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Weather—For today and tomorrow, fine.

'TIS LIKE A PILOT.

(By Edward W. Barnard in February Criticton.)
'Tis like a pilot, my true love for thee,
That faring from the roadstead, or his place
Far in the surer harbor's strong embrace,
Leads up the storm-rack'd vessel to her quay.
Down to my soul's unchartered, tossing sea
Thus comes the love awakened by thy grace
Of mind and men, and wins in briefest space
My boat of life to sweet security.
Between the Scylla of Leathan dream
And black Charybdis of unrest and greed
It guides my course; past Isles Circean steers,
Until I see ahead the straits where gleam
The bright range-lights of home, then home, indeed,
That haven of world-weary mariners!

A WORD TO THE SUFFRAGISTS.

The Journal wishes to mildly yet firmly inform the advocates of fe-
male suffrage that it is not engaged in fighting their cause.

The editor has seen fit to state that he personally is not in favor
of the present bill. He does not object to women voting at school elec-
tions and for some other purposes.

But the general wholesale suffrage position, as advocated by a few of
the more energetically disposed ladies, we do not believe in.

But we are not arguing the matter, not writing heavy editorials
against it, not turning loose rough-shod to trample the proposition under
foot and ARE LEAVING OUR COLUMNS OPEN AND FREE TO BOTH
SEXES.

Of course, we do not care to print whole pages about the subject.
We simply wish to be courteous and fair and to set the example of be-
ing outspoken as to our own opinion.

It is to be regretted that more newspapers are not willing to tell
their readers which side of the question the editors take, but we sup-
pose it is to their notion unbecoming to express themselves.

THE FARCE OF GRAVEL STREETS.

So far it must be admitted that gravel streets in this city have been
a great big farce.

**OUR STREETS ARE TOO WIDE AND THE ROADWAY IS TOO
FLAT TO GET ANY KIND OF GOOD RESULTS FROM GRAVEL AS
A SURFACE.**

Much of the gravel crushes and is reduced to mud by hauling over
it under the drizzling rainy weather.

A gravel roadway can be constructed not over twelve or sixteen feet
wide by using gravel that is screened.

Screened into three sizes and put on in courses with the finer on
top and the largest size on the bottom, it will make a street.

It must be rounded up for that width so that it is at least a foot
higher in the center than on the sides so that the rain will go off.

That kind of a driveway will stand in this climate, but it will not
stand heavy traffic with narrow-tired vehicles.

**STREETS SIXTY TO EIGHTY FEET WIDE CANNOT BE CON-
STRUCTED OF RIVER GRAVEL, SCREENED OR UNSCREENED,
THAT WILL NOT TURN INTO MUD.**

WHY GILBERT BROS. BANK DEPOSITORS DESERVE LIBERAL TREATMENT.

The Journal has shown that under all the circumstances the Salem
banker who has had his own way with about everything connected
with the Gilbert Bros. bank suspension would do a very gracious act
of justice if he paid off the adult depositors in full, as the other Salem
banker paid off the school children in full.

The Journal showed that the federal judge who passed on the ques-
tion of bankruptcy proceedings held that it had not been shown that the
bank was insolvent.

It was represented that under a well-managed receivership in the lo-
cal courts the assets could be husbanded carefully and made to pay out
the depositors in full, as Mr. Slater had done in the Williams & Eng-
land bank.

Those who wanted a referee in bankruptcy claimed that large
amounts of assets had been transferred to preferred creditors, that
large sums of valuable collaterals had been turned over by the Gilberts,
and especially to Banker Bush, and that this could be shown in bank-
ruptcy proceedings and not otherwise.

But they were overruled and Mr. Bush had his own bank manager
appointed receiver, with whom he, along with others, proceeded to file
his claims in the amount of about \$20,000, in spite of the fact that he
had collaterals in nearly the full amount.

At first Mr. Bush filed claims for interest on these claims, but that
was objected to and was withdrawn, but he has remained in the posi-
tion of drawing his regular dividends just the same as any other cred-
itor or depositor, while holding full collateral security. It is also
claimed that he has not relinquished any collaterals on receiving divi-
dends.

We are not trying this case against Mr. Bush, but wish to make the
point that other preferred creditors who got collaterals have not filed
claims and got dividends. They proceeded to collect their own collat-
erals, while he is getting his dividends and will still have his collat-
erals and HENCE IS SURE OF GETTING HIS FULL PAY, WHILE OTH-
ER CREDITORS WILL HAVE TO TAKE FORTY PER CENT OR
WHATEVER IS FINALLY PAID.

We are not saying this may not be all right and according to law

Your Money Back and the Goods Too

SOMETHING NEW

Not a "Something for Nothing" scheme, but a legitimate
profit sharing enterprise.

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 se-
cure 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 cer-
tain 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.

Remember you have the largest stock of up-to-date clothing and men's fur-
nishing goods in the city to select from.

G. W. Johnson & Co.

Clothiers and Furnishers

and the orders of the court and as allowed by the receiver, nor that
in the end he may not turn his collaterals over to the receiver.

The receiver is a very busy man and has not the time to give to
collecting the assets. He is fully employed and fully paid for his
time in the bank and naturally would not push collections to make ene-
mies for the bank or enemies for Mr. Bush.

No one will blame the receiver, Mr. Gatch, for not neglecting his
other duties to collect the assets of the Gilbert Bros. The receiver has
hired a great deal of outside help to do the work which he was appoint-
ed to do.

