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### COUNTY SUPERVISION.

A few years ago the legislature created the office of county road engineer.

It would be a matter of interest to know whether this office has any practical value OR IS WORTH WHAT IT COSTS.

The salary is \$900 a year, and it is a question whether this sum could not be better expended on gravel or grading.

Perhaps the people should be thankful that no more new offices have been created as about three-fourths of the work of the legislature IS CREATING OFFICES AND EXPENSES.

As there is a county commissioner from the north end of the county, and a commissioner from the south end of the county, who know those sections well, they could look after BRIDGES AND FILLS as well as anyone and save the \$900 salary.

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crease the per diem of these commissioners and make it their duty. AS IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE THEIR DUTY NOW, to look after matters and they might save the county this salary and be able to pass on bills more intelligently.

The county court and commissioners have no doubt acted wisely in selecting a county road engineer in compliance with the act of the legislature.

That official has probably earned his salary and filled the office well. But the salary of the commissioners WHO ARE MADE RESPONSIBLE BY LAW for the condition of the roads and bridges might be increased with profit to the county and save the salary of the county road engineer.

It might be better still if the county had THREE COMMISSIONERS, each looking after the roads and bridges of HIS OWN DISTRICT, with a general supervision of the county judge, and the road supervisors under the direction of the commissioners, instead of the county road engineer.

Now the commissioner has no control over the road supervisor except to allow his bills.

The county commissioners receive \$4.00 per day for about six days each month, or about \$300 a year. IT WOULD PAY TO GIVE THEM ABOUT \$600 A YEAR AND SAVE THE \$900.

The commissioners court handles about \$150,000 a year in a county like Marion.

Under the present system they get almost nothing for their work and are required to audit bills that they have nothing to do with ordering.

### A RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The shippers who are suffering from car shortages and business losses on account of inadequate transportation facilities, are going to demand some kind of legislation to protect themselves.

Whether this is possible or not, is not the question. Other states have laws regulating railroad freight rates and delivery of cars, and THE SHIPPERS OF OREGON WILL DEMAND SOME PROTECTION.

If a transportation law framed on the lines of the one in force in Texas or Washington can be passed, and the right kind of men put on the commission to enforce it, good results might follow.

The practical railroad manager will not oppose a reasonable commission act drafted on the lines of interstate commerce legislation. But Oregon lawmakers should avoid what is termed drastic measures.

Oregon has all to gain and little to lose by showing a spirit of friendly encouragement to railroad construction. But Oregon has nothing to fear FROM LEGISLATION TO PROTECT INDUSTRIES.

The productive capacity of the state, and its manufacturing output has outgrown the state transportation facilities, and Oregon could keep three transcontinental systems busy hauling freight.

The Teal bill, proposed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, may require some amendment, but in the main it is aimed to help the shippers and the business men of the state.

HUGHES TO MAKE GOOD

tions of all the Empire state bosses Hughes was nominated and elected Governor of New York.

Democratic bossism was against Hearst. Republican bossism was against Hughes.

IT WAS A SURE-THING PEOPLE'S VICTORY EITHER WAY.

Old-style politicians in New York played the game the other way—a sure-thing game for the bosses.

WHETHER TAMMANY OR PLATT WON, IT WAS A MACHINE VICTORY.

The power of the people has been multiplied by the voice of the Independent press.

Backed by the people and the press, Hughes as Governor will be able to promote reforms.

HE WILL NOT BE THE SLAVE OF BOSSISM.

Hughes as governor will be a factor in terminating Rottenborough Senatorships.

It is impossible to duplicate Platt and Depew under a Republican Governor like Hughes.

THE MACHINE WANTED BLACK OR ODELL FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

The influence of Roosevelt was east on the side of Hughes, who was knifed by machine Republicans and supported by Independent Democrats.

HUGHES AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK MEANS A NEW LEAF TURNED IN AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY.

### CAMPAIGN FOR MILD BEVERAGES.

The organization of the manufacturers of malt liquors for a campaign in favor of their own beverages, as against stronger drinks, is a step in the right direction.

Whether they succeed or not, the increased consumption of beer, and the decreased use of whiskey, is to be encouraged as substituting less harmful liquors.

The consideration of malt liquors from the standpoint of food and not as an intoxicant, is also in the right direction. Why the principal hop growing state should make war on beer is a mystery.

Go into any of the larger hotels and restaurants in any city and see the number of people who order beer with their meals. What does it prove to a reasonable person?

That there is legitimate demand for malt beverages, as much as there is for beefsteak. Until the people are educated to a different view, it is folly to make war on the brewery or hop industry.

The legislature will do well to consider this matter from a practical standpoint, and encourage the consumption of the home products in preference to any imported intoxicants.

### Constipation.

Health is absolutely impossible, if constipation be present. Many serious cases of liver and kidney complaint have sprung from neglected constipation. Such a deplorable condition is unnecessary. There is a cure for it. Herbine will speedily remedy matters. C. A. Lindsay, P. M., Bronson, Fla., writes, Feb. 12, 1902: "Having used Herbine, I find it a fine medicine for constipation." 50c a bottle. For sale by J. Fry drug store.

### Ideal and Real.

(From the Chicago Record-Herald.) Two little children were playing one day.

One was a lady rich and gay Used to having her own sweet way.

The other a chauffeur man; And they were going and going far For a long trip in their auto car.

She was bidding the babies good-bye. Only as mothers can;

He was standing haughtily nigh. 'Twas nothing to him, so let them cry (Just like a chauffeur man)

And so while she the babies kissed He gave the handle another twist.

