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A LITTLE PUBLIC OWNERSHIP TALK.

Salem has fooled along enough with poor, high-priced lighting service to apply a little municipal ownership to the problem.

Before granting another franchise to some private lighting corporation, why not try a city lighting plant?

A fifty thousand-dollar plant would light the city and make light for nearly all the private houses and places of business.

At four per cent interest the plant would cost \$2000 a year, and the city would get its own lighting for that amount.

That would be a saving to the city of nearly a thousand dollars a year, and still more as the city grows larger.

Lights could then be sold to the private consumer for cost, and the plant would pay operating expenses, and earn revenues for the city.

The present lighting corporation would do business—lots of it—for light, power, state contracts and street cars.

Before another contract is awarded let this matter be taken up by our progressive city council, and at least submitted to the people.

If the people vote it down, it will be time enough to make a contract.

A BLIGHT REMOVED.

The restoration of the old lumber rates to the Western Oregon sawmills of the interior has removed a terrible blight on business.

All kinds of business was beginning to feel the embargo on the logging camps, the sawmills and lumber industry.

The retail trade was suffering from the increasing scarcity of money at this season of the year. Schools and churches were feeling the blight.

The Oregon railroad managers at

Portland deserve credit for having stood for the Oregon Industries and Oregon business interests.

They have acted with great wisdom in standing for the prosperity of the people, and for their own best interests in this instance.

In the long run the corporation can only thrive when the people are prosperous, and lower rates are always met by increased business.

The reduction of mileage fares from four to three cents, soon after Harriman took charge, was an act of wisdom, and increased earnings.

In removing the blight on the lumber industry the Harriman system has saved itself from a stubborn fight on the part of the people.

The people of Oregon are not easily aroused to resentment, and are slow to resist oppression, but they will strike to kill if necessary, and the managers of the great corporations have taken timely advice.

Inside of sixty days Western Oregon will see the greatest prosperity that has been enjoyed for many years.

A NEEDED PUBLIC POLICY.

The Capital City should adopt the well-defined public policy of making improvements out of general taxes, instead out of public subscriptions.

The plan of taking up a subscription to build streets, parks, public libraries is an excessive burden on the public-spirited man or woman.

The Journal believes that even the soldiers' monument should be built out of public funds, instead of private.

Of course, a community might have a few rich men, or one man rich enough to do all these things for the people.

But is that exactly a self-respecting thing for a Democratic community? It would be appreciated, but we should not wait for the spirit to move our few rich men.

The community is rich—the second richest in the state. We have had expensive and often corrupt politics. Many have grown rich out of taxes.

Has not the time come to ask property and the rich man to pay no more than a just share toward all public improvements? That is right.

So let us stop passing the hat, and adopt a right public improvement policy.

ABOUT PRESS REPORTS.

Those who rail at the Associated Press are respectfully informed that The Journal takes the Scripps News Association press report. It is an independent report, and is not subordinated to morning papers. It is made up altogether by evening papers, who furnish each other the news of the world fresh, hot off the bat, uncensored, undiluted, unpadding and nothing but news. About half the Associated Press report is verbosity and deliberate padding. We took it for years and we know what it is composed of. Judicious editing would cut out two-thirds. The rest might be made readable and is fairly reliable but awfully dull. The modern daily newspaper has to be made in spite of its telegraphic report. The Scripps News report is not perfect. It has like the Associated Press a great deal of cheap men to contend against. A man with a strong news instinct is generally found managing some newspaper and getting a salary about double what the news associations pay for stuff writers, boiler-plate, copy preparers. But wire news by press associations is only a peg to hang a newspaper on. The editor must make the paper in spite of the Associ-

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ated and in spite of the Scripps. Some day there will be a real news-gathering corporation in existence.

HATS OFF TO MADAM SCHUMANN-HEINK.

The editor of this paper does not understand a single note, or an individual warble of classical music.

But he thinks he does know a woman when he sees one, or even a good picture of such a goddess.

For your real woman is every time a goddess, and Madam Schumann-Heink is one to a finish.

When she comes down the heavenly pike, old Jove up on Olympus must smile and prepare to shove his Juno aside to make room for madam.

Of course, she is German hausfrau to begin with. Has raised her bunch of about eight children.

At home she makes garden, superintends her family table, makes her own sauerkraut.

Abroad she travels without a maid, fastens up her own corsets, blacks her own shoes, and often makes \$3000 a night with her voice.

She is in the prime of womanhood, has a magnificent form, carries her head erect, has no spots on her liver or on her record.

She has probably managed to live without violating any of the ten commandments and does not use any patent medicines.

X-RADIUMS

A merger is all right—a merger of banks for instance.

In starting out to beat both Judge Scott and Jimmy Culver the Democrats have tackled a big job. They are two of the most popular men in Marion county.

The Democratic campaign cry this year is an old one—it is a Salem ticket. Yet, strange to say, the only man that they really expect to elect is a Salem man.

Ruth has made her second appearance at Albany, and did not faint. Perhaps it was on the program.

Even a Democrat shudders at the thought of restoring the empty tinkle style of prosperity had under Grover Cleveland.

No wonder Ruth fainted on her first appearance at Albany with Doc Hill, Chas. Knecht, Ed. Stone, Walt Rowell, Carl Hodes, Nutting, Percy Kelly and

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all those bald-headed Linn county politicians on the front row.

The way the Japs are doing the Russians is tending to make unpopular Japanese women in the matrimonial markets of the world. Brave men do not care for a wife who is almost sure to blow them up.

Let Salem be a city without fences. Every fence down is an improvement, besides a big saving.

A poor man asked King Alexander to give him something for his daughter's dowry. Alex. gave him 50 talents. The man protested that this was more than he deserved. More than he ought to give such a poor man. "But," said the king, "though such a sum might be too much for you to receive, it would not be enough for me to give." Moral: Not many of our rich men are afflicted in that way.

The Journal votes itself a vote of thanks for the great victory for the Oregon lumber industries. That was a deliberate attempt to bear the timberland market, in the interest of

millionaires, and to rob the holders of small claims.

Salem first ward is in Democratic politics what Salem second ward is in Republican politics—too many statesmen for the offices.

The baseball season is to be opened in Portland tomorrow. Gov. Chamberlain and Mayor Williams have been asked to do something. Better turn on 20,000 volts of electricity.—Albany Democrat.

Would you electrocute two of the most popular men in Oregon?

The Salem Journal enjoys notice, and appreciates a hit as much as a compliment, which is a pretty good way to get along.—Albany Democrat.

A lady subscriber writes what are the spring styles in ladies' hosiery? Any lady is welcome to come and sit at the editor's window and observe the passengers transferring at the street car junction on a muddy, sloppy day, and get her own ideas of the latest styles for both gentlemen's and ladies' hosiery. The street car com-

pany will confer a great favor on the nerves of all the reporters by putting in a nice clean, dry transfer.

A man needs a fan, an umbrella and an overcoat these strenuous April days, to meet the weather conditions.

Where, oh, where, are the disciples of Isaac Walton. The month of April is fast flitting away, and not even our good fish story. Hurry up, boys, or we will be compelled to try our hand.

What's in a name? According to Mrs. Trotter's story, her husband set her a pretty warm pace.

The Journal would like to bet a cabinet position if the Democrats elect a President. His apparent willingness to keep the cassions of the Democratic batteries filled with smokeless powder would entitle him to that recognition. And then, besides, he is the great trust buster, next to Roosevelt.

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