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**THE SALEM SEWER INQUIRY.**

When the city council started in to create the sewer districts and build sewers at expense of the abutting property, The Capital Journal called attention to the radical change in policy.

The main sewers, up to that time had been built by a bond issue against the entire corporation.

That, in our humble opinion, is the only correct way to build a sewer system for any city.

A sewer system is a sanitary provision to afford sanitation and drainage facilities for the whole city.

The property owner is required to build his own connections to the main sewer system of the city.

The property owner must build the alley sewer or connecting sewer at his own expense, so much per lot.

It is the same as a municipal water system, the city owns and builds the mains, and the property owner builds his connection.

After building the sewers through the older and richer business parts of the city on the correct plan, the policy was changed and the sewers in the newer and poorer parts of the city are built at the expense of the property owners abutting.

That makes the suburban property owner pay his share of the sewers for the older and richer parts of the city, and pay for his own besides.

This elemental injustice was appealed from by the city property owners of North and South Salem, and cases have been taken to the supreme court.

But it is doubtful if the people will get any justice there, as by technicalities of the laws the vital question has probably not been raised.

The still greater farce of our system of government is that the charter, instead of being strictly construed in the interest of the citizen, is being construed against the citizen.

The mayor and city attorney and other attorneys hired with the citizen's taxes, are arrayed against the citizen, and what show does he stand?

On top of this double iniquity, it is shown by the experts' reports on the city books, that surplus revenues extracted from the citizens for these sewers were transferred to the street funds.

The loosest kind of loose construction of the charter is being followed to the extent of putting liens on the homes of the poorer people, that will in the end confiscate them.

Certainly the financial geniuses back of this whole scheme will have something to explain, and certainly they will probably be able