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### BETTER TREATMENT FOR CONTRACTORS.

Whether it is the fault of the Engineering department, the Legal department or the Street department, the City of Salem is not treating contractors right.

We will pass up the question of an improper system of making assessments for street improvements and look at it for a moment from the contractor's standpoint.

One firm of contractors have done nine thousand dollars worth of street work the past year, and have received so far only one-sixth of their pay.

It is stated to the writer by one of the firm, and we have no reason to disbelieve it, that only \$1,500 of the \$9,000 of accepted work has been collected.

Where does the fault lie? Street improvements are supposed to fall due when the notice is served offsetting the contract for the improvement.

The citizen can then tender the pay and stop interest, and reserve their right to pay for the work when the city accepts.

There is something wrongsomewhere, and it is not going to be easy to get street work done this coming year.

### WEST REJOICES AT DEPARTURE OF PINCHOTISM.

President Taft has been slow to act, but the West appreciates his parting with Pinchot.

Mr. Pinchot represents the class of men whose judgment is submerged by his theories.

At the head of a great and important department, he imagines all revolves about him.

Not satisfied with having the care of the forest reserve, he added domain after domain.

The department was taking charge of the cattle grazing business and wanted control of the water powers.

Reclamation and irrigation and mining coal lands and the lumber industry were drawn into the net.

Thousands of officials were added and bureaus of publicity were established while Pinchot lectured.

State conservation laws and bureaus were organized and there was a government growing up within the government.

Too bad to kill off the prince of predatory officialism but the sooner some more go the better.

### PEOPLE WANT BEST REGULATIONS POSSIBLE.

It is to be assumed that so long as there is demand for liquors there will be some one to supply the demand.

Then it becomes a question of regulation of the traffic to secure the best possible conditions.

A fair and square local option law would probably be best for precincts that can enforce prohibition.

But unless the sentiment of the people is very largely for Prohibition, better order is secured under stringent regulations.

The people of this country consume over twenty-three gallons per capita of alcoholic beverages each year.

They consume over twenty-three per cent more whiskey and beet than they did fifteen years ago when the present prohibition wave was started.

The so-called prohibition laws of Maine, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Oklahoma and one or two other states do not prohibit.

There is not a clause in any of these laws that interferes with men or boys obtaining all of the liquor they want.

"The so-called prohibition states are more or less flooded with liquor.

The laws are reasonably well enforced in most of the dry counties, but not where such counties have cities.

Salem with regulated saloons, and less than one to the 1000 population, has better order than some dry towns.

Because the Capital Journal tells the truth about these things, some people who are radical become impatient.

Because we do not straddle and slop around and talk good-lord, good-devil in this paper, radical Prohibition condemn us.

We respect a man who takes a square stand for a principle and stays with it and claim the same right for ourselves.

The people prefer the regulated saloon in cities to bootlegging.

### A WHOLESOME VOLUME OF FICTION.

A new romance of the better class has been published by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. "The Pool of Flame" by Louis Joseph Vance.

It is one of those books that lure you from chapter to chapter with increasing interest, like a charming acquaintance, growing better right along.

In these days of George Barr McCutcheon diluted "Graustark" mush, a book like this one by Vance is a godsend.

The hero is an Irishman, and he is matched against a French villain and an English fool.

Fighting and mystery are equally mingled and it is a book to make a man forget his troubles.

There is no namby-pamby chambermaid slop nor unhealthy sentiment between its covers.

It is a book that will not leave a stain on the purest mind and satiates the demand for action and highly-sustained interest.

### THE JOURNAL ANNIVERSARY.

The National Printer Journalist of Chicago has a very interesting article on the 75th anniversary of the Galena, Ill., Gazette.

The celebration of this anniversary takes us back to the time when Galena was a bigger town than Chicago or St. Paul.

The first number was published a few days before the first number of the Chicago Tribune.

The Capital Journal has just passed its twentieth anniversary of publication under its present management.

The Journal is planning to get out an anniversary number in honor of its entering upon its majority.

Work has begun on the material for this number and it will be devoted to the facts of development.

It will be a state-wide enterprise, largely written by the producers themselves.

