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## TRIFLING WITH A SERIOUS MATTER.

The curt and trifling manner with which Mr. Lafky's bill to buy the water plant was disposed of should awaken people to a realization of how a serious subject is being played with.

Mr. Lafky's bill either had merit or it had none, and it was certainly worthy consideration by business men on its merits.

If the mayor is serious in his contention that the other bill passed by the city council to buy the water plant proposed to pay too much, did Mr. Lafky's bill propose to pay too little?

What the ablest business men of the city spend weeks trying to ascertain is right on this matter, a mayor and a few members of the council settle in a minute, without consideration.

A two-years' effort of the ablest men in the city, and the most carefully taken steps to wipe out the stain of a polluted water supply is made a matter of sport and joking and betting the drinks.

If the purpose is to render our whole city government a farce and a joke and a stench in the nostrils of serious-minded citizens, then the purpose is being accomplished.

But in the meantime all confidence in the integrity and sincerity of our city government is being destroyed.

The matter of issuing bonds to rebuild the bridges so much needed will not be treated seriously.

Citizens will not go to the polls, and, if they do, will vote down the proposition, for lack of confidence.

Progress is hard enough accomplished in this community without men in office making horse play of the most serious problems.

It is to be hoped that the mayor and his lieutenants may yet realize that there are grave problems before this city.

Gravest of them all is the pure water supply under the protection and control of public ownership.

If they cannot bring this about with a vote of the people and a majority of the city council favoring progress they should resign.

If ward politics and sport are to control all their actions on this question the sooner the people know it the better.

The people have been inclined to take Mr. Lafky's efforts on this subject seriously.

But it seems the mayor and his backers were only making game of Mr. Lafky, or why was his bill given no consideration?

The whole situation, as it has developed, bears the earmarks of irresponsibility that is unbecoming to the Capital City.

## THE BIGGEST STATE OFFICE.

The Oregonian has a great deal to say about possible candidates for the office of secretary of state.

That office is, in many respects, even more important than the office of governor or treasurer.

It is the fiduciary or revenue office of the state, and earns more revenues than all the other offices.

It is the disbursing and auditing office, and constructive policies in that office mean a great deal to the taxpayer.

There are possible candidates for that office who are not at present talked about by the Oregonian.

Salem has in the person of ex-Mayor Geo. F. Rodgers a man of size for that position, and a man of ideas.

Ex-Mayor Rodgers would prove a bigger man than some who have been talked about, if he would consider the matter.

Having a vote on all the important boards, purchasing all the supplies through his office, having the employment of nearly all the clerical forces for the capitol and the legislature, this office of secretary of state in the hands of a first-class business man could be made to mean big things to the state.

Some first-class business man, who had the handling of a large and successful private business, could almost wipe out the direct state tax.

In the hands of a strong man such a thing as nullification of the gross earnings tax on some of the corporations, that in the past have almost escaped taxation, would be impossible.

These are only suggestions from the outside, and in the interest of the taxpayers, and upholding the ideals that should be carried into effect in that department of the state government.

For instance, under proper direction and co-operation from the office of the secretary of state, the office of state printer could be made almost self-sustaining, instead of costing the taxpayers fifty to one hundred thousand dollars a year.

It may be that the present secretary of state, Mr. Olcott, who was appointed by Governor West, has such plans in mind, and may make a model official.

The possibilities of the office are enormous, from the standpoint of the taxpayer, and for the progress of the state and administered on broad lines.

The office of secretary of state is by far and wide the biggest office in the state, when we consider the many ramifications to which it extends its control.

As a new secretary of state is to be chosen next year, the time is not far away for considering these matters.

This newspaper will try to consider the subject solely from the standpoint of the ordinary citizen.

The schemes of politicians who pay their campaigns out of the taxpayers' pockets we are not interested in, except to expose them to the full glare of publicity.

## STATE OWNS BED OF STREAMS SAYS ATTORNEY-GENERAL

That while the federal government has supervision of navigable streams, their beds belong to the state is the substance of an opinion rendered today by Attorney-General Crawford, at the request of Master Fish Warden Clanton.

The master fish warden desired information on the subject, as he desires, if possible to prevent the dredging of the bed of the Columbia used for drift net fishing. The attorney general advises him that it is within the power of the state to regulate the bed, but says there is some question as to what agency is to be set in force—whether the state land board or some other board has the power, but suggests that he take it up with the state and board.

The Dalles Optimist: "The Merchant of Venice Up to Date" the local production to be given by the high school in the near future, is progressing very rapidly.

## RIGGS TELLS OF MICHIGAN DRIVEWAY

POINTS OUT THAT CONCRETE IS A SUCCESS AND MUCH MORE DURABLE THAN MACADAM—USED ON COUNTRY ROADS.

An advanced step in the construction of country roads is being made in Michigan, says Frank C. Riggs, local representative of the Packard Automobile Company, who returned recently from a month's trip through Eastern states. Around Detroit concrete roads are being constructed, and they are giving such satisfaction that it is believed eventually they will be substituted for macadamized roads in the state.

"The first concrete roads were made 18 feet wide and cost about \$15,000 a mile," said Mr. Riggs. These roads are unusually wide, and it is probable that the 12 foot road will become the popular width there in future. A road of that width can be built at no greater cost than a macadamized road, and it is far superior in every way.