The babies were dollies of every hue. Headless and dirty were they;

The "auto" a trunk that once was new, And it was a splendid touring car, too.

Forty horse-power that day. But those babies were real, the auto could go;

For such is the kingdom of children, you know.

Could we but create like the children, forsooth. Out of the rough things which are ours,

And call to our aid the genius of youth. With all of his mystical powers,

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## CITY SOLONS SPEND NIGHT IN BICKERING

The conscript fathers spent the night last night in wrangling and in petty quarrelling. Although the meeting was graced by the presence of ladies and was given the benefit of the clergy, most of the time between 7:30 and 11 o'clock was occupied by leaders of the opposing factions impugning the motives of the other side.

But little real work was done. A number of matters came up and the more important things were referred to various committees. The important ordinance that was proposed regulating the duties of the city marshal was referred to the committee on parks and public grounds. The committee on fire and water was made the custodian of a bill to regulate the saloons and of a resolution containing 28 yards of signers on the same subject.

Initial steps were taken to lay a bitulithic pavement on Commercial street. Mr. Downing was in favor of paving from Mill to Center and Mr. Gesner wanted to extend the work from Trade to the creek. These two gentlemen called each other bad names and impugned the integrity of each other. Open charges of bribery and corruption were preferred and some of the most bitter speeches ever made in the Salem council chamber were pulled off.

It seemed as these were for the special delegation of the women and the clergy.

Mrs. Kelliher, of the city library, tendered that institution to the city as a gracious gift. She said she had made up a budget of \$1400 that would be required to run it next year. Miss Cordelia Marvin, of the state library commission, made a few remarks and showed that any institution living off public funds should be under public control. The library matter was postponed until next meeting.

Council George Jacob, of the ways and means committee, started in chewing the rag. He said that the committee had not made a report for two years and he asked for an appropriation to pay for clerk hire in making a report. John Bayne thought the recorder should make a complete financial report and got a motion through to that effect.

Paul Wallace introduced an ordinance to establish the grade on High street. This was allowed to take its proper course.

On motion of Mr. Churchill the bills that had been approved at the last meeting were ordered paid. A bill of \$184 of W. H. Dalrymple was paid.

Then came the fireworks. Werner Breyman and others presented a petition asking that Warren's bitulithic pavement be placed on Commercial street from Center to Mill. The petition was referred to the committee of streets. Downing introduced a resolution that this work has the approval of council.

Gesner offered a substitute that the work extend from near Trade street to Wilson's line which is near Mill creek.

Downing and Steusloff said this move in Gesner's part was only meant to delay the improvement and that he had put in sections that there would be remonstrances on in order that the entire business would be knocked in the head.

Gesner said he was acting in good faith and that the whole street ought to be paved. Steusloff wanted this made in two separate jobs but Gesner would not agree to it.

Then Gesner said it had been the policy of the Warren people to obtain signatures of leading people in a block by allowing them cut rates and they could well afford to do this as they made an immense profit. He said the Warrens had capers in council and hinted that Downing and Steusloff were too eager to rush to the aid of Warren.

On a vote on Gesner's substitute there was a tie. The mayor voted for Gesner and Gesner's substitute was lost.

proposed that the word "Warrens" be stricken from the resolution in order that there might, he said, be competition in bidding. His motion was unanimously adopted.

The committee on public buildings was instructed to prepare plans for repairing the building which the band uses.

Then came a long discussion about the boys playing basket ball on the top floor of the city hall.

The fire bell was ordered to be moved at an expense not to exceed \$150.

The street committee was instructed to repair 150 feet of the steel bridge.

Then came another unseemly wrangle. It was on the request of the General Contracting company for part of the money for the bridge over Mill creek. Two members of the bridge committee recommended that they be given \$2625. Chairman Gesner read a minority report to the effect that the contract was not being carried out and that they be given nothing until they complied with the terms of the contract.

Mr. Downing and Mr. Steusloff on one side and Mr. Gesner on the other accused each other of nearly all the high crimes and misdemeanors in the decalogue. Mr. Gesner made one speech in which he said: "The contractors have started in to rob this city and they have warm

friends in the council to help them. These councilmen have always stood in the way of safeguarding the interests of the city. No honest or competent engineer will say the bridge is good or that it is according to contract.

"The Warrens have had promoters in the council for two years and it is time for this thing to stop."

Downing and Charles L. McNair said a few words for the contractors.

Council ordered the payment made by a vote of 5 to 7. The vote was as follows on the motion to adopt the Gesner substitute:

Ayes—Gesner Jacob, Haas, La and Skaffe.

Nays—Acheson, Bayne, Churchill, Downing, Steusloff, Frazer, Wallace. Contractor Glocker then wanted to make a speech but objection was made.

Skaffe was granted more time to look into the matter of a foot bridge on 17th and Chemeketa streets.

Several people had refused to pay poll tax and the city attorney was instructed to collect.

On motion of Gesner the city attorney was instructed to take necessary precautions to safe guard the city in the matter of the concrete bridge over Mill creek at Commercial as the time for its completion is nearly expired.

It was decided that when council adjourn it do so until November 21.

The resignation of J. C. Goodale Jr., member of council from the Fourth ward was accepted.

The General Contracting company asked for an extension of 90 days to complete the Commercial street bridge. This was referred to the bridge committee.

The marshal was instructed to see that owners of houses put corner numbers on them.

A five-foot walk was ordered on North Winter street.

A warrant for \$421 was ordered drawn for the Warren Contracting company.

Petitions for arc lights at Main and 21st; Highland and Elm, and

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