### Former Salemites Surprised

A Portland Sunday paper has this item: On Tuesday evening, December 23, a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hall called at their

### By Our Formula

We produce in Hood's Sarsaparilla a medicine that has an unparalleled record of cures of Scrofula, eczema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism, anemia, nervousness, that tired feeling, loss of appetite, etc.

The combination and proportions of the more than twenty different remedial agents contained in Hood's Sarsaparilla are known only to ourselves, so there can be no substitute.

This medicine makes healthy and strong the "Little Soldiers" in your blood—those corpuscles that fight the disease germs constantly attacking you.

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home on East Couch street to tender congratulations on the twenty-second anniversary of their marriage. Although the couple was taken entirely by surprise, a delightful evening was spent. After the reading of a poem written for the occasion by J. W. Simmons, Mr. Simmons presented Mr. and Mrs. Hall with a beautiful set of Haviland china, on behalf of those present. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shears, J. E. Stevenson, Joseph Stevenson, Harvey Strayer, James Raech, Harold Howard, Miss Irma Atkins, and the Misses Hall.

### Napoleon's Grit

Was of the unconquerable, never-say-die kind, the kind that you need most when you have a bad cold, cough or lung disease. Sarsaparilla, troches, cough syrups, cod liver oil or doctors have all failed. Don't lose heart or hope. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. Satisfaction is guaranteed when used for any throat or lung trouble. It has saved thousands of hopeless sufferers. It masters stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, hemorrhages, la grippe, croup, asthma, hay fever and whooping cough, and is the most safe and certain remedy for all bronchial affections, 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free at J. C. Perry's.

Try a Journal Classified Want Ad.

## PRESS OPINIONS ABOUT SALEM WATER SUPPLY

(From the Newberg Graphic.)  
 A few years ago, when Dr. Woods Hutchinson, now a prominent magazine writer, was a member of the Oregon State Board of Health, he made a tour of a number of the towns and cities of the state and passed an opinion on the water supply in each instance, with reference to its purity. He told the Salem people plainly that their water was bad and that it was liable to produce typhoid fever in an epidemic form. Did the Capital city take the admonition kindly and go about improving the conditions? Well, hardly.

(From the Portland Oregonian.)  
 "Commenting on Salem's epidemic of typhoid, The Oregonian says it is now time to remove the capital from that city." Thus the Corvallis Gazette. But the Oregonian didn't say that now is this the time to remove the capital from Salem. It said now is the time, if Salem would keep the capital, to get apure water supply there.

(From the Stayton Mail.)  
 Salem is going after the typhoid menace in the right way, and not since Santiago and Havana, Cuba, were cleaned up by the American army of occupation in 1898 has any city experienced a more thorough cleaning up. But why should other cities, Stayton included, wait until the typhoid comes to remove the cause. There is no time like the present for sanitation.

(From the Woodburn Independent.)  
 It may come high, but Salem must have mountain water or it will lose all the prestige it has gained through other improvements. The people are willing to live on the Willamette River, but unwilling to drink that water.

(From the Dallas Itemizer and the Oregon City Enterprise.)  
 The city of Salem may proceed to establish a municipal water system that will total a cost of three-quarters of a million dollars. It will prove a good investment. Salem would have been a larger and more prosperous town now if an adequate supply of water from the mountains had been secured ten years ago. The Mossbacks association has a large local lodge in Salem, but its members are being depleted by death and they have no organizer in the field to recruit applications, so in spite of themselves they are being made rich in their old age by the enterprise, progressiveness and industry of the community, every advance of which increases the value of their vacant and sometimes shack-encumbered lots.

## WILL HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION

Will Vote on Bond Issue of \$25,000 for Construction of New School House.

A special school election will be held in the Salem school district Wednesday for the purpose of giving the people of the district an opportunity of declaring by their ballots whether bonds shall be issued for the amount of \$25,000 for the construction of another school house. The school board was authorized at the last taxpayers' meeting to purchase two sites for school buildings, and the zoning actions for one of these are now almost consummated, and those for the other are well under way. The amount required for the purchase of these sites, however, will not be deducted from the amount of the bonds to be voted upon, but the whole sum of \$25,000 is to be used in the construction and erection of a building. The rooms in the schools are now in a congested condition and an additional building is badly needed and those supporting the movement are confident that it will be carried by a good majority vote at the election.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROTECT COUNTY ROADS

The county commissioners of Polk county at the regular January meeting held in Dallas Wednesday, January 4, issued the following order: "That from this day until May 1, 1910, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to haul or cause to be hauled, over or upon the Spring Valley road, running north from the Willamette steel bridge, any load exceeding in weight as follows: Maximum weight for vehicles with tires less than four inches, 500 pounds; vehicles with tires more than four inches and less than six inches, 4,500; vehicles with tires more than six inches, not exceeding 4,500 pounds. Violators of any of these provisions to be punished for contempt of court.

