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FIGHT COMING TO REMOVE STATE CAPITAL AN ATHLETIC CLUB IS PROPOSED FOR USE OF SALEM YOUNG MEN

PAPERS ADVOCATE REMOVAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL

TERMINATION OF THE FOOLISH WARFARE CONDUCTED IN THE LAST LEGISLATURE AGAINST COUNTIES THAT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN LOYAL TO THE CAPITAL CITY.

Ashland and Ashland papers are... of condemnation of the members... helped abolish the normal... and threats are published by... to a movement to take the... away from Salem. An Ash-... business man writes The Jour-...
Dear Col. Hofer: Please send... 100 copies of The Journal for

Feb. 22, the one containing on page 4 the article headed "Three Normal Schools Are Wiped Off Oregon Map." Please send bill and I will remit at once. If you have not 200, send what you have.
"You are right in what you say about Salem losing the capital and the state fair. I already hear men muttering about whetting their

knives to break even with Marion county for its slaughter of the normals this time."

The Journal had an editorial saying no Salem man could afford to antagonize any of the other counties of the state under the circumstances when Portland was planning to take the state capital and the state fair away from here. The fact is the people of Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon have been far more loyal to Salem than Salem political leaders (self-styled) have been to their own city.

What Ashland Papers Say.

Here are a few extracts from pages of stuff that is appearing in Ashland and Umatilla county papers. Draw your own conclusions:

(One Ashland Paper.)

"Both the state capital and the state fair will go to Portland inside of the next six years. It was placed at Salem in the 60's when Salem was quite a city, at least by comparison; Eastern Oregon contained few people and Salem was the center of the state. There being no accommodations in those days people were used to doing without them, and Salem being the home and rendezvous of the Willamette valley's most brilliant pioneer statesmen, it was naturally the capital.
"The last stroke of diplomacy was the bill of Senator J. N. Smith, who says the Portland senatorial combine slaughtering the three state normal schools of Oregon, while he was on hand assisting in sticking the knife into them and at the same time making himself conspicuous in the presence of the Portland members by pushing his bill allowing the people of Oregon the blessed privilege of voting an appropriation—not for three normals, but one only—for the state to be located at Portland."

(Another Ashland Paper.)

"The plan and purpose of Senator J. N. Smith of Salem was unfair and unjust, even though possessed of a certain amount of shrewdness and cunning that carried well with the Portland senatorial combine that controlled the senate
"Since the legislature has adjourned the normal school assassins and Portland normal burglars are beginning to get a rear view of their frenzied job. The chief butcher, Senator Nottingham, who would like to see an extra session to correct an error in a \$350,000 appropriation for Salem institutions (Senator J. N. Smith's part of the ways and means committee's generosity), is now anxious for an extra session.
"Tuesday's Oregonian reports him: 'I am unwilling to return to Salem for the purpose of passing S. B. 254, unless the legislature stands by its contract with the normal school

teachers to provide for them until the end of the school year. The way it threw the schools out was an outrage. They should have been taken care of until June, anyway.'

(Weston Paper.)

"The legislature sought to establish the foundations of a real graft which will have no end once the Portland school is given life. The sum of \$100,000 will scarcely buy a decent site and campus at Portland, and future legislatures will be looked to for huge sums to support this state training school for Portland teachers."

(From the Weston Leader)

"Since the Oregon state legislature has not appropriated a sum for our maintenance during the next two years, therefore, he it resolved:

"That we, the student body of the Eastern Oregon state normal school, stand loyally by our school and its faculty, and do appeal to the people of the state of Oregon for their assistance until the legislature shall appropriate funds for our further maintenance."

"Be it further resolved, that we, of the student body, ask the alumni and friends of the school to do all in their power to influence public opinion for legislation in favor of the normal schools.

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to all the papers whose counties are represented in our student body of the Eastern Oregon state normal school—Baker, Gilliam, Harney, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco, Crook, Douglas, Malheur, Polk, Union, Wallowa, Clackamas, Grant, Marion, Tillamook, Umatilla.

"Signed by Glenn Leslie, Cecile Boyd, Royal F. Niles, Z. May Meighen, Ira Staggs, Ada Ely, Fred M. Huffman, committee."

It would seem that it is up to the Capital City to repudiate the deal by which the three little normal schools are sought to be abolished, and one large institution established at Portland. The Capital City cannot wake up to the fact too soon that it must cease to attack the other counties of the state, and must build boulevards to be fair grounds and pave a few miles of streets leading to its state house. Three blocks a year won't do to retain the great privilege of having three-fourths of the state appropriations expended on institutions that are located here by conditions over which we have no longer the control once given us by the constitution. We are up against the brains and the public sentiment of the whole state and two-bit peanut politics will not save our bacon. The city and county should repudiate at the earliest opportunity hostility to any section of the state.

POOL ROOM ORDINANCE SWEEPS YOUNG MEN OUT ONTO THE STREETS

ORDINANCE MAKES THE BUSINESS HAZARDOUS AND THE YOUNG MEN OF SALEM MAY ORGANIZE AN ATHLETIC CLUB.

