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THE JOURNAL STANDS FOR PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND NO DEGRADED LABOR.

STILL WATERS.

(Maud Scofield Beeson, in the April Century.)

I have been silent, dear, you say, for long.
Aye; yet reproach for this I reckon wrong.
Does not the proverb say
That deepest water runs not loud, but still?
The shallow babblings of my rhyming rill
Content me not today:

My happy heart beats to rhythm sweeter
Than can be bound a slave to rhyme and meter.
Why pen should I employ?
When to the music of your love so strong
My life is vocal with the sweetest song?
I live the poem Joy.

BUSINESS MEN ACT.

In perfecting the paving and referendum ordinances Salem business men in the city council deserve great credit.

Mayor Rodgers discovered the need of the referendum ordinance. When City Attorney Condit pointed out to him that the new state law WOULD DEFER ACTION INDEFINITELY ON ANY PAVEMENT ORDINANCE, the mayor pulled out of his pocket the amendment to the constitution that permits the city to pass its own referendum ordinance so long as it does not conflict with the constitution.

Then Mayor Rodgers drew up the referendum ordinance himself and IT WAS PUT THROUGH BEFORE THE PAVING ORDINANCE. Messrs. Downing and Stockton perfected the paving ordinance in the same way, and business common sense prevailed over professional technicalities and hair-splitting.

When the time came for action none of the hair-splitters showed up and the next move will be TO CARRY THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS INTO THE COURTS and maintain a policy of obstruction to the last.

The obstruction tactics cropped out in placing obstacles in the way of paying the counsel who carried the Greater Salem charter suit through the supreme court.

IT WAS A GREAT VICTORY FOR PROGRESS TO SECURE THAT CHARTER AND HAVE IT SUSTAINED BY THE COURTS.

The bill for carrying the case through the higher courts was \$500 and was quite reasonable in the opinions of successful business men.

But all kinds of parliamentary efforts were resorted to in order that the bill might be delayed TO MAKE CHEAP POLITICAL CAPITAL FOR MR. GESSNER AND THE MACHINE POLITICIANS HE REPRESENTS.

The community has had a complete revelation of these methods for the past few years.

Business character has prevailed over technical obstructionism, and the city is to be congratulated.

THE CROWN OF CITIZENSHIP.

Among the laws of Solon, who was the law-giver five centuries before the Christian era, was one that has peculiar reference to Oregon.

It provided that when any matter became a public issue, those citizens who refused to take sides, WERE DEPRIVED OF ALL HONORS AND PRIVILEGES OF A POLITICAL CHARACTER.

Men who in the legislature dodged voting on vital matters, and who in the city councils or school boards absent themselves when they cannot dictate policies, SHOULD BE GIVEN A DOSE OF SOLONIC LAW.

The power of recalling a vicious official should be vested in the people. But the citizen who refuses to perform the duties of citizenship SHOULD ALSO BE RECALLED TO A SENSE OF HIS DUTY.

If the citizen refuses to wear the crown of sovereignty it should be taken off his head. If he refuses to employ the weapon of government, he should not carry it concealed about his person.

Those who only take part in public proceedings WHEN IT IS TO THEIR PERSONAL INTEREST TO DO SO, expose themselves to the criticism that they are not dealing with public matters from a public standpoint.

SAVE THE NATURAL FOREST KINGS.

The demand of a telephone company to cut down some oak trees on a public school ground should be sat down upon those in authority.

The Salem school houses have some of them beautiful natural oaks and firs, nature's parkings and decorations, THAT SHOULD BE PRESERVED.

Salem has few enough parks so that the beauty of them should not be sacrificed by ever contractor who comes along for some corporation.

The only park spot in South Salem is the Lincoln school grounds. It has been taken care of these many years for a public play ground.

Every oak tree and the few firs and maples are the property of the whole city, and of THE CHILDREN OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

The precedent of allowing the contractors of alien corporations that string wires through our city to butcher and mutilate trees should not be established.

