

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

GREAT INVENTORY SALE

and continue until that date. Of course you can stay from this sale, if you want to, but you will lose money if you do. Note a few of our prices. Everything CUT.

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OREGON COMING EVENTS.
Dairymen's association, Corvallis, December 15-16.
Poultry and pot stock show, Salem, December 17-19.
Special session of the legislature, Salem, December 21.
National livestock convention, Portland, January 12-15.
Agora goat show, Dallas, January 14-15.

The Weather.
Tonight and Thursday, cloudy, with occasional rain; cooler.

THE SPECIAL SESSION.
Ten and eighty Solons.
Flacking to the feast;
Three hundred cents per item.
A past or two, at least,
Forty thousand lady clerks,
Sixty summers down—
Won't there be a jolly time,
In old Salem town?

Sonata is in session.
Fixing up the tax;
House has got the portage bill;
Grinding up its axe.
Salem's got the board bill.
Making money fast;
Won't there be a prosperous time,
While the sessions last?

George is in his office.
Thinking what he's done;
Charles is in the treasury.
Figuring up the fun.
Farmer's in his wheat field
Waiting for the levy—
Won't it be a dandy joke
If the tax is heavy?

People of the country
Casting up the cost,
Thinking of the time that's spent
And the money lost.
Wonder why that ninety men,
Supposed to have discretion,
Couldn't make a tax law
Without a special session.
—R. A. Watson, in East Oregonian.

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TAKING THE POPULAR LOAN.

Some one writes a Salem paper saying that the popular loan city bonds are taxable, and holding out the idea that they should be taxed.

The person writing signs "Revenue," and if he were known probably would be found to be some thrifty person who is interested in defeating the popular loan.

To tax the popular loan is like the school board taxing the school houses, which no intelligent person would favor for a moment.

The writer "Revenue" is an enemy of the popular loan, because if the popular loan had to pay taxes they would have to draw seven or eight per cent interest to be desirable.

There have been three popular loans in Salem at four per cent, and, by common consent, they have not been considered taxable.

"Revenue" claims on a technicality in the charter these funding bonds to take up old bridge bonds are not mentioned, as coming under the provisions of the popular loan.

This may be true, but the charter provides for the application of the popular loan to all Salem municipal bond issues.

Of course, there is no way to show up the disinterestedness and public spirit of "Revenue," or it might be found that it was a minus quantity.

The city council should not be deterred from giving the people a popular loan on those bonds, because every popular loan has been secured for the people of Salem, against the secret opposition of the big money interests.

The popular loan should be made even more "popular" by reducing the size of the bonds to ten and twenty-five dollar sizes. The time ought to be past in any intelligent community when a few money-grabbers have a monopoly of holding the public debt. Give all a chance.

HOW TO SECURE SIDEWALKS.

Citizens in the suburbs should push the construction of sidewalks. The initiative rests with them.

If free mail delivery in the city is accomplished there must be walks for the letter carriers to get around on.

Property owners on any street or block in Greater Salem can get sidewalk construction started by signing a petition to the city council.

Those who have walks and those who want walks can unite in a petition, and the petition is then presented to the aldermen from that ward.

On such petitions the city council can order walks built. The owners of abutting property must proceed to build.

There should be a good sidewalk from the old city to the fair grounds. Let the citizens in each of the suburbs take this up, and many of these improvements can be made this winter, when labor is unemployed.

A BLIGHT UPON THIS CITY.

An item in the morning paper says the manager of the Salem flouring mills will be in the city soon to make the necessary repairs on the North Mill creek ditch.

That open ditch, standing full of stagnant water in summer, overgrown with trees on its banks, and the old buildings rotting down at the mill site is a blot on the Capital City.

About four hundred horse-power is going to waste, and the city compelled to get electric lighting and power from a private corporation.

Steps should be taken by this city to condemn and buy that water power for a public lighting plant, at some time in the future.

This water power would run a dozen factories, but it is well understood that the owners are not willing it should be divided up, or utilized in this way.

The covering is continually rotting down, and a menace to travel, and a drawback to property located upon it.

This is said without reflecting on Manager Wilcox, who is a Portland man, and not directly interested in the difficulties this city or its people have to contend with.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

There is no more uninteresting reading than the proceedings of congress at present—and yet they are of national importance.

Cuban reciprocity and the Panama canal treaty are matters of grave interest to the welfare of the nation, and of the whole world.

The President and the Republican administration are intelligently and courageously pressing these matters to a conclusion.

The various departments are dealing with the frauds and scandals in the postoffice department in a fearless and rigorous manner.

There is not the usual disposition of the party in power to screen and protect prominent cases of malfeasance in the public service.

But President Roosevelt stands almost alone in his warfare for a higher standard in the public service.

Still one man with the right spirit and the patient firmness to insist on what is right, because it is right, can accomplish much.

A CHANGE IN THE FEE LAWS.

There is no doubt great and urgent need that the law for collecting fees by the county recorder must be changed, or the counties can be sued, and recoveries take place amounting to over half a million dollars.

By a defect in the law county re-

orders have no legal authority to collect fees for recording deeds and instruments of any kind. They have been collecting and turning this money over to the counties.

Suit could be brought, and doubtless will be brought, in the absence of legislation, to recover large sums from the counties of the state for fees already paid.

Without this remedial legislation all the county recorders might be stopped collecting fees, and all recording would have to be done free.

This is only one instance of the necessity for passing some laws besides the remedial statute in the assessment and taxation law. Other matters even more urgent will doubtless come before the legislature.

A Leipzig trade paper, in reporting on the recent fair held in that city, speaks favorably of a new line of doll heads made of tin and covered with celluloid. The opinion is expressed in the paper quoted that this novelty is a desirable improvement, as many lines of doll heads now on the market are composed of celluloid and are of great danger to children on account of the liability to explosion to which celluloid is subject. The paper says the use of celluloid in the manufacture of toys is making steady progress.

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