious parent—not my mother—who has conscientiously labored to teach me that the way of the bargain-hunter is hard.

"Awfully Religious." Senator Cullom, of Illinois, has a little granddaughter, of whom he is very fond. In the cloakroom the other day the venerable senator told how the little girl came to her grandmother a few days before and said:

"Grandma, the man who takes away our ashes is awfully religious."

"Why, dear?"

"Because when he put the ashes in the cart today and the mule wouldn't go he sat there and told the mule all about a lot of religious things."

Washington Correspondence New York World.

JOURNAL X-RAYS

Judge George, of Portland, feels sore; his dignity has been in a rear-end collision, and received a frightful jolt. The judge wanted a new clothes brush—an official judicial brush, of course, and when the county court refused to buy it a hiatus of large size opened between himself and the county court. It's too bad.

Queen Alexandria may be a brave woman, but she ran at the first fire.

The Dalles Chronicle is still trying Moody, and, by way of diversionment, is incidentally trying the Oregonian for commenting on the case. It is also trying the jury and Judge Bolling. In fact, has developed into quite a supreme court.

Col. Olmsted advertises to do washing by the pound. The question is, does he weigh it before or after?

Down South they say the Democrats disfranchise the niggers. Well, it wasn't the Republican party that tried to disfranchise the whites in Salem.

Oil in Gilliam County. The well-drill of the Condon Drilling Co., which is being operated on Dunn Bros. ranch northwest of town, struck a strata of blue shale or soapstone at a depth of 72 feet last Friday from which is obtained good oil. A considerable quantity of the oil was brought up with the first bucket of water raised when the well was being sand pumped and the greasy fluid also adheres to the drill stem to such an extent that when the drill was allowed to rest on a plank over the well over night the oil trickled down enough to saturate the plank. The oil is dark colored and heavy and gives off the well known petroleum odor which cannot be mistaken.

An Unkind Father. If ever an offspring received an unmerited drubbing from an unkind father, 'twas when representative Charles Johnson, of Grant county, framer of the portage bill, disclaimed the good of that measure. It is also a poor showing for any legislator to make, when he frames a bill, secures its passage, and hardly before the governor's signature is dry to say, "the bill is of no further use, having served its purpose."

Let's sing that old coon song loud and lustily, "Go Way Mr. Johnson," because down here in Central Oregon the portage railway is still a crying need.—Crook County Journal.

Against Germ Theory. Gus Tempka of WallaWalla is looking for a fellow with a cast iron stomach or a case of smallpox. He has no idea who the fellow is but hopes to learn something of him through hospital records or death notices. Mr. Tempka lost a valuable cow from an attack of some disease yet undiagnosed, and being at a loss to know how to dispose of the carcass of the animal passed it over to a poultry raiser for chicken feed. A hind quarter was dressed and carefully hung in a tree where it was hoped the cold weather would preserve it. When Mr. Tempka awoke next morning he was surprised to see the rope which held the beef dangling in the air, for somebody had stolen the beef during the night and carried it away.—Astorian.

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