The city has a strict ordinance against cutting down or mutilating trees on streets without authority of the Park Board, and private CITIZENS SHOULD PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST VANDALISM.

Salem would be a desolate looking city without its natural forest background in every direction. Shade trees on public grounds especially should be protected.

OREGON GIRLS TO JAMESTOWN.

Col. J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, one of the famous seven Cooper Brothers, has a fine enterprise on hand for advertising this state.

He proposes taking a well-drilled company of Oregon daughters to the Jamestown Exposition, and showing them that WE CAN RAISE SOMETHING BESIDES APPLES.

One or more to come from each county, will give the whole state representation, and such a plan will give him a company of great beauty.

Governor Chamberlain has heartily entered into the plan, and appointed Dr. Wm. Horsfall and wife, of Marshfield, to assist in their care.

Mrs. Horsfall is to be chaperone and guide for the party, as well as to have charge of their musical training and assist in the drilling.

Col. Cooper has had some experience in training such companies and his company of young women at the Tillamook fair last fall was a success.

They were arrayed in Indian costumes, and sang Indian songs, and were drilled in marches and evolutions and callisthenics.

Such a company would not only BE A GRAND ADVERTISEMENT FOR OREGON, but would be a liberal education for the girls who went, and spend the summer at Jamestown.

X-RAYS

Mrs. June McMillan Ordway and another Oregon female dramatist are in the throes of a bitter fight over the authorship of the play, "Oregon." So far, neither Mr. Trill nor the editors of the Oregonian and Portland Journal have been accused of plagiarism in connection with this alleged play.

When the council definitely decides to pave State and Commercial streets, Alderman Gessner will probably uselessly devote his entire time to the North Commercial street concrete bridge.

Manual training is beneficial for the Indians, the deafmute children, for the blind children, and for the reform school boys. It might be found to be worth more than algebra or physiology for our own boys and girls in the public schools.

Capt. Walter Lyon is speaking very sacrilegiously about the state university. He is living in a rich farming county and should not call in question the right of that institution to get a quarter of a million out of the legislature biennially "without specifications." Don't he know that at least three families in that county are rich enough to send their sons and daughters up there to school at public expense?

It's a long wait between the legislature and the circus. But there is the city council.

A City of Portland Gas company official knocked a man down for calling him a liar, when he did not even refer to the meter.

Now that spring has come, will Evelyn Nesbitt thaw?

The Portland papers tell of Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher preaching a sermon on "A Fight With the Blues." From this it need not be inferred that the sensational preacher has been mixed up in a poker game.

As fast as the submerged portions of California appear above the surface of the waters they are staked and claimed and sought to be identified by their owners.

Nothing left but injunctions now to stop street paving with.

With \$70,000 annual income from the insurance companies it is easy for Grover Cleveland to take the corporation view of anything.

If Editor Geer could get his mind off himself and quit flattering the legislature, and other politicians with whom he wants to stand in, long enough to consider anything seriously, he would easily come to the conclusion that the Republican party in Oregon needs something more than a little sweetened editorial wind and paragraphic sugar-coating to get itself squarely before the people and elect the next governor. He can abuse the editor of this paper to his heart's content. He will find plenty of grafters who will enjoy all that he does on that line, but the trouble with that kind of editorial work is that it doesn't add anything to his support, as he already has the confidence and high esteem of all the grafting elements in the party. The editor of The Capital Journal will be found right at his post hammering away on the problem of making this the best city, county and state government in the United States, and the people will support him in doing that by taking his paper as a day's pay for it, and that is the best way of expressing their approbation. This paper is not edited with the idea of pleasing the worm-eaten barnacles of professional peripatetic officialism.

Comedy was crowding thick and fast on High street last night. Arthur L. Figman appeared in "The Tenderfoot" at the Grand opera house and the city council did a stunt at the city hall only a block away.

So long as eating seems to be the main object in life at the Indian training school, it is passing strange that the four moon faced beauties, who are something of epicures themselves, should play truant.