Last night was the first night after the passage of the poolroom ordinance, and the places where pool and billiards are played were deserted by the usual crowds. Some of the young men flocked to the picture shows, and some elsewhere. At a late hour crowds congregated on the streets and discussed the matter. Many supposed that the ordinance was already in effect. Not a few found fault with the management of some of the poolrooms for permitting minors. Most of the young men said they regarded the poolrooms the best place to spend an hour or so, and that, aside from the noodle joints and saloons, there was literally no place for a young man to hang out.

A Practical Suggestion.

The writer suggested to a group of young men that they form an athletic club and have a poolroom of their own, conducted strictly according to law, on the same line as the Illihee Club, but open to any young man who conducts himself in a gentlemanly manner. This was very well received, and is the only practical solution of the difficulty. The ordinance, if enforced, and it should be, or be repealed, kills the poolroom business.

The ordinance does not attempt to reform or regulate poolrooms, but is aimed to put them out of business altogether. Unless it is repealed some place must be provided for the young men of Salem.

The ordinance to prohibit young men under 21 from entering a pool or billiard room is on the wrong line to reform young men.

Let Us Help the Young Men.

It puts a brand and a stigma on any young man who has learned to play those GAMES OF SKILL, THAT ARE NOT GAMBLING IN ANY FORM.

The purpose of the ordinance should be to improve the moral surroundings of the growing generation, and the unfavorable environment is aimed at, and it is true that young men of 16 and upwards could spend their time to better advantage than in a pool room. SO COULD OLDER MEN. But how many of the very al-

dermen who voted for the bill did not play pool in youth. It must be admitted they could also spend their time in a worse place. But in a free country, WHO IS TO DETERMINE THE MATTER?

Is no initiative or choice or personal freedom to be left in this world for the individual?

Are we to put young men and young women each in a glass case FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF SOCIETY?

When you make that a misdemeanor and a crime which is not itself a wrong in any sense whatever you degrade those who are sought to be elevated.

So The Capital Journal says to the young men of Salem, organize a modern, up-to-date athletic club and conduct it on clean lines.

Let it be made attractive, and FORBID EVERYTHING THAT TENDS TO EVIL ASSOCIATION.

But do not make a crime of a game of skill and put a brand of law violation on two-thirds of the young men in the city.

Salem young men are not going to ruin as many suppose, BECAUSE THEY VISIT POOL ROOMS AND BILLIARD HALLS.

Let us work for better environment, higher standards of morality, more gentlemanly conduct under all circumstances, BUT LET US NOT PUT A BRAND OF INFAMY AND THE STIGMA OF LAWLESSNESS on all young men who play at pool and billiards.

The only effect of such policies is to drive young men into worse associations and more evil companionship and more degrading environment.

There are 200 young men in this city who need the help of a well-conducted athletic club. Let us organize these young men and help them to have places of amusement and recreation, that is on a standard with the best civic intelligence of modern communities. The Capital Journal will help the young men of Salem organize an athletic club, and suggest that steps be taken to call a public meeting for this purpose.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING The Very Latest Spring Novelties in Every Department

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CHICAGO STORE PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

VERY IMPORTANT SCHOOL ELECTION NEXT MONDAY

The school election next Monday is a very important one. Bonds are to be authorized for a much-needed model school house for little children in the heart of the city, as the high school has grown to require all the rooms in that building now used for the lower grades. The school board has about secured another lot, which will give them a splendid building site.
Better Fire Protection.
The people will also vote on installing better fire protection. The system adopted by the board of education will give each school house instantaneous chemical pressure on

every floor, and the five to fifteen minutes wait for the city fire department to arrive, when the lives of hundreds of children might be sacrificed, will be obviated. The election is from 6 to 6 p. m. Monday. See notice in this paper.

Imprisoned in Burning Tunnel.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 3.—A dozen men were imprisoned in the Delaware and Hudson railway tunnel today when fire started in the bore. It is believed that the number of imprisoned men may reach fifteen. One body was removed shortly after the fire started.

TRAP IRISH GIRLS FOR WHITE SLAVES

Chicago, March 3.—After returning from an extensive investigation in Canada of an organization for the entrapping of young Irish girls to be sold as "white slaves" in the United States, Patrick H. O'Donnell today declared that he was preparing his data for transmission to United States District Attorney Sims.
O'Donnell, who is attorney for Miss Ella Gingles, a young Irish girl, who was recently found bound and stabbed in a room of a Chicago hotel, declared that a systemized bureau for luring Irish girls to America by way of Canada existed.
O'Donnell visited Belleville, Ont., to which Miss Gingles came from Ireland, and found that her reputation

there was of the highest character. "I also learned," continued O'Donnell, "that hundreds of girls are taken to Canada every year by a certain immigration agency on promises of good wages and employment. They are then sent to agents in the United States, where they are detained."
Beside laying the matter before the government, Attorney O'Donnell presented the leading facts to local Irish societies, and a concentrated effort will be made to stop the traffic.
Money for the Mute.
Calvin S. Shepard, of Portland, who died some time ago, today sent, by his attorney, a bequest of \$312 for the benefit of the children at the mute school. He was an old-time milkman of that city.