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The Weather.

Tonight and Thursday fair; colder tonight.

WINTER DREAMS.

Deep lies the snow on wood and field.
Gray stretches overhead the sky.
The streams, their lips of laughter
soiled,
In silence slowly wander by.

Earth slumbers, and her dreams—
who knows
But they may sometimes be like
ours?
Lyric of spring in winter's prose
That sing of buds and leaves and
flowers;

Dreams of that day when from the
South
Comes April, as at first she came,
To hold the bare twig to her mouth
And blow it into fragrant flame.

WHAT IS RIGHT ABOUT CITY LIGHTING?

An effort is making to convert the Wilcox water power into an electric light plant and secure a franchise from the city of Salem.

There would be one good thing about it. The water power would be used. The building would be used. Money would be spent to install the lighting plant.

Labor would be employed in converting the old water power into an electric lighting plant. Labor would be employed in putting up more poles and lines, and in the operation of the plant.

This is an important matter and nothing should be done to prevent the expenditure of capital or the employment of labor on any such enterprise.

So far as securing any competition is concerned, that day is past. The owners of capital, after a plant is established, have no interest in competition. Their interest would be the other way.

If there were any competition between two franchise owners at the start it would not last. The interests of capital under such circumstances are mutual and would speedily coalesce.

The interest of the public is in a fairly good service at fair and equitable prices. A popular and public-spirited management is also desirable.

So far as the people are concerned, they should not be deceived by the pretence that they will not get competition by giving Mr. Wilcox, or anyone else, an electric light franchise.

The only permanent protection to the people in the long run lies in public ownership of a plant, and as soon as the city can acquire a lighting plant it should do so.

Until it can do so this community is interested in a public-spirited, progressive and enterprising management of an electric light corporation at rates that are fairly compensatory and within reach of the largest number.

For the city to take such steps as would enable Mr. Wilcox to unload his property on the present electric corporation might benefit Mr. Wilcox, but in what way would it benefit the city or the people?

Of course, the city government can place a limit on the time within which Mr. Wilcox shall have his plant in operation. The city can also demand a percentage of the gross

earnings. Our city government should be very slow about granting franchises to any kind of a corporation on the mere theory of competition. Most franchises of this kind are a "something for nothing" scheme and should be entertained with great care.

RUMORS ABOUT LITIGATING THE CHARTER.

There have been rumors of late that litigation to defeat the Greater Salem charter would be undertaken. These statements have been made from time to time, but with no apparent authority, but they reappear persistently.

W. H. Holmes was originally mentioned as the attorney who would bring the suit that would demolish the charter. But he assures the editor of this paper that he knows nothing of the proposed litigation and is not engaged in the case.

Judge Lord, who was justice of the supreme court, governor and minister to Argentine, has been mentioned as bringing the suit.

He tells The Journal editor such is not the case; that there is nothing to it, and he hopes the matter will not be brought up.

The people will be gratified to learn that such able jurists as W. H. Holmes and W. P. Lord, representing opposite political parties, are not engaged in bringing on expensive litigation that would hamper the development of the city.

These gentlemen show an element of practical common sense in not fomenting a lawsuit that would tie up the city revenues and plunge the community in debt and increase taxation.

The spirit of the ablest and best lawyers is not favorable to contentions that make against the expressed will of the community, for if left to a vote of Greater Salem the charter would carry by a large majority.

Under these circumstances it is creditable to the intelligence of our ablest lawyers that they hesitate about involving the city in a controversy that would accomplish nothing but strife and discord.

The Journal has taken pains to trace down all rumors and finds them without foundation, and there are reasons to hope and believe no such litigation will ever be attempted.

The movement to secure the new charter was started by the old Citizens' council and the Commercial club, acting in unison.

A commission of five members of the council and five members of the Commercial club, all representative business men, was formed.

This commission held sessions over a period of several months, during which they publicly invited citizens to appear before them.

This commission publicly asked all who were interested to come before them, and giving such notice repeatedly through the press and personally, the charter commission made its report.

This report was made first to the city council and then to the Commercial club, and each body made a few minor amendments and adopted the report of the commission.

The charter thus completed was then laid before the legislative delegation of Marion county and they called a public session at the city hall and heard the friends and the opponents of the measure.

After a full hearing for several hours the delegation of three senators and five representatives from this county unanimously adopted the charter, and it went through the legislature without a dissenting vote.

It is not this pretty late in the day to begin litigation to defeat the charter, after a city election has been held under it and the verdict was in favor of those who stood for the charter?

The fact is that neither party in the city election did anything to bring the charter into question. It was a ratification of the will of the people as expressed through their representatives.

Even the most conservative citizens of North and South Salem declared that as the charter was legally adopted, and they did not question the right of the legislature, they would not favor litigation over the charter.

JOURNALISM IS PROGRESSING.

Our esteemed morning contemporary flinches and dodges at the straight question, "Are you or are you not in favor of woman suffrage?"

He resorts to "abuse of the court" instead of pleading guilty, or not pleading to the question on which he stands arraigned.

If he does not wish to commit himself, let him frankly say so, but showing another editor's short comings never answers your own.

That may have been journalism when our esteemed contemporary was a boy, and, as a novice in the editorial chair, he may be excusable.

Neither is it fair to take what is

plainly irony and sarcasm for cold statements that mean the opposite. It means to abandon claims to having a sense of humor or fairness.

To throw mud at your opponent may do on the stump, but never answer a straight question in journalism as "she is spoke."

But a man who has been in the editorial chair but few months has naturally a great deal to learn, and suggestions are doubtless welcomed.

THE IBSEN PLAY.

A large audience of Salem society women, many of them members of the Salem Woman's Club, heard the Ibsen play, "Ghosts."

Scores came away shocked to the center of their being, unable to get their breath over the stimulus and excitement of "emancipation."

It must be assumed that Ibsen writes about social conditions in Northern Europe, where the disolute husband is the rule.

Of course, there may be husbands as debauched as Aveling in his play, and climatic differences may bring their secret sins home to the family.

But we prefer to think society is a little better in the aggregate than it is presented as being in the drama of the degenerate.

For ourselves, we prefer the play of home life, the rural drama, with lots of love-making on the front porch, etc., etc., to "Ghosts."

But it must be confessed as a "moral shocker" and awakener of the think-boxes of "goody-goody people, Ibsen is a "crackerjack."

SIMON NOT AN ISSUE.

Senator Simon has very tactfully taken himself out of the coming political campaign.

He has said that he favors the re-nomination of Roosevelt, and that he is not a candidate for senator now or in 1907.

Then what sense is there in making Senator Simon an issue in the coming Republican campaign.

It is nonsense to shout Simon and anti-Simon when there is no such issue raised, with the consent of the gentleman himself.

In other words he has more political sagacity than some of his lieutenants and followers.

IMPROVE ONE STREET.

It is incumbent on the present city administration to get one street permanently improved.

A plan should be adopted for the macadamizing of Court street. With a uniform parking and a good rock pavement, that will be a fine-driving street.

But improve one street. Let the old way of hauling on river gravel in the spring and hauling off mud to fill some one's private property be stopped.

Any street that moves to put down a permanent street pavement, at least as good as the prune raisers of Liberty have done, will reap a harvest of other improvements and advances in reality not now dreamed of.

Becoming Colors.

Not one woman in ten realizes the importance of ascertaining and making a careful study of the one particular color most becoming to her, and of always having a touch of it introduced in some part of her dress.

The auburn-haired woman looks best in brown shading into the tones of her hair or in rich dark greens.

The yellow-haired girl can wear red. The greens, too, are delightful on her, also certain yellows and black. White is less becoming, but she must be brilliant in complexion or else most delicate as to tints to wear grays and blues to advantage.

Blues, particularly the pale and cold blues, are best adapted to brunettes.

The woman whose hair is a dull brown and whose complexion and eyes lack brilliancy may still be most attractive, but she should avoid bright hues or glittering hats. Dull browns, neither yellowish nor reddish, should be selected. Avoid the satin straws. Take the dull finish.

A British Firing Record.

During the recent prize firing by the Channel fleet at Gibraltar H. M. S. Majestic, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen, made an astonishing record with her four 12-inch guns. She made 17 hits out of 23 for 37 rounds.

Scrofula

Few are entirely free from it. It may develop so slowly as to cause little if any disturbance during the whole period of childhood.

It may then produce irregularity of the stomach and bowels, dyspepsia, catarrh, and marked tendency to consumption before manifesting itself in such extensive eruption or glandular swelling.

It is best to be sure that you are quite free from it, and for its complete eradication you can rely on

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X-RADIUMS

How many of the problems touched upon in the Ibsen drama would such a nostrum as "Woman Suffrage" ever touch? Few if any.

Geer and Scott are counted among the big men of the state, and are ineradicably interwoven with its history. But they are afraid to tell where they stand on a little trifling proposition like woman suffrage. How bravely they would perform if they were ever put up against a great big question, we can only imagine. They would probably say with an eminent politician: "We still stand on the party platform, whatever it is."

THEY ACTUALLY DO THE WORK

Food Eaten Is Worthless Unless Digested—Some Stomachs Must Have Help.

Food taken into the stomach which, from the nature of the food or the condition of the stomach, is not digested, is worse than no food at all. This is a true statement as far as it goes and a great many dyspeptics go only this far with their reasoning. They argue with themselves that because their stomachs do not do the work given them, they must be given less work; in other words they must be starved. It would be just as sensible for a business man who is unable to do all his own work to cut down his business to his own capacity as it is for a man to starve himself to relieve his stomach. The sensible business man employs help and goes forward with his business. Likewise the sensible dyspeptic will employ help for his stomach and give his body proper nourishment.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets actually do the work assigned to them. They relieve weak and overburdened stomachs of a great portion of digestive action. Their component parts are identical with those of the digestive fluids and secretions of the stomach and they simply take up the grind and carry on the work just the same as a good, strong, healthy stomach would do it.

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How much more sensible is this method than that employed by many sufferers from weak stomachs. By this means the body and brain gets all the good, nutritious food they need and the man is properly nourished and equipped to carry on his work and perform his duties. He could not possibly be in proper working condition by starving himself or employing some new fangled, insufficient food that does not contain enough nutriment for a year-old baby. A strong man doing strong work must be properly fed and this applies to the brain as well as the body.

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When Wilton Spoke Up. (St. Louis Republic)

The wife of Wilton Lackaye is ever anxious that her husband should be satisfied with her purchases. Consequently when she wished to buy a new winter hat just before leaving New York this fall, she hauled the protesting Wilton with her to the milliner's.

The milliner being engaged, an assistant showed Mrs. Lackaye some hats and quoted their prices. Then the milliner herself took the customer in charge, and a more minute inspection of her wares ensued, while Mr. Lackaye looked as helplessly as any other man in the same circumstances.

Finally it came to a choice between two hats, and Mrs. Lackaye said: "Let me see—what is the price of this one?"

"That is \$35, madame," replied the milliner.

"Why, your assistant told me the

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price was \$20," remarked Mrs. Lackaye, with some surprise.

"Well, some one was absent from rehearsal," explained Mr. Lackaye to his wife, in sotto voice.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.
by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucus lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous services.

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