Talk about the legislature establishing play grounds for the school children in cities, when we let any highbinder corporation come along and slash down beautiful oak trees that it took mother nature the better part of a century to produce.

SILVERTON.

Died—Mrs. Erdine Suckow died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cooley last Friday, March 22, 1907. Her remains were laid to rest in the Silverton cemetery Sunday. She leaves five sisters, three brothers and a mother and father to mourn her loss.

Albert Wyatt, of Albany, was in the city on business last Saturday. Dolph Kerr went to Salegm last week.

Miss Mattie Hunter made a trip to Salem last Saturday.

Albert Frost, of Woodburn, attended the teachers' institute in this city last Saturday.

George Suckow made a business trip to this city last week.

S. Cooley, of Portland, attended the funeral of his sister in this city last Sunday.

Wm. Smith, Mr. Suckow, B. Smith and Mrs. L. Durby returned to their homes in Portland last Monday.

There will be a grand ball given at the W. O. W. hall next Saturday evening. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. S. E. Wodington made a trip to Salem last Thursday.

Walter Lennon, of Salem, made a trip to this city last Thursday.

Willie Myers visited in the city last Sunday. He returned to his home in Portland Monday morning.

Julius Wolf made a business trip to Salem last week.

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Eugene-Corvallis Canal.

The special committee from the Commercial club will soon make a report on the proposed Eugene-Corvallis canal, and a survey will be made during the month of April.

This canal project was suggested some months ago by J. H. Bouly, an attorney of Eugene and so much interest has been shown by the people of this section that the Eugene Commercial club took the matter up for careful and more thorough consideration, with the result that a number of business men are actively at work endeavoring to find out just what can be done.

The proposed canal will follow the line of an existing ditch which drains the country from here to the Long Tom river. The canal will run northwest of Eugene for about ten miles, when it will strike the Long Tom. The channel of the Long Tom will be followed and improved as far as Monroe.

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Abstain from intoxicating liquors and from tobacco.

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Oregon Boy Won It.

At an oratorical contest held at the University of Washington at Seattle on last Friday evening, John Erickson was awarded the first place. Mr. Erickson is a junior and his home is in Astoria. His subject was "The Power of the Press." He will represent Washington in the contest with the state universities of Oregon and Idaho to be held at Eugene, June 1.—Astoria Budget.

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New York Dramatic News.

"The Silver Box," a three-act play presented by Charles Frohman last day night, in the Empire theatre, a tragic and heart-moving story.

More than ordinary interest attached to the production by reason of the fact that Ethel Barrymore presented herself in the guise of a dramatic mand, and also that the play served as our introduction to the Galesworthy, who has been acting in England as a young writer of brilliant promise. Miss Barrymore supported by a competent company including Bruce Melan, Eugene Jackson, Harry Redding, Forrest Robinson and William Sampson.

"The Tourist," with Richard Gordon, returns to the Majestic for a week, beginning on March 31st. Since closing its previous Majestic engagement "The Tourist" has had a highly successful tour.

The difficult feat of appearing in two different plays in two different theatres every night is being accomplished by Robert Cummings, who is appearing in the role "Lon Anderson" at the Princess theatre, and also in the second act of "The Divide," after which he makes up an old Confederate soldier, and rushed in a cab to the Majestic theatre, where he appears at the opening of the third act of "On Parade."

Conrad has closed a contract with Giuseppe Campanella for a limited engagement next week. Operas in which the popular tone will appear are "Hippolyte," "Nozze di Figaro" and "Il Barbiere di Siviglia."

Ermete Novelli, who is called "Italy's greatest actor," was in the theatre this week when he opened an engagement of two weeks in the theatre in the simple comedy "Papa Leonehard." The house was filled and Novelli received cheers which are seldom heard at an American theatre. Men stood and clapped their hands and were screaming. At the end of every curtain call followed curtain calls and shouts of "bravo" mingled with cries of "immense."

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