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### The Weather.

Tonight snow, and continued flurry; Wednesday fair, with continued cold.

### A FINE BUSINESS FORECAST FOR 1904.

At the close of the current year a small party of business workers in Salem found their way to a popular oyster house about the time the new year was being ushered in. The gentlemen referred to were comfortably enjoying a little oyster supper, exchanging views, and having a genial half hour to close the last day of 1903. The matter of toasts was suggested, when one of the party gave a little toast, not to the new year, but to the old year, in which he declared that he had never prospered as in 1903. All present participated in his views, and agreed that it had been one of the most satisfactory in their existence. This circumstance is recalled as we consider the unusual business prosperity of the past year, and contemplate the bright future that seems to be in store for 1904. Salem's business men have prospered during the year as never before in the history of the town, and as their success depends entirely upon the prosperity of the whole community, it is very apparent that our entire commonwealth has enjoyed an unusual year of good crops, good luck, good cheer and all-around prosperity.

In a recent number of one of the largest trade journals in America, the Dry Goods Economist, the opinions of several thousand merchants from all parts of the country are published. Over 90 per cent of these concerns says that 1903 has been the best year in their history, and all look forward to 1904 with the keenest anticipation. This same journal publishes a similar list of reports from 2000 firms last September, concerning which it says: "In a very great majority of instances these views were thoroughly optimistic, and were based upon such solid business conditions as large crops and fair prices, the general employment of labor at good wages, and a good supply of money." The forecasts of last September, with very few exceptions, have proved accurate. Disengagement is reported by a very minute portion of those who answered our former inquiry, while many say that trade had turned out better than they had expected. In numerous instances retailers have increased their business from 10 to 50 per cent, and in some cases have doubled their sales as compared with the season of the year before.

This same journal, after discussing the situation generally, and drawing conclusions from the information at hand, concludes that the coming year will be, without doubt, the greatest business year ever known in this republic. The following statement is of especial interest to this locality: "The agricultural regions of the Central West and Northwest are unusually prosperous, and there is a continuance of good business as assured."

These statements of a general character seem to be more than borne out in Oregon, and especially in the Willamette valley. The further consideration of our favored region would not only confirm these views, but would if anything, enlarge upon them. The crops in general, as everybody knows, have been good and prices fair. Wheat is still up, and while the possibility of an Asiatic war may not increase demands for cereals, it will undoubtedly hold up the livestock market, and make an active demand in that line. Hope the last two years have brought 200 to 300 per cent profit to the growers, and contracts now being made would indicate another year at least of high prices in that line. Fruit has been abundant, and Oregon apples sell today in New York City as high as \$1.00 per box. The wood and lumber business has never been better than in 1903, and products of all descriptions have been profitable. Present conditions would indicate no slump.

and every indication, from which conclusions can be drawn, is that the future is strictly all right.

### THE JOURNAL CIRCULATION.

A number of newspapers in other parts of the state, and in other states, are writing to The Journal about its guessing contest.

It is generally conceded to be the most interesting and the fairest system of giving a benefit to customers ever presented.

The way the receipts are going off the contest will be closed in a few weeks—or possibly a month at the outside.

Of course, envious publications at Portland will try to prevent people from entering into this guessing contest.

But sensible persons will see that their motives are selfish, and do not proceed from moral considerations.

The people who take The Journal will consider their right to share in its good will and, and will not be frightened from enjoying the benefit.

The Journal believes that we all have the right to wear diamonds, if we can get them honestly, and proposes to do its share to that end.

### "THE PAPER OF THE FUTURE."

This is the statement of W. J. Patison, one of the successful newspaper publishers of America, and he establishes his statement with reasons, which he says he has never seen successfully controverted. "A careful comparison by a disinterested party would probably show that from 85 per cent to 90 per cent of the news appearing in the morning papers every day for a stated period, appeared in the evening papers of the day before, and it would also be shown conclusively that it was only occasionally that news found in the morning papers and not covered by the evening papers of the day before was of any material importance. Therefore, as newsgatherers, they do not compare favorably with the evening papers."