The result will be that it will take years to collect the piano notes
and convert the real estate into cash for the benefit of the depositors,
who will get very little, while the receiver will have a large bill
of expenses.

The proceeds will be largely expended in collection of the assets.
A motion has been filed asking the receiver to resign and to have one
appointed who would push the collections in the interest of the credi-
tors, and who would not have to hire all the outside work to be done
by some one else.

As The Journal has already shown, the courts have decided against
large claims for attorney fees. It is stated on good authority that
Ford, Kaiser and Slater have rendered about a thousand dollars'
worth of legal services free in the interest of the creditors.

Mr. Brown resigned as attorney and Mr. Bingham has only appear-
ed as a friend of the receiver. Now it is not assumed that all these
gentlemen are not honestly doing what they believe to be right in the
matter.

**ALL THAT HAS BEEN HERE STATED IS TO SET THE MATTER
IN ITS TRUE LIGHT BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND TO RENEW
THE PROPOSITION THAT MR. BUSH COULD SETTLE THE WHOLE
MATTER VERY NICELY BY SIMPLY PAYING THE DEPOSITORS
IN FULL, AND THEN KEEP ALL HIS COLLATERALS AND TAKE
OVER THE ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE RECEIVER. IT IS
BELIEVED THE CREDITORS WOULD CONSENT TO THIS AND THE
COURT WOULD MAKE SUCH AN ORDER.**

FOR CLOSING OF THE SIDE DOORS.

Petitions are in circulation in the suburbs asking for the closing of
the side doors of saloons in the city.

The new Salem charter absolutely prohibits saloons in the new
wards and it would seem as if that was a strict regulation.

The saloons in the old city are now confined to a district bounded by
two blocks—THE SMALLEST SALOON AREA OF ANY OREGON
CITY OF ANY SIZE.

There are persons not satisfied with having Salem the cleanest city
in the state and with the least vice for its size of any city in the
United States.

But, is there not danger of trying to do too much? That is the
trouble with some people. They want more than nature and reason
will allow and get unnatural and unreasonable conditions as a result.

ALCOHOL FOR MANUFACTURE.

There are bills before congress to put on the free list methylated al-
cohol for use in manufactures.

Under this policy Germany has built up an enormous line of trade
in articles, into the manufacture of which alcohol enters largely.

As we understand it, this kind of alcohol has been rendered, or never
had been rendered, fit for use as a drink—if alcohol is ever fit for
that.

It would seem to be a good policy to furnish these kinds of alcohol
as cheaply as possible and let our manufacturers have the benefit.

So far as we are informed, any kind of alcohol in the pure state is in
no degree a food or beneficial as a stimulant.

The encyclopedia defines it as a neuroesthetic poison, that taken in
the smallest doses stimulates the action of the heart, cuts off sleep, can-

not be digested, or assimilated, but must be worked off through the
secretions of the skin.

The text of the bill indicates that it is intended to admit untaxed al-
cohol that has been denatured and is to be used only for industrial
purposes.

The bill contains provisions that distilled spirits of an alcoholic
strength of not less than 160 per centum proof, as defined by the re-
vised statutes of the United States, may, when rendered unfit for
drinking purposes or for use as a beverage, be removed from distillery
warehouses free of tax under such regulations as the commissioner of
internal revenue, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury
shall prescribe.

It provides that sulphuric ether, wood alcohol, methylic alcohol,
wood naphtha, or other substances approved by the commissioner of
internal revenue and the secretary of the treasury, shall be mixed
with such distilled spirits so as to render the same unfit for drinking
purposes or for use as a beverage.

JOURNAL X-RADIUMS

J. Pierpont Morgan's nephew has married a Japanese girl, but then the
girl probably was not aware of J. P.'s reputation.

Wherein was Whitaker Wright any more criminal than Morgan,
Schwab, et al.? That's dead easy—he swindled Englishmen.

By the way, what has doctor what-d'ye-call-him done with that im-
mense stock of typhoid fever germs he had on exhibition last summer?

It sometimes takes years before a community gets at an individual's
true dimensions. He imposes on everybody with an inflated conception
of himself until he gets into a position where the true perspective of
his smallness can be obtained and then disillusion takes place.

He who was paraded in the newspapers as a law-maker, a statesman
and political manager appears no bigger than an ordinary common
every-day laborer without the dignity that attaches to any working man
who has made a living by honest labor.

The Salem Journal boasts that it is the only paper in Oregon that
has come out squarely against woman's suffrage. Well, The Journal has
nearly always been with the minority.—The Dalles Times-Mountaineer
Do you mean that only a small minority of newspapers tell where they
stand on anything?

How would gas do as a means of capital punishment? Many condem-
ned prisoners expire that way anyhow.

Portland has a debt of about \$7,000,000 and pays interest at the rate
of nearly \$1000 a day. Besides it is stated that her Bull Run water sup-
ply is taxed almost to its limit, and will have to be duplicated. The
ray of sunshine in the situation is that our metropolis is growing fast-
er than her debt.

The Porto Rican commissioner has been given the same rights as a
delegate to congress from a territory. As the Porto Ricans are not
citizens of the United States, it would take a trust lawyer to discover
what representation in congress an alien is entitled to.

A Portland politician says: "It is often hard for a party to get a
real good, honest, business man to run for office." His statement is
too mild, at least as far as Multnomah county is concerned, for if it
was ever tried it was found impossible.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
This is the medicine doctors
have prescribed for sixty years
for coughs, colds, croup, bron-
chitis, consumption.