

ANOTHER FAKE DIRECTORY.
As usual the directory is "incomplete."
Haven't those "incomplete" and "incorrect" city directories gotten out by "disinterested" Portland publishers become a chestnut? How much longer will our business men pay their good money to strangers to be misrepresented and advertised before the world as having about half the population the city is entitled to claim?
Publish the real tax roll.
Isn't there method in publishing Salem directories? Isn't there evident intention on the part of Portland "responsible" publishers to parade this city and county as an impoverished jay community? Stop and think before you pay your money for such purposes.
Wouldn't it be just as well for the city council or the Commercial Club to authorize the publication of future city directories? If the Portland firm is incompetent and ignorant and misrepresents this city before the world, as having about half the population it really has, who is to blame for permitting them to raid the city for subscriptions and advertisements?
The shame of this thing called a directory is that we are paying for our own mal-advertisement—paying our good money to perpetrate a fraud on the people.
Well, we shall learn in time. Perhaps we shall. All of us will never learn. Some of us are learning how Portland treats us on other matters—at least part of Portland—fighting our state fair and other Salem interests.
The truth is there has never been a directory published that has done any kind of justice to this city. There should be a city ordinance passed prohibiting outsiders, who are merely speculating on the gullibility of the citizen, and gold-bricking the community from publishing such outrageous misrepresentations as this last directory.

PUBLISH THE TAXROLLS
The publication of a burlesque tax roll, in which alleged large taxpayers are enumerated, brings up the whole question of taxation. What a farce is revealed by this list!

It is stated that the list, as printed in the morning paper is incorrect. The truth is probably that it is more nearly correct than it ought to be. It is so nearly correct that it shows up the farce.
Since the last legislature repealed the exemption of \$300 personal property, the poorer class of taxpayers cannot escape paying taxes on all that is in sight. They cannot hide anything. The so-called "big taxpayer" seems to escape more than ever. He usually sees to it that the right kind of men are put in who belong to the class of the so-called "big" taxpayers.

Nothing but the application of the Illinois law will ever correct this parody on justice—the publication of the assessment before it is equalized.
An effort was made to have that done at the last session, but, instead of justice, the poorer class of taxpayers, the mechanics and little farmers and small householders—got exemption repealed.
The infinitesimal Mr. Phelps, from God knows where, got his bill through, and not one of the senators or representatives ever saw this "exemption repeal" nigger in the woodpile.

A Natural Result.
It is very reasonable to suppose if the foundation of a structure was removed that the building itself is bound to come down. This same principle can be applied to disease. Take medicine into the system that will remove the cause of sickness, and illness will leave of itself. Dyspepsia, indigestion, sick-headache and biliousness have their foundation in stomach disorders. Remove this weakness and the other symptoms are no more. There is one cure for this that all druggists sell for 25c per box. It is Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They get right at the beginning of these diseases and make the cure by taking away the cause.

X-RAYS
Write and fare.
It may be necessary to promote certain interests, but it would be just as well to let the new city council make its own license and Sunday regulations.

Do you know "The Song of 60 Years?"
There are four verses. Verse 1. Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow. Verse 2. Ayer's Hair Vigor stops falling hair. Verse 3. Ayer's Hair Vigor cures dandruff. Verse 4. Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair.
J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

The Best Insurance



William Boyd of the Curtis Publishing company addressed the Manufacturers' Advertising club at the Hotel Euclid, says the Cleveland (O.) Plain Dealer, on "The Preparations Necessary to a Successful Advertising Campaign." Mr. Boyd opened with the statement that unless a business organization is responsive to changing trade conditions it cannot be successful. He cited the growth of advertising to show it one of the new business conditions which every concern must meet.

Trial advertisements are a waste of money, according to Mr. Boyd, and he likened the trial advertiser to the tradesman who sends out traveling salesmen once and then discharges them, expecting that results from the single effort will warrant engagement of other salesmen for a like single trip.

Mr. Boyd likened advertising to a business insurance. If an advertiser's place of business burns down, even though he has no fire insurance, he can at once rebuild and continue to do a profitable business because he has advertised, thereby creating a demand for his goods.

It is of course just as important that your ad. should be in the right paper as it is to have your insurance in a good company. Keep it in these columns.

Musical Goods.
If you want good violin, guitar or banjo strings, and all kinds of repairs for small instruments, call at W. Calvet's, Practical Watchmaker, 158 State street. 12-101eod-2w

PRIZE MASK BALL

The prize masquerade ball will be given at Holman hall, State street, this Friday evening, December 23d by Camp 118, uniformed team of Salem Camp, Woodmen of the World, and a grand time is expected. The music will be furnished by McElroy's orchestra, which is second to none, and the boys will see to it that all strangers are given a hearty welcome. No questionable characters will be admitted.

Following is a list of prizes to be awarded, which are all contributed by the business concerns of Salem: For the most beautiful costume, lady, first prize, gold set ring, donated by S. W. Thompson; second prize, pair dancing slippers, donated by the Oregon Shoe Co.; gentleman, first prize, Kayser-Zinn pitcher, donated by Barr's Jewelry store; second prize, "Reminiscences of W. T. Sherman," donated by Patton Bros.