## Put in Jail

very accurately describes anyone's feelings who is confined to the house with an attack of rheumatism, lumbago, stiff joints or muscles. Ballard's Snow Liniment will cure the trouble, relieve the pain and make you as supple as a two year old. Sold by all dealers.

## The total tax of Corvallis this year—city, county and state—is 22.2 Last year the total levy was 29.5.

## Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all good druggists.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

## WILL BUILD FRUIT DRYING PLANT

A resolution increasing the capital stock of the Saem Fruit Grower's Union from \$10,000 to \$25,000 was passed during the afternoon of the annual meeting of the stockholders Saturday. This increase of the capital stock was voted for the purpose of enabling the construction of a fruit drying plant so that the fruit men will be able to dispose of their dry as well as green fruits. The construction work of the plant will be commenced just as soon as the necessary stock is subscribed and will be under the direction of the board of directors which was empowered to construct and equip the building.

## Try a Journal want ad.

**A Reliable Remedy FOR CATARRH**  
 Ely's Cream Balm  
 is quickly absorbed. Gives relief at once. It cleanses, soothes, heals and protects the diseased membrane resulting from Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Full size 50 cts. at Druggists or by mail. Liquid Cream Balm for use in atomizers 75 cts. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

## Did You See the Crowd Saturday Taking Advantage of Our Great Stock Reducing Sale

Salemmites know that we never misrepresent in our advertising

We are simply overstocked and are determined to clear out the surplus stock in all departments. That's why we are giving you 10 per cent discount on everything in our store excepting Rubber Footwear.

We shall continue this sale for the entire week.

## 20 Per Cent Discount On Broken Lines In All Departments

*Barnes' Cash Store*  
 E. T. Barnes, Prop.

**Card of Thanks.**  
 We, the undersigned, desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved son, Raymond Reid.  
 A. M. RIED AND WIFE.

**Much Damage to Crop.**  
 Polk county farmers who have been in the city the past week, report much of the grain and hay sown last winter the cold weather has "lifted" it quite badly and fears are entertained that considerable damage has been done.

There is a lot of difference between the people who take a front row at the feast and those who hold it in the fight.

**Those Pies of Boyhood**  
 How delicious were the pies of boyhood. No pies now taste so good; what's changed? The pies. No. It's you. You've lost the strong, healthy stomach, the vigorous liver, the active kidneys, the regular bowels of boyhood; our digestion is poor and you blame the food. What's needed? A complete toning up by Electric Bitters of all organs of digestion—Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bowels—try them. They will restore your boyhood appetite and fairly saturate your body with new health, strength and vigor, 50c at J. C. Perry's.

**TO-NIGHT**  
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 THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP  
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The tender leaves of a harmless lung-healing mountainous shrub, give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its marvelous curative properties. Tight, tickling, or distressing coughs, quickly yield to the healing, soothing action of this splendid prescription—Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And it is so safe and good for children, as well. Containing no opium, chloroform, or other harmful drugs, mothers should in safety always demand Dr. Shoop's. If other remedies are offered, tell them No! Be your own judge! Sold by Capital Drug Store.

Many a man shows his faith in the wisdom of his God by offering a dime to cover a dollar sin.

**Every Mother**  
 is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the troubles at once and prevent any complication.

No chronic loafer was ever threatened with an attack of nervous prostration.

**Pneumonia Follows a Cold**  
 but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, which stops the cough, heals the lungs and expels the cold from your system.

It is a dangerous thing to take a cough medicine containing opiates that merely stifle your cough instead of curing it. Foley's Honey and Tar loosens and cures the cough and expels the poisonous germs thus preventing pneumonia and consumption. Refuse substitutes and take only the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package. Sold by J. C. Perry.

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