"Concrete roads endure for years, and the cost of maintenance is reduced to a minimum. Here is where they have a great advantage over macadamized roads. To obtain the best results from macadamized roads, it is necessary to keep them in repair from year to year.

"Around Buffalo they are building brick roads, with concrete shoulders. These are fine, but very expensive. On account of climatic conditions in many parts of the East, macadamized roads wear out in a comparatively short time, unless they are looked after constantly. The freeze and thaw period in the springs are exceedingly hard on the roads there.

"In Oregon, our climate is much more favorable and macadamized roads are much more satisfactory. If constructed properly and treated with oil coverings occasionally, they will last for years and will necessitate little cost for maintenance.

"As a director of the Portland Automobile Club, I am enthusiastic over the plans to assist in the good roads movement in Oregon. The club is starting out on right lines to increase its popularity among all classes of people, and I hope every auto owner in Portland will become affiliated with the organization."

Mr. Riggs said that the money situation in the East is becoming easier and that business conditions are good, generally. He predicts that 1911 will be the biggest year in the automobile industry. He visited Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester and Boston.

## A DISPUTE OVER STATE BOUNDARY

The dispute over the boundary line between this state and Washington bobbed up in a new phase this morning when Attorney-General Crawford dispatched Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle to Portland to defend two Oregon fishermen, who have been arrested by the authorities of the state of Washington for fishing in the river without a license from the Washington authorities.

The two fishermen were fishing when arrested, at a point opposite Cathlamet, and it is asserted by the Washington authorities that they were on the Washington side, and subject to arrest for the want of a license. Attorney-General Crawford, however, from what investigation he has made of the case, believes that they were on the Oregon side, and his office will defend them. The line where the offense is alleged to have occurred was established by a decision of the supreme court of the United States.

## Effect of One Bottle.

Crandall, Tex.—"After my last spell of sickness," writes Mrs. Belle Teal, of this city, "I remained very ill, and stayed in bed for eight weeks. I couldn't get up, all this time, and though my doctor came to see me every day, he didn't do me any good. I had taken but one bottle of Cardui when I was up, going everywhere, and soon I was doing all my household work." Cardui helps when other medicines have failed, because it contains ingredients not found in any other medicine. Pure, safe, reliable, gentle-acting—Cardui is the ideal medicinal tonic for weak, sick woman. Try it.

## Notice of Assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, will at or about 8:00 o'clock p. m. on the 22nd day of May, 1911, at the common council chambers at Salem, Oregon, proceed to assess upon each lot or parcel of land liable therefor its proportionate share of the cost of the improvement of Court street from the east line of Twelfth street to the west line of Eighteenth street, in the City of Salem, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications adopted for such improvement and on file at the office of the city recorder.

All persons interested in said assessment shall appear at said time before said common council, and present objections, if any they have, to said assessment, and apply to said common council within five days following said date for the privilege, if they so desire, to make said improvement in lieu of their assessment.

Done by order of the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, this 15th day of May, 1911.  
CHAS. F. ELGIN,  
City Recorder

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## Knees Became Stiff

Five Years of Severe Rheumatism  
The cure of Henry J. Goldstein, 14 Barton Street, Boston, Mass., is another victory by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine has succeeded in many cases where others have utterly failed. Mr. Goldstein says: "I suffered from rheumatism five years. It kept me from business and caused excruciating pain. My knees would become as stiff as steel. I tried many medicines without relief, then took Hood's Sarsaparilla, soon felt much better, and now consider myself entirely cured. I recommend Hood's." Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

## REFERENDUM PETITIONS ARE FILED

THOSE AGAINST THE U. OF O. APPROPRIATIONS FILED THIS MORNING—THOSE ON THE O. A. C. AN DSTATE CAPITAL THIS AFTERNOON.

H. J. Parkinson yesterday afternoon filed with the secretary of state the petitions asking for the referendum on the bills making the appropriations for the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College and for the addition to the state capitol building.

The petitions from Cottage Grove were brought by Mayor Abrams. The appropriations were made by two bills—the one appropriating \$328,000 for improvements for the institution and the other appropriating \$175,000 for a new library building. On the petition against the one there are 12,424 signers, and on the other 12,755.

Multnomah county has about 4,000 signers on the petitions and Marion about 1000, though comparatively few are residents of this city.

The work of checking the names on the petitions has been started by the secretary of state and probably next week the attorney general will be asked to write the ballot title.

## COMFORTING WORDS.

Many a Salem Household Will Find Them So.

To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed; to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. To tell how this great change can be brought about will prove comforting words to hundreds of Salem people readers.

Hrs. L. W. Moench, 330 S. Main St., Albany, Ore., says: "I had kidney complaint and it was aggravated when I caught cold or did any housework. My back ached severely and stooping or lifting always caused sharp, shooting twinges through my kidneys. I also had trouble from the kidney secretions and I knew that I was in need of a kidney medicine. Finally Doan's Kidney Pills were procured for me and their use as directed brought prompt relief. Before long a complete cure was effected and I am now enjoying good health." (Statement given February 5, 1908.)

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Yamhill Record: The new steel bridge across the Yamhill river at Lacey's is completed. The bridge proper is 270 feet in length and cost \$17,000. The approaches will add approximately \$3000.

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