For the most original costume, lady, first prize, dressing case, donated by C. H. Hinges; second prize, box of candy, donated by The Spa. Gentleman, first prize, pair of gloves, donated by Salem Woolen Mills store; second prize, "Life of Washington," donated by Patton Bros.

For the best sustained character, lady, first prize, purse, donated by the Palace Drug store; second prize, one dozen dinner plates, donated by Stockton & Co. Gentleman, first prize, piece of statuary, donated by Jos. Meyers & Sons; second prize, picture, donated by W. H. Borghardt & Co.

For the most comical character, lady, pair of felt slippers, donated by Irvin & Pettey's. Gentleman, music roll, donated by Will's Music House.

For the best dancer, lady, jewel case, donated by the Yokohama Tea store. Gentleman, paper knife, donated by Pomeroy's Jewelry store.
The grand march will take place at 9 o'clock; unmask at 11. An oyster supper will be served in the banquet room by the ladies of Silver Bell Circle, W. O. W., at 25 cents per plate. Admission to hall, ladies 25cents; gentlemen 50 cents.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

From Our Exchanges.

But to what avail I a spirit separate from the men and women around me, if I must take my temper from theirs, be happy only when they are gay and serene only when they are kindly? It would far better prove my affection for them if I should dissipate their clouds with my sunshine and smooth away their frowns with my smiles. But I cannot do this unless with all my love for them, and my joy in them, I hold myself regally independent of them in my spirit life.

And then, how dare I permit another mortal to spoil even a day or an hour of that life which I am living to God alone? In Him I should seek my sufficiency, my all in all. When he frowns upon me, then indeed the world should be black about me, but when He looks graciously upon me, it is enough; I have no business heeding the ungracious looks of His creatures.

My spirit shall dwell apart. I will be alone with Thee, and let Thee interpret the world for me. In whatever house I live or in the thickest crowd, my spirit shall make an abode for itself where it may be serene.—Christian Endeavor World.

The readjustment comes here, that, while our fathers believed they must wait for another life to find God, we have come to the deep conviction that just here and now we live in Him, and have our being in Him. Those who wait for eternity to discover the presence of the infinite life and love will certainly have made the serious blunder of skipping the joys of immediate intercourse with the Father of our spirits. If we cannot find God and glorify Him here in this world, in what sort of a world are we likely to discover His presence? If we cannot see Him and hear Him in such a world as this, with its duties and its obligations, its moral purposing and its mighty achievements for the good, what probability is there that on some other planet or in some other stage of existence we shall be able to comprehend the One who is life and love? The trouble with our old theology was that it used up all our imagination on things remote, and so lost the full meaning of our present existence. To know God as ever present, and to realize our present childhood in Him, is the highest reach of holy aspiration.—Christian Register.

Pessimism breeds pessimism. Faith breeds faith. If for one six months we should all stop talking this black stuff about the slump of the world into the ditch, and for that six months should say to every man we meet "in lane, highway, or open street," that men can and will do right, and can be led as easily in that direction as in the other, and peoples can act honorably and disinterestedly if we insist that they shall, at the end of six months this kind of talk would develop an entirely different atmosphere in which nations would live and move and act. It is our suspicion of the "other fellow" that curses us.—The Universalist Leader.

The church as an ark of safety, a sort of life-saving station, a beacon for storm-tossed souls, is no longer a conception that commends itself as adequate to intelligent men and women. The church that is to hold its own in the future must develop power as well as rescue the perishing. It must teach a religion that makes a man stronger in his business and professional life, a more potent influence, a center of a wider circle, a man of richer character and wider view.—Homiletic Review.

Think of some beautiful jewel, and then think of Hinges.

May Find American Wives.
London, Dec. 23.—Among the persons of note booked to sail for New York tomorrow are Sir Westman Pearson and his wife. Sir Westman is England's foremost railway contractor and is the possessor of a vast fortune. Accompanying the Pearsons to America are their son Clive, who will inherit a large share of his father's wealth, and young George Churchill, son of Lady Edward Churchill, who will eventually succeed to great estates through his mother's family, while his father also is a rich man.

Three Fights.
New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Jimmy Kelley, of Chicago, was given the decision over Frank Crazy, of New York, in a 10-round bout last night.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Monte Antelle knocked out Johnny Regan, of New York, in the 17th round last night.
Kalamazoo, Dec. 23.—Clarence Forbes, of Chicago, and Harry Cobb, of Detroit, fought 10 rounds to a draw tonight.

If You're One

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St. Johns and Corinthian Lodges were formally united last night in the election of the first officers under the new arrangement.
Toasts were heard from Governor Chamberlain, Judge Wolverton Nimrod Price the only living charter member of Corinthian lodge organized forty-eight years ago, and others.
Music Rolls.
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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Johnston*

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