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PORTLAND NOT A GREAT SEAPORT.

The People's Press, published in Portland, in its last issue, tells Portland some unpalatable truths.

It takes up the plaint of the Portland grain dealers about the railroads giving Puget Sound points, Seattle and Tacoma, the same rates on wheat from the interior that Portland has.

The Press very sapiently remarks that there must be a reason for this, and bases its statement on the fact that the railroads are not doing anything for anybody or any place, just to be doing it.

When a railroad acts, it acts for the benefit of the road—first, for the benefit of the road, second, and then several times more.

The Press points out that the railroads grant the same terminal rates for the reason that Portland has not so good a harbor as the Sound ports have.

It shows that Portland is doing nothing to help herself, and relies entirely on the general government to improve the harbor and rivers.

The government is taking care of the bar at the mouth of the river, but the trouble is between that and Portland.

Portland is a great city, a growing city, destined to be one of the best and biggest on the coast.

Nothing can stop its growth, or mar its future. But it is not, and never will be a seaport to which the larger vessels can come.

Vessels of 4000 to 5000 tons can reach Portland easily enough but when it comes to the big Pacific liners, such as carry the trade between the Northwest and China and Japan, Portland can never hope to have them, and she might as well admit the fact.

One of the big liners could not swing around in the Willamette unless it is widened.

Portland is in a commanding position, controlling the products of the rich valleys of Western Oregon, and, outside of grain, those of the vast Inland Empire, but she is not a first-class seaport.

She will be a great manufacturing center, a great trading center, and she will have an ever growing coast trade, but the day when she will see 20,000-ton vessels at her docks is far distant.

Nature has created the conditions, and they cannot be changed. There are all kinds of flowers and all kinds of cities, and Portland is a rose of a city, a healthy, fast-growing city, but this, not because she is a first-class seaport, but in spite of the fact that she is not, and because her situation commands a rich and yet but slightly exploited empire.

That is hers, and nothing can take it from her.

THE OPEN FORUM

The Capital Journal Invites Public Discussion in This Department—Let Both Sides of All Matters Be Fully Brought Out—It Is Not the Purpose of This Newspaper to do the Thinking for Its Readers.

The Necessity of Fruit Inspection.

Salem, Or., Aug. 25.—To the Editor Capital Journal.—For years the Oregon State Board of Immigration, the boards of trade of some of the cities of the state, and numerous private individuals have done good and conscientious work to settle up the bare spots of our beautiful state. The pamphlet issued by the Salem Board of Trade, "Salem, the Capital City," is a thing of joy and beauty, and its real great value is the fact that it contains the truth, which any one can verify. The writer has seen a few spots of mother earth, been an extensive fruit grower for over twenty years, member of the Northwest Fruitgrowers union for about the same time, and while only a resident of Salem during the last past two years, can say that the Willamette valley and especially this vicinity can, does and will produce as good fruits, conditions being equal, as any other part of Oregon, not excluding Hood River nor Rogue River valleys. Our climatic and soil conditions are even better or preferable in many instances.

But here is the fly in the ointment—a year ago one of the chief orchard men and promoters of Medford made me a visit; of course he dwelt on the advantages of famous Jackson county, and he put me on the defensive. He agreed to all the good points of Marion county; but, he says: "I can and do sell land planted in fruit trees from \$500 to \$1000 per acre, where you have a hard time to get from \$150 to \$250. And the only reason for that is that we have a system and our system makes the investor safe. Any business or land is worth just the capitalization of the net income. We drove around this valley to enjoy our famous scenery. We did find some young, well-pruned, cultivated and sprayed orchards that apparently would produce an income to the owner. We also found the worst specimens of old orchards, full of all sorts of vermin, disease, with not a care apparently for a generation. "Well, there we are," he says, "do you think that a man with good sense will imperil his life's work, his competency, in a locality where he is at the mercy of an old mossback who has neither decency, culture or energy to even follow the laws of God or man. As long as you permit or allow in defiance of laws and statute breeding places for all these pests to destroy the results of capital labor and intelligence of the other man, you are outlanded and all your richness of soil, beauties of landscape and seductive climate will not

avail you against a system in which no such things are permitted under any circumstances. In Jackson county the fruit inspector will see to it that such things do not happen. We had the same here, but it is a thing of the past now. Why don't you remove these old disease breeders, root and branch; if the owner is too indolent, get at it at his expense. Your laws are same as ours. Get them enforced. A man who can sell a piece of land that has been cropped for sixty years for \$200 per acre, to a man that comes from one to three thousand miles on account of your advertising, and then is permitted to ruin the new man's business, is not a good, enterprising or just citizen, no difference what his family or political pull is."

My own observations have been such right here in Salem. The state fair is advertised as the "best ever." We have a progressive city administration, our board of trade is active, and right within from one-fourth to one-half mile from the fair grounds, where we intend to show off our good things in many a way, we have scale, bugs, codlin moth, anthracnose, barklouse, etc., in full profusion. The most miserable remnants of old orchards right on public roads, on city blocks and lots. What is the use of one man's industry, science, investment and toil, when his mossback neighbor is permitted to annual and destroy the results. What good does your advertising, when one can see with his eyes within the shadows of the capital, so to speak, things that are and have been tabooed long ago in Missouri even. Don't you think that the worm will turn and your confiding and enthusiastic new settler will get blither and turn to be a knocker. Let the fruit inspector get busy; enforce the laws, even if any of his uncles, aunts, cousins or parents are made to clean up.

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CONCERNING OWNERSHIP OF THE DIRT

Declaring that the excavation work on Asylum avenue was completed and that out of the dirt taken up in front of the premises of Ben Taylor he had received but a few loads, and that it was understood that the remainder had been sold by the contractor—August Kehrberger, Councilman Pennebaker last evening at the meeting of the council moved that the mayor appoint a committee to investigate as to number of loads sold by the contractor and the price obtained for them.

The question came up in the first instance at a previous meeting of the council, and a motion was then made that the contractor turn over all surplus dirt taken in front of the Taylor property and one or two other properties to Mr. Taylor. It was charged then that the contractor had sold the dirt, and Councilman Pennebaker stated last evening that there was now none left for Taylor; that it was understood that many loads were sold by the contractor and that the subject should be investigated.

Mayor Lachmund appointed on the committee Councilmen Pennebaker and Hatch.

SUGGESTS THE PURCHASING OF WATER POWER

Would it be wise policy for the city to purchase the power plant of the Salem Power company?

Councilman Waring is inclined to think that it would be, and with the view of determining whether the plant is for sale, its cost, and submitting the question of its purchase to the city council, he last night at the meeting of that body made a motion that a committee be appointed to confer with the company on the subject.

Has 1000 Horse Power. The plant belongs to the Ladd estate, and is situated in North Salem. The water is secured from the Santiam river and there is enough of it to furnish 1000 horse power. The water was appropriated years and years ago for the operation of a flour mill but it has not been used for a period of 20 years.

Can Be Bought. Councilman Hatch stated that he understood that the plant was for sale, and that he believed that it could be purchased at a reasonable price. There was sufficient power, he stated, so that if the city does buy it that it can be used either for lighting the city or for a water plant. Councilman Waring declined to disclose his reasons for desiring the city to purchase the plant, but promises to make them known when the committee submits its report.

Mayor Lachmund named Councilmen Waring, Eldridge and Laiky as a committee to take the subject of purchasing the plant up with the company.

COUNCIL HAS ORDERED THE CLUSTER LIGHTS

Without a dissenting vote being cast an ordinance providing for the installation of cluster lights on the city property was passed by the council last evening, and it is now up to Mayor Lachmund for his signature. The mayor has always been an ardent advocate for cluster lights, and will sign the ordinance today.

An ordinance on the subject was introduced at a previous session of the council, but placed in the hands of a committee. Last evening a substitute ordinance was introduced, making a few minor changes, and sent through all three readings.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company now has a crew of men at work installing the posts on the streets where lights have been contracted for by the property owners, and a crew will now be put at work installing those provided by the city ordinance for the city. Twenty posts, in all, will be installed, 16 to be used at Willson avenue, and the remaining four to be placed where directed by the city.

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X-RAYS AND SMILES.

A railroad company raises rates when they are too low. How can it then object to its employees asking it to do what it compels its patrons to do, raise the rates—of pay?

When you see a man who will stand with his mouth open and swallow great big chunks of cheap flattery, look out for a man who will go wrong about half the time.

It has come to a pretty pass when one corporation's attorney will fight a Salem manufacturing concern getting a little siding to do business on, just because of the pretense that it violates the great principle of the common user clause.

Fair treatment for all corporations is the only policy for Salem city government to pursue.

Mr. Kruttschnitt advances some strong reasons why the railroad companies cannot accede to the demands of the "system federation." Then he compels doubt of his sincerity by pretending that the main reason for refusal is his and his company's fear that the American boy will be deprived of opportunity. Kruttschnitt and the Southern Pacific railroad have about as much interest in the American boy as his satanic majesty, the devil, has in holy water.

Revision of the tariff on the findings of a tariff board, means simply a revision controlled, biased and dictated by the protected industries. Cotton, wool, steel and all the balance will have an expert on the board, paid to furnish reasons why the industries should be protected.

According to a local paper, Salem is in the Sodom and Gomorrah class, is not nice morally, and, in fact, is 'real naughty.' So there, now!

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