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

THE GROWTH OF PROFANITY.

The bill offered in the legislature to reduce the growing evils of profanity was enacted into law. But the crusade against the growth of the habit is going on IN THE CHURCHES AND THE SCHOOLS. The presence of a legislature in session in any state is a great incentive to the increase of profanity. But there is no excuse for wide-spread profanity after the legislatures have adjourned and THE TIME FOR PAYING TAXES IS NEARLY OVER. The time has come for all reform influences to labor together and try to reduce the downpour of profanity to its lowest volume. In some cities the authorities have taken the matter up and are passing by-laws, and instructing the police to arrest and punish offenders. The press has also drawn the attention of the clergy and the better class of people WHO ARE STRONGLY WORKING AGAINST THE EVIL. What is really needed now to banish this needless practice is more diligent work in all sections of the country, and for the authorities to see that the laws are faithfully carried out. It seems to be impressing upon many classes who have become addicted to the use of profane and other bad language, THAT THEY ARE NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING, and that it is also against the law. When this is fully accomplished it will have a great effect in lessening the habit amongst men. There are stringent laws in most cities and towns throughout the United States and Canada against profanity, but they ALL SEEM TO HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN. If such laws had been enforced at the right time, profane and bad language would not exist amongst so many classes of men and small boys as it does now. Profanity has taken a great hold upon all classes, and even the children, as well as among THE SO-CALLED BETTER CLASSES, the authorities should act in this direction, the power the press has had on the people in the past years can be seen. Profanity seems to have decreased very materially in Oregon since the legislature adjourned.

THE PAVING ERA.

Oregon cities have entered upon the paving era. Nearly all cities the size of Salem have enlisted in the paving column and are marching to the tune of progress. Pendleton, Baker City, Eugene and Salem ARE ALL IN LINE FOR PAVED STREETS. The influence of this forward step will be felt in all directions of building. There will be immediate and increased demand for building material and the erection of more buildings. Nearly all money spent for public improvements will again be expended FOR NEW STRUCTURES FOR BUSINESS AND WORKING PEOPLE. The paving era means great distribution of money among laboring people and general prosperity. The only way to distribute money that blesses all is through labor. Nearly all other business operations PILE UP MONEY IN THE HANDS OF THE FEW. Let us hail the advent of the paving era in Oregon. It means much for the progress of the state.

AN UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

It is reported that bar-keepers are to be barred from taking part in civil service examinations at Portland. If a man has been a bar-keeper, and it is any disgrace, which it is not, WHY SHOULD HE NOT BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ELSE? So long as there is a demand for liquors, and so long as the state and cities license the sale of liquors, there will be bar-keepers. It is not the fault of the bar-keeper that other people want liquors, any more than it is the fault of the druggist that people want medicines. The demand for patent medicines compels the newspapers to advertise them, and yet the clerk behind the counter, who sells these articles, ought not to be barred from participating in a civil service examination. That kind of discrimination is not only unjust but INHUMAN AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL FROM A LEGAL AND MORAL STANDPOINT. Such a rule is a disgrace to the city of Portland, and shows that hypercritical efforts are made to create class distinctions in our public affairs.

STATE QUITS GAMBLING.

The Oregon State Fair Board has decided to take the state of Oregon out of the gambling business. There is to be no more pool selling allowed AT THE STATE FAIR RACE TRACKS. The wheels of fortune and many other gambling devices have been cut out for several years. Now book-making and selling pool tickets on races is to be prohibited at the state fair. The Capital Journal has long contended for this reform. IT WAS NOT LISTENED TO FOR SOME TIME. But pounding away will crack the hardest rock. The meanest abuse will be killed after awhile. The State Fair Board is now entitled to spell its title with capital letters, IN BLACK TYPE. The state of Oregon is to be congratulated and all owners of roadsters may enter their trotters with no conscientious scruples.

To Amend Yachting Rules. New York, March 28.—Today the New York Yacht club will meet and take up the amendments to the racing rules suggested last fall to obviate ambiguity in the present uniform code now in operation among the clubs in the Atlantic coast conference. It will also hear the report of the committee appointed to consider the question of adopting scantling restrictions. There will be no change in scantling restrictions this year, though the work will doubtless be undertaken in the spring and completed before the end of summer. It can be announced that the differences that arose over the racing dates has been adjusted satisfactorily, both among the sound clubs and in the New York Yacht club, the latter changing the date for its annual re-

gatta, fixed for June 27 originally. The races will be held on June 20, which will conflict neither with the Yale-Harvard boat race nor the cruising race from Greenwich to New London projected by the Indian Harbor Yacht club. Tomorrow the Yacht Racing association of Long Island will elect its officers for the year, and fix its schedule of racing fixtures and adopt the changes in the racing code. The same men are engaged in the association as in the New York Yacht club on the racing code, so uniformity will be maintained.