Then (again, the evening paper is essentially a home paper. From the point of view of quantity, this home circulation cannot be overestimated. For example, say the Morning Democrat has a circulation of 100,000 and the Evening Independent, by actual count, sells 35,000 copies, its actual circulation is therefore slightly more than that of the Morning Democrat, owing to the fact that each copy is read by at least three times as many people. In addition to this, the evening paper is found in all clubs, libraries, reading rooms, etc., at a time of the day when these places are frequented by many more people than at any other time. The careful reading which the evening paper gets, not only by one, but by all, the members of the family, should be kept constantly in mind by the advertiser. The value of an evening paper is not to be compared with that of a morning paper, even though the morning paper has a much larger circulation."

### THE STRADDLE IN POLITICS.

Our esteemed morning contemporary says: To be sure, a great many of the women of this state and other states who have for years worked earnestly in favor of what is called the "emancipation of women" are model mothers and an honor to their sex and state, but the movement has always proven weak, in that it has not had the active support of the greater body of women themselves.

The above paragraph illustrates what The Journal says, that most politicians and some editors try to honey around and make the ladies believe that they are in favor of woman suffrage.

Then when election day comes these same straggling misogynists all go and vote just opposite of the impression they have been giving the ladies.

That is what we hate about the whole business. It is deception, and that is never fair toward the weaker sex. Let us tell them right out that we don't want them to vote, and be honest about it, and not mislead the weakest into thinking we are friends to suffrage.

### GOOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

When the Salem board of education are doing as well as they are in managing finances we believe in letting them alone.

Last summer, during vacation, extensive improvements were made on all the schools, under direction of the city superintendent and janitor.

That same work could have been let to contractors, or put under a high-priced supervisor of construction and would have cost thousands.

The people can safely leave the adjustment of salaries to the board of education who have done so well.

As a rule the services of teachers are required first elsewhere on higher salaries. If a first-class teacher is liable to be taken away from the Salem schools on higher salary it is time to consider raising that teacher's salary.

proving, and the district is beginning to draw from other parts of the county and other counties. In a few years Salem will have the best schools in the state, and will reap a large harvest from tuition pupils.

### KEEP WITHIN THE LIMIT.

The Republican county administration deserves credit for having kept within the limit in current expenses of the county.

A few years ago The Journal forced an issue on the matter of conducting this county more economically, and that campaign bore fruit.

The opposition platform declared that Marion county could be run for \$45,000 a year for current expenses, and that it should be done.

The Republican party was induced to adopt a platform naming a similar figure as the right one at which the county could be kept going.

The present county court and county commissioners and county officials have kept their pledges in this respect.

It is only fair to say the county judge and commissioners are entitled to their lion's share of the credit. The effect will be good, as it will become the basis of apportioning the share of state taxes that Marion county will have to pay in the future.

### THE BIBLE AND BROWNING.

Apropos of the appearance in England of Mrs. Minnie Gresham Machen's book on "The Bible and Browning," published here by the Macmillan company, an Englishwoman relates the following incident, told to her by Browning himself: A friend of Mrs. Browning, a young girl, had a painful episode in her life. To divert her mind Mrs. Browning urged her to write a tale. She did so, and produced what was mainly her own story. It was successful, and again and again, urged by Mr. and Mrs. Browning, she tried to write another story, but could not. She said: "I have no imagination; give me a story and I can write it up." Soon after, Mr. Browning picked up on a bookstall in Rome an old manuscript (or it may have been an old printed tale.) He thought it the very thing, and sent it to her. She kept it six months and returned it, saying she could make nothing of it. "About that time," said Mr. Browning, "Story" (W. W.) "wanted a tale. I sent it to him. He kept it six months and returned it, saying it would not do—and then," said Mr. Browning, "if you have done me the honor to read 'The Ring and the Book,' you know the story."

### WHY DID THEY GO TO HEAR PATTI?

It was not to see a young and beautiful woman. Oh, shaw, no! What was it for?

What kind of a voice can a woman have at the age of 63 who has had three husbands? It was not her voice?

Was it for love of the musical art or for devotion to some principle of art like Wagnerism?

They must have gone for social consideration and because it was the fashionable thing to do?

