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## STATE LIGHTING PLANT SALEM SOLID FOR PAVING BURNING STANDARD OIL FIVE MILLIONS DEMANDED MINE SWALLOWS 275 MEN

### TANDARD MONOPOLY DISSECTED

#### Government May Be Compelled to Fix Transportation Rates on Oil

Washington, Jan. 28.—The most complete arrangement of the Standard Oil Company yet made by public or private investigators was filed today in congress by the interstate commerce commission. It charges against Standard monopolization, knifing competitors, discrimination, false rebates, fraud, bribery, corruption and debauchery of state legislators. The report completely overthrows that by Garfield last May. The report says: "The Standard Oil Company paid employees of independent companies for information as to the business of competitors, followed by a barrel of independent oil to its destination, buys advertising space in newspapers, fills them with reading matter by its own paid agents; every facility is given the Standard by the railways. While not accepting rebates, the Standard, nevertheless, enjoyed secret rates, containing all the elements of illegal rates. Ruin of competitors is a distinct part of the Standard's policy. The Standard at one time, if not now, devoted a special fund to corruption. The standard largely monopolizes the handling of oil from wells to the consumer. The operation of 'fake' independent companies is one of its most effective methods of elimination of competition. It may become necessary for the government in order to right wrongs and prevent others, to fix in the first instance rates and regulation of transportation of oil. It will be necessary to disassociate transportation from product."

### SALEM FULLY AWAKE

#### Catch Onto the Spirit of Progressiveness

#### What Other Live Cities Are Doing to Improve Their Streets

Before it is everlastingly too late this city should arouse itself and catch onto the spirit of progressiveness that is putting forth in other cities of the Northwest. The capital city owes something in the way of progress to all Oregon. EVERY MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL HAS NOW GONE ON RECORD AS FAVORING PAVEMENT OF SOME KIND—Warren's Bitulithic or Bituminous Macadam—both high-class pavements. It is now only a question of taking one kind or the other, or of testing both. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT ANY ALDERMAN IS PLAYING DOUBLE, or pretending to favor paving when in reality he is secretly doing all in his power to keep this city behind all other cities of its class—that is unbelievable. The people want streets paved in some way. Pendleton and Walla Walla and Portland have put down bitulithic pavement. Fifty other cities have put it down. Yet Salem has some wise men in its city council who pretend that when property owners

### MINE BURIES HUNDREDS

#### Another Fire Damp Explosion is Reported Later

Berlin, Jan. 28.—About 165 lives were lost in an explosion today in a mine at Rhoden, near Essen.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—Fully 165 bodies were recovered from the mine Rhoden, 110 are still entombed. It is feared that all have perished. About 25 of the injured are in the hospital and several are likely to die.

Paris, Jan. 28.—It is reported that 20 miners were killed by a fire damp explosion today at the Lievan col-

### PASSES IT UP TO PEOPLE

#### Citizens of Marshfield and North Bend Must Settle Their Own Disputes

Citizens of Marshfield and North Bend, the rival cities of Coos Bay harbor, are once more in the throes of a consolidation campaign, but since the adoption of the amendment to the municipal charter clause of the constitution, which relieves the legislature of the irksome duty of settling city charter disputes, the people will have to decide the question among themselves. The question of consolidation of the two towns, which are both located along the shore of the bay, and so close that their corporate limits almost meet, has been the bone of contention between the respective citizenships the past few years, has come to the point where an agreement has practically been reached to merge and work together under one charter and government and under the name of the City of Coos Bay.

#### Another Bank Created. But Other Papers of California Bank Trust Held Up for Lack of Fees.

The Astoria Trust Company, of Astoria, Oregon, is the latest banking institution to have been created by San Francisco Capitalists in Oregon. Articles of incorporation for this new bank were filed late Saturday afternoon, and there are papers for eight more in the corporate department, which are being held up for the filing fee, making sixteen separate institutions under one head management, each with a capital stock of \$5000, two of which are to be located in Salem. The incorporators are H. S. F. N. and M. S. Myers, of San Francisco.

#### The Phelps Publishing Company's plant was destroyed by fire this morning at Springfield, Mass. Loss a million.

A terrific rain storm has flooded the city of Hong Kong. One hundred Chinese are dead and the harbor is covered with wreckage of junks. Many steamers are cut adrift.