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OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY.

State Organization Elects Officers for Year.

Judge Alfred F. Sears, Jr., was re-elected president of the Oregon Humane society at the 35th annual meeting of the society at the Unitarian Chapel. Other officers were re-elected for the ensuing year as follows: Vice president, Frederick K. Townsend, corresponding secretary, W. T. Shanahan; recording secretary, Otto J. Kramer; treasurer, C. F. Adams. Dr. Emma Welty and Dr. C. A. Macrum were elected trustees, each to serve three years. The work of the society during the last year have been the most active in its history. With the unusual growth of the city and the vast amount of excavating, street improvement and general increased demand for horses in every line of business, Humane Officer E. L. Crate has been overtaxed with work and the society will seek to have another officer appointed and detailed for duty on the East Side. Owing to lack of funds with which to further prosecute its labors, the society has been unable to investigate complaints that were received during the year from various points throughout the state, and especially along the mail routes away from railroad connections. The officers of the society hope eventually to secure state aid, when branch societies will be established and a system of humane education will be inaugurated in the public schools of the state. In his report, Recording Secretary Shanahan says most beneficial results have attended the work of the society in awarding prizes to pupils in the public schools annually for the most meritorious compositions relating to kindness to animals and kindred subjects. During the year 632 cases of cruelty to animals were reported to the society, which made an investigation of each complaint. The number of disabled horses destroyed by the society was 41; number of horses taken off work, 110; arrests made, 15; convictions, 12. President Sears, in his annual report, says in part: "The accomplishments of the society during the past year have not fallen below the mark set heretofore. Far more could have been done with the larger facilities that would result from the possession of more money; yet we would not be unappreciative of the gifts we have received. The best possible, it is submitted, has been done with what we have. The demands upon this society, of course, increase with the growth of our city and state. It was hoped that the state would recognize our necessities, and our work, by a small appropriation, but it did not. The benefits accruing from appropriate education in the schools have been frequently emphasized, and cannot be overstated. "I would not close without an expression of full appreciation of the act of Governor Chamberlain in vetoing the bill which permitted the indiscriminate slaughter of birds. This act of the legislature was in every sense meretricious, and the conduct of our executive merits a hearty approval."

The society is planning the erection of a number of public drinking fountains, the gifts of humane citizens of Portland, during the coming year. Instances of cruelty to animals or children in any part of the state should be reported to Recording Secretary Shanahan.

Rheumatism Pains Cured. B. F. Crocker, Esq., now 84 years of age, and for twenty years Justice of the peace at Martinsburg, Iowa, says: "I am terribly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism in my left arm and right hip. I have used three bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it did me lots of good. For sale by Dr. Stone's Drug Store."

Conductors and Trainmen Meet. Buffalo, N. Y., March 28.—Delegates from east and west, representing the organizations of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, meet here today, and have a large attendance. They are expected to ratify the action taken at the union meeting of the same orders March 3, when the grand chiefs of the orders were empowered to summon a meeting of their general chairman of the different systems, whenever needed, and a joint advisory board to be obtained that will act on the complaints of other organizations. The union does not affect the integrity of the present separate orders.

LAND FRAUD TRIO LOSE ON APPEAL.

Decision in Case of Williamson, et al.—Will Plead Further Technicalities.

Prineville, Ore., March 28.—Thrice tried, finally convicted and facing sentences of both fine and imprisonment for complicity in the Oregon land frauds, J. N. Williamson, ex-congressman, Dr. Van Gesner and Marlon Biggs have met with an adverse ruling from the circuit court of appeals, sitting at San Francisco. By a decision handed down the appellate court confirmed the conviction of Van Gesner and Biggs, overruling the long writ of errors that they had taken from the findings of the lower tribunal. In the case of Williamson, the appeal was dismissed for the reason that a similar appeal has been taken to the supreme court of the United States.

Although through a technicality the appeal of Williamson is thus dismissed, the decision is as clearly a victory for the government in his case as in the cases of Van Gesner and Biggs. The ex-congressman's appeal was taken up on exactly the same grounds as those of his co-conspirators. In their cases the decision was absolutely adverse, which is equivalent to an adverse decision in the Williamson appeal, so far as the merits of the case are concerned. The decision of the court of appeals wipes out the possibility of Williamson's case being considered on the merits of the arguments. By denying his petition, he is barred from further proceedings in the appellate court, and his only recourse now lies in the supreme court of the land.

