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Weather—For today and tomorrow, fine.

#### LET MARION COUNTY ACT EARLY.

In Marion county where there is very little factional feeling among the Republicans there is no reason why an early convention should not be held and a rousing endorsement given President Roosevelt.

It would be to the credit of a strong Republican city and county to be the first to send greetings from Oregon that **THE PACIFIC COAST WILL HEARTILY SUSTAIN AN AGGRESSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE PRESIDENT.**

As Oregon is about the first state of any importance to hold an election, it would be very creditable to the people of this state to hold up the banner of prosperity and expansion.

Let Marion county act as early as can be arranged by the county central committee. There is no occasion for delay and there should be no hesitancy about acting in the proper spirit of harmony.

#### WANT TO KNOW OUR REASONS.

A deluge of correspondence has taken both sides of the woman suffrage question in this paper.

Several wish to compel us to give our reasons for opposing woman suffrage, and we will only give a woman's reasons—because.

"Their's not to reason why, Their's not to make reply, Their's but to do and die," fits this case if some of the threats are to be heeded.

Uncle Jesse Bennett threatens us with demolition, and we can imagine we hear him storm in his pulpit and execrate the wicked Journal editor.

But we have lived through greater storms, and will try to survive the shock of this.

**WHY SHALL NOT AN EDITOR BE ALLOWED TO SIMPLY SAY WHICH SIDE OF A QUESTION HE IS ON PERSONALLY AS A MATTER OF HONEST CONVICTION,** and let every other person have the same privilege and let us all respect each other's right to have that opinion and let us pray for as little deception as possible.

#### REMARKABLE CLAIMS OF CAPTAIN MAHONE.

At Jefferson Captain Mahone made the statement that at Salem the Anti-Saloon league carried the day at the recent city election, electing every member of the city council against license.

Capt. Mahone also stated that the anti-saloon league had elected every man on their ticket but Mayor.

The new city council of Greater Salem claimed as a clean sweep for the Anti-Saloon League is a novelty, to say the least. If Captain Mahone is not more reliable in his statements generally than in that he is big enough a liar to get employment on some newspaper.

One weakness of the churches is their readiness to invite floaters and irresponsible transients, working some moral graft, to occupy their pulpits and harangue the decent people of the community.

The fight of the unilateral Union on the candidates for aldermen and mayor whom they did not endorse was a far-fetched affair.

Without any reflection on the churches, let it be said the present Mayor and Aldermen are gentlemen requiring no certificates of character from any transient or tramp-exhorter.

**THEY ARE RESPECTABLE CITIZENS, MEN OF FAMILIES, MOST OF THEM MEMBERS OF CHURCHES AND LODGES, OWNING HOMES AND ENGAGED IN BUSINESS AND MAKING AN HONEST LIVING, WITHOUT TAKING UP ANY COLLECTIONS.**

They need no steering or advice or moralizing from any tramp, transient or buccaneer who is working religious people on a salary and all he can make on the side.

It would be just as well in future if the people of this city would give all such persons as Mahone a wide berth. He ought to live here long enough to have a right to vote before lecturing our city.

#### MAKE THE IMPROVEMENT PERMANENT.

There is a remarkable unanimity of sentiment in favor of building a substantial broken rock street through South Salem.

People are beginning to realize that hauling all the gravel over our streets in winter is one cause of their bad condition.

**ABOUT HALF THE GRAVEL CRUSHES INTO MUD UNDER THE WHEELS OF A WAGON CARRYING FROM TWO TO THREE TONS OF GRAVEL.**

The committee in charge of that improvement of South Commercial street will first have a grade established by the city.

Then an estimate will be made of the probable cost of the improvement according to certain plans and specifications.

There are plenty who are ready to pay towards the expenses of the improvement. **SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS HAVE CALLED AT THIS OFFICE AND OFFERED TO SUBSCRIBE \$100 EACH.**

If the plan of improvement is made so that it will give a permanent macadamized roadway, there can be plenty of money raised. But not another dollar should be spent for mud or dirt roads.

#### MAN'S INHUMANITY TO ANIMALS.

After centuries of education in schools and churches there is still a great deal of inhumanity in the world.

The world is full of people who are alarmed for the safety of their souls but who will allow a dog or cat to starve.

Driving on the country roads one can see cattle, horses and sheep literally turned out on the highway to die by inches.

**THESE POOR DUMB SUFFERERS CANNOT SPEAK AND TELL THE STORY OF THEIR WRONGS AND INJURIES AT THE HANDS OF MAN.**

We fear if they could get a hearing, their tales of neglect would

# Your Money Back and the Goods Too

## SOMETHING NEW

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## Read The Particulars

All the cash received at our store on purchases during some one day of the week commencing Saturday, Feb. 6 will be refunded to the purchasers without recourse or further consideration. On Saturday, Feb. 13 we will announce in this paper that all persons who bought goods at our store on a certain day of the previous week can come in and have their cash returned to them and keep the goods too. This will simply be a matter of giving our patrons a chance to secure a fine suit or overcoat or anything in our store absolutely for nothing. Of course we cannot announce in advance what day's sales will be refunded, or we would be imposed upon, but after the week's business is over we will select a certain day's cash sales and make our patrons a present of it outright. Whether you have bought on that day a 5c collar button or a \$25 suit you get your cash returned to you. Keep your duplicate purchase slip, which will entitle you to your entire cash returned to you.

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startle many of us into better treatment of animals.