#### Representatives of the trainmen and railway managers conferred today at Chicago upon employes demands for increased wages and shortened hours.

The coroner's jury at London this morning returned a verdict of "Wilful Murder" against Horace Rayner, who killed William Whiteley last Thursday.

#### Fire in the Columbia building on Seneca street, Buffalo, N. Y., caused a loss of half a million. All the members of one fire company were buried under the walls.

### TO MAKE ITS OWN "JUICE"

#### State May Erect and Equip An Electric Light Plant

Governor Chamberlain will send a special message to the legislature this afternoon recommending the appropriation of not less than \$15,000 for the construction and equipment of a central power plant for the generation of electricity for lighting the state institutions.

#### Four years ago an expert electrician, W. H. Allen, of San Francisco, was employed by the state to make estimates of the probable cost of such a plant, and, in accordance with his report, an appropriation of \$15,000 was made for the installation of same, but the board secured the renewal of contract with the local company upon reasonable terms for the service, and the appropriation was allowed to lapse.

#### It costs the state about \$11,000 per year for the lighting of the state institutions in the vicinity of Salem, and it is believed a great saving can be made if the state own and operate its own plant. The message is in harmony with the recommendations of the state board of building com- missioners.

#### There is going to be a hot fight over the Jones free locks bill when it comes up on special order Tuesday at 10 o'clock. The General Electric Company is understood to be against the measure, and so is the Oregonian, while the Portland Journal, Salem Journal, Albany Herald and all the country press of Western Oregon is in favor of the measure.

#### Expected Home This Week. Roy Gesner, who has been in Bohemia for the past three years, studying music, has returned to America, and is expected to arrive here this week. He left Detroit en route for Salem on the 20th, and will only be detained by a brief visit in one city before he reaches Portland. Mr. Gesner was the pupil of Sevcik while in Bohemia, and doubtless has be- come a master in his profession. His many friends will be glad to hear of his return.

#### A burglar was recently caught at Oakland who had 50 knives in his pocket that he had stolen from a store.

### SUSTAIN GOVERNOR'S VETO

#### Enough Republicans in Senate to Prevent State Board of Control

A Salem special says: It is pretty generally understood around the senate chamber that when the governor's veto of the board of control bill of the last session comes up for action next Wednesday the veto will be sustained. This much was understood when the Democrats aided in the organization of the senate, though it is said there was no express agreement to that effect. The board of control bill proposes to place the management of the institutions at Salem in the hands of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, thus giving the penitentiary patronage to the Republican members, who constitute a majority of the board. While the governor is said not to care much what the legislature does with the bill, the Democratic members of the senate would not like to see the Democratic employees at the prison thrown out of their places. There will be enough negative votes to kill the bill.

#### Some of the Republican mem- bers were opposed to the bill two years ago, and consequently may be expected to be against it now. There are six Democrats, so it will take four Republican votes to kill the bill, if all the members are present. No discussion of the bill is expected.

#### The legislature of Wyoming will appropriate \$500 to erect a monu- ment over the grave of Sacajewea, the bird woman.

#### The Libby mine has raised the wages of its miners 25 cents on the ton.

#### The Universit yof Oregon will have four track meets during the season, and their men are getting in good shape for cross-country work.

#### The Bigger-Bean Hardware Com- pany, of Eugene, has been incorpo- rated at \$25,000.

#### Mike Cochran, who has made his abode at North Bend longer than the oldest inhabitant can remember, is in the city jail awaiting for the com- ing of the death angel. Whiskey brought him to death's door, and he is under the strange delirium that he is selling booze to the other peo- ple, and he lies on his cot all day and calls out drinks to imaginary peo- ple.

#### There is no church in Curry coun- ty.

#### Congressman Williamson has been in congress almost two years and has never taken his seat in the house.

#### Hillsboro will have a \$35,000 hotel.

#### Mrs. J. R. Bucknum was married at Harrisburg Saturday after wait- ing eight years to find her first hus- band who disappeared while on a hunting trip. It is believed that he is dead and the insurance companies paid up the policies on his life.

#### The new liquor law went into ef- fect in Eugene Saturday and it is said to be impossible now to get a drink of booze at the soft drink em- poriums as is said to have been the case for several months.

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#### Notions

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