On constitutional points alone Williamson must depend for any relief on the supreme court. His appeal is taken on the ground that the court did not have a right to impose sentence upon him, because of his membership in congress. This point the government's attorneys contend is baseless, and will force that it will not be allowed. If such action is taken Williamson will face imprisonment, and a chapter in the Oregon land frauds will be at an end.

Van Gesner and Biggs are now within the very shadow of the bars. By the decision their last hope practically vanishes. There are yet legal technicalities that they can invoke which would result to delay proceedings. They might apply for a rehearing, but the present decision practically overshadows defeat for such a move. If the law is permitted to take its course, these two defendants will be confined within the walls of a federal prison before two months have elapsed.

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Attack on Finland.

London, March 28.—This is the day that the czar, according to a St. Petersburg dispatch, ordered Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch to occupy Finland, as commander of the military and naval forces of the empire. The report has seemed incredible, but preparation had been made by the Grand Duke.

YOUR HABITS . . .

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State News

S. Smith, a strikebreaker, has been assaulted with a sandbag in Portland.

Leo Barney, a 19-year-old boy, was instantly killed in a sawmill at Linnton, Tuesday.

Mrs. Newton W. Rountree, of Portland, was brutally attacked by a burglar in her own home Tuesday night and robbed of her diamonds. Coburg has donated land for a glass factory and the enterprise seems assured.

An exchange says 250,000 trees have been added to the orchards of Jackson county during the past few months, an increased acreage of 7000.

The Commercial club, of Medford, has donated \$3000 to the work of advertising Medford, and a magnificent descriptive book of Jackson county is being prepared at a cost of \$1500 for distribution in the east.

Freewater is erecting a \$12,000 fruit cannery, with a capacity of 25,000 three-pound cans per day. The way to build canneries is to build them.

Hermann Schmitt, of Eugene, has placed a Percheron stallion with a company at Lorane. J. P. Frady, M. B. Stone and H. M. Doty are the purchasers and the horse is a fine specimen, weighing 2000 pounds.

D. J. H. A. Z. Swackhammer, the colored evangelist, who has been in the suburbs of Portland several weeks cleaning up that city, has reached Marlon county on his way south, attracting attention wherever he goes.

The Southern Pacific is building a new passenger and freight depot at Springfield Junction.

The Portland sawmills closed three weeks ago by a strike, re-opened yesterday and are employing about 700 men.

William S. Elkins, an old time resident of Linn county and afterwards a resident of Dallas, Polk county, died at the North Pacific sanitarium in Portland, Saturday morning, after a long illness of heart disease.

Oregon has 75 students in eastern colleges. Cornell leads with 13, Northwestern has 11, Harvard 10, Yale 7, Smith 7, Michigan 5, the others scattering. Of these 38 are from Portland.

A letter addressed "Bones, Albany, Ore., with a fat man on one end telephoning to a very lean man on the other end, postmarked Lakewood, N. J., reached its destination all right. It was from Mack J. Mon-

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teith, who was stopping at Lakewood for the benefit of his health. He had recently been in the southern states going the way of New Orleans. He was to be on the road again in a few days, bound westward by stages. Polk county collected taxes in one week. Ernest Wells and H. L. ... organizing a hop warehouse to operate in the Williamson ... A mass meeting has been held at D. Matlock as a candidate for ... of Eugene. The Eugene Boat club has organized. The Eugene woollen mills are in extensive improvement. The Oregon association of ... national churches will hold a ... at Corvallis in April. A new camp of Modern Woodmen has been installed at Wood ... No poli tax will be collected in Linn county this year.

The secret of fashionable beauty I asked the question of a ... specialist. "In order to be ... rosy, plump, very pretty and ... take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Dr. Stone's ... Store.

Wants Subway Contract. New York, March 28.—Mayor Cullen and his colleagues in rapid transit commission and board of estimate and appropriations plan to let the contracts for the ... ington avenue, the Seventh, Eighth avenues and the bridge subways before the law is ... giving over to the public utility commission, as proposed in the Morrill bill. A special meeting will be held tonight and the board will receive the form of contract. April 4 it is expected that the contract form will be finally approved by the rapid transit commission. Advertising will be begun on ... 5.

It is announced that the New York and New Haven Railroad ... wants to secure the Lexington contract.

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