Many went because others went, and that was all there was to it—it was the popular thing to do.

If we really love music, why do we not embrace every opportunity to learn music and to have it taught to our children?

The truth is very few of us love music because we really cherish it as a valuable and desirable accomplishment. We love it for the show of the thing, because it gives us a chance to show off.

### Value of Patience.

John D. Spreckles, son of Claus Spreckles, is the proprietor of a San Francisco newspaper. To an editor one day Mr. Spreckles was talking about persistence, and in the course of his remarks he said:

"My father is a great believer in persistence—in patience. Once, when I was a boy I abandoned in despair some childish task that I had undertaken, and my father reproved me.

"Persistence will do anything," he said. "There's nothing you can't accomplish with patience." And then he smiled and added:

"You could even carry water in a sieve if you would have the patience to wait long enough."

"How long would I have to wait?" I said.

"Till it froze" my father answered."—Boston Post.

### Incurable.

"My son Jim," said old man Newbury, "was the worst looter in the United States army. He just stole everything in the Philippines he could get his hands on. Jim was just always bound and determined to take something, and once when he got into a town out there he found there was nothing left to take, hanged if Jim didn't hunt up a Filipino that had the smallpox, and take that."

## JOURNAL X-RAYS

The Oregonian chuckles at its stroke of enterprise whenever it prints some man's picture who has died, who probably should have died long before he did.

Say, but wasn't there a real Christ-massy feeling in that little snowfall Monday morning? The little ones were hollering merry Christmas at each other, and rolling up the big snowballs on the court house square, and young people were petting each other just as we used to back in Minnesota.

Thy way petitions read now is: "To the voters of Oregon, gentlemen." The way the Suffragists would have it: "To the voters of Oregon, ladies and gentlemen."

A Portland man is accused of tearing out and carrying off, with intention of reading, the Oregonian editorial page. If convicted, of course, he will be committed to the asylum, and properly belongs there.

Those who heard Patti in her prime when her voice was the song of birds, the music of falling waters, the cadence of zephyrs among the pines, the laughter of girls, the prattle of childhood, all things sweet and pure and beautiful, did well to keep the memory, and avoid the pitiful exhibition of her last appearance.

Jerry Simpson's socks are all wool and a yard wide.

An Omaha postal clerk stole \$2029 worth of stamp money, and, being convicted, the judge fined him \$2000, \$29 less than he stole. This is a convenient arrangement—preventing possible loss in case of detection.

"There is a grand field for harmonizing influences in this state, and it is time they should begin."—Dallas Chronicle.

The Dallas is about as good a place as there is in the state to begin the movement, and the Chronicle should lead it.

Joe Chamberlain, over in England, points to the United States as an example of even distribution of wealth. Well, any way, Rockefeller has his share.

Salem business men have nothing to fear. The paralysis of the lumber industry does not affect our prosperity. Take hops alone. Contracts put on record for three years at 16 1/2 cents settles that. Here is a great industry that will pay 100 per cent profit to the grower. That alone would produce good business conditions.

The Journal will give a beautiful calendar for 1904 to any female suffragist who will tell us which side of woman suffrage the editor of the Statesman is on. He says: "Certainly, general conditions along the lines of better laws and a more satisfactory enforcement of them in states where women suffrage has been tried, is not claimed by the advocates of that movement, yet, in many cases, there is room for the belief that practically all good women would vote as a unit in favor of the suppression of many vices which thrive, especially in the city and towns of the country."

Yesterday was fine snowballing. Today is better coasting, but the snow does not make as good ammunition.

Cool weather. Good for prunes. Will make demands for lots of prune driers next year. Big prices for hops. Wool and mohair away up. Cord wood is high. Papa getting tired of paying fuel bills for that young man. Leap year and great prosperity. The matrimonial market was never so bright. Options are advancing.

The citizens in the suburbs say they have been in the dark long enough and do not want to wait all winter to get those electric lights.

Making the Best of It. "And you decline to put down those guns and retire from our sacred soil?"

"I do," was the quick reply. "Then," said the doughty Colombian, "I wish you'd let us have shovels and put us to work on the big ditch."

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