If they had voices and could be heard at the bar of heaven many a supposedly good christian would be severely indicted.

**MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN HAS NOT ENTIRELY CEASED BUT MAN'S INHUMANITY TO HIS DUMB FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS IS TOO GENERAL.**

Many a person is living under shelter and in comfort who leaves his stock to suffer and die from starvation.

James Whitcomb Riley's poem Old John Henry, contains a line that goes to the heart: "He feeds himself when his stock's all fed."

When the horse and cow are in the barn and made comfortable and given proper food, is time enough for the owner to get next to the fire.

**HERE IS FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO DRIVE HORSES TO TOWN TO ATTEND LODGE OR RELIGIOUS MEETINGS AND LET THEM STAND IN THE COLD.**

We can all become more humane towards man and beast without any risk of being transformed into angels.

#### THE PROPHETIC ELEMENT IN FICTION.

Many a novel has been written that has proven to be a prophecy and has almost amounted to inspiration.

Uncle Tom's Cabin is filled with prophetic utterances, some of which have not yet been realized and never will be.

It is seldom that a novel has begun its serial appearance with such brilliancy as that which attends Mr. Robert Herrick's "The Common Lot" now running in the Atlantic Monthly.

Many of the periodicals and reviews have already taken occasion to comment upon the significant fact that all the four important serials now beginning in American magazines are serious and telling studies of American life as it is; and they agree in finding Mr. Herrick's story of the young architect with ideals practicing his profession with a "commercial" firm in Chicago not the least powerful of them.

The editors of the Atlantic have intimated that **MR. HERRICK'S PLOT HAS A SINGULAR FATALISTIC FORESHADOWING IN THE RECENT TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE AT THE IROQUOIS THEATRE IN CHICAGO.** While not wishing to forestall the course of the story, they intimate that its climax, written several months ago, turns upon a tragical fire, the result of the failure of builders to follow the hero's architectural specifications—a failure winked at by him for commercial reasons.

**THIS IS A STRIKING EVIDENCE OF THE TRUTH-TELLING AND, AS IT WERE, PROPHETIC POWER OF FICTION.**

#### STRATEGICS OF A POSSIBLE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

On the eve of a possible conflict in the far East, it would not be easy to make an accurate comparison of the forces, either land troops or on sea, that might be brought into the theater of action.

Both sides have endeavored to shield their more recent movements from publicity as far as possible.

If war should break out, many European and some American engineers and travelers declare that the Trans-Siberian railroad would fail to serve Russia effectively.

They declare that this single-track road is too badly built to meet a great military emergency, and that it doubtless could and would be cut in many places by Japanese engineers disguised as Chinese coolies who are said to be already distributed along the line of the road for this very purpose of destroying it.

As for naval operations, it has been intimated from Russian sources that the **Caar's policy would be a strictly Fabian one; that is to say, the Russian ships would not fight, but would keep safe shelter under the great guns of Port Arthur, which is now regarded as an impregnable fortress.**

In like manner it is intimated that Russia might, for the present, at least, avoid active engagements on the land, allowing the Japanese to

swarm into Korea, in due time exhausting their resources without having a chance to get at the Muscovite enemy.

Thus, if in the harshness of winter the Japanese should hurl themselves into the teeth of the situation, the Russian ships and troops would be safe enough at Port Arthur.

Vladivostok could not be approached.

And for the Japanese to march forward into Manchuria to fight the Russian host would be to invite the sort of disaster that overtook the French under Napoleon when they braved a Russian winter and marched to Moscow.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review or Reviews for February.

## JOURNAL X-RADIUMS

Why are we against Woman suffrage? Well, some persons do have a habit of asking an editor embarrassing questions.

Now there is Carrie V. Lindsley, of Florence. She would pull the Journal editor's hair if she got half a chance, which he don't intend to give her.

Two political parties in Oregon will endorse Woman Suffrage—the Prohibitionists and the Socialists. What more do they want? According to their own statements, if The Journal supported it the bill would be defeated.

Maybe Winter lingers in the lap of Spring because he likes the Spring lingerie.

A Chicago professor of Latin no longer believes in co-education. He says the average American boy will pay more attention to a live girl than a dead language.

It is soul-harrowing to learn that congress only allowed its members one mileage, for the present session, not allowing extra for the special session. And this, too, after the picturesque ride of Washington's congressman, Cushman, in his wild desire to scoop the extra traveling expenses—it was a direct slam at the Pacific Coast.

If a banker speculates with his depositor's money and loses it, he goes into bankruptcy. If a cashier speculates with the same money while it is in the banker's care—and loses it—he goes into the pen.

The recent inquiry as to the carriages furnished by the government for the departments, recalls Senator Nesmith's remark about the famous barouche used by Attorney-General Williams. He remarked that it was too gaudy, and that he remembered "when General Williams was of a mule."

Judge Bellinger pronounced the Gilbert bank as not insolvent. Well, the Judge's opinion was at least as sound as—the bank.

Senators Mitchell and Fulton have kindly withdrawn the demand for aid for the Lewis and Clark fair, temporarily, so as not to embarrass St. Louis in its attempt to borrow a few millions from Uncle Sam. They naively point out that St. Louis doesn't desire it any more ardently, but is in somewhat of a hurry.

A dispatch says "French mills are short on cotton," and Sully could point out a number of speculators in Wall street that know exactly what that means.

**Ayer's Hair Vigor**  
So young? And hair turning gray? Why not have the early rich color restored? It is easily done, every time.