

The Cherry City Improvement League is going to take up urther beautification of the city

## dded to our civic vocabulary,

fire on their minds will do something
Salem has wonderfn' possibilities of being m
and the league should not over-look any of them.
First, there is the painting of our houses with lighter colors, and brightening our dooryards with flowers. premises, and dark colors in painting should be avoided. Cultivate the reds, pinks, yellows, light grays and whites a great deal, and see how it will alleviate the ghoom winter, and bright colors should shine forth

Ex-Mayor Rodgers and the commission charter board are not going to be scared out by one man bombarding their baby off the ace of the earth. Until the people have voted on the commisThe charter no one can tell whether it will be goo you can have a vote on October the 25th. The registration that a nuisance, and ought to be amended, but it is one of the sa cred animals of our political system, and you might as well of fer to remove the horns of one of the sacred oxen of the Hindoos as to touch the most obnoxious and impractical features of our pared to vote at the charter election. If you don't you will be sorry.

The people will learn all about the proposed commission charter, with Justice Burnett, of the Oregon supreme court letting
the daylight through it every day in the press, and a pubficity committee composed of Rollin K. Page, Gus Huckestein and Senator Patton explaining criticisms of the document. The fairthan by a city council and mayor and officers elected by the though he may consider th would be a step in the direction of progress, and improvements can be made by the peopl eas fast as defects are developed. The nine Salem men who got it up are fair-minded, progressive citi-
zens, and probably did as well as any nine men who could have been chosen to draft the charter.
MARION HOTE LPAYING.
The net profits of the Marion Hotel for the month of Septem-
ber aggregated $\$ 2676.33$.
The operating corporation, that is composed of public-spirited
citizens, has a surplus of abouc $\$ 15,000$ to be divided among the
stockholders.
This proves that a modern hotel, well managed, is a paying
business proposition in a city the size of Salem, and shows that
a profitable business opportunity was long neglected.
The same is true of first-class flats that would rent for forty
to fifty dollars a month.
This city has nothing of that kind, and there are capitalists
who say it would be very unwise for anyone to build such a flat.
But tne same financiers for t enty years held the Marion hotel
property, and lost money on the same.
First-class flats are needed in this city and would pay as well
as the hotel is paying, and that only proves that many of the al
leged financiers are not good judges of ' hat will pay in a grow
ing city.
The people of Salem are proud of the success of the Marion
Hotel, and are all friends of the enterprise and its financial
backers.
the free locks and lanal.
Wer ive years a campaign has been waged to give the peop great Oregon market-Portland
The state and congress have done their part, and it is now up
to the war department, acting through the S , engineers find a way to build a canal and locks.
 auch prejudice against acquiring that. ge another canal and lock when 1 wher bir ready built, and make it over on modera lines Two locks and canals around the falls are as unnecessary as prefer a two tailed dog, just for the novelty
Undes the state law and act of congress the war department or can build a new system on the east side
The shippers at Portland and up and down the Willamett valley are not caring whether the canal snd locks are on one side the river or the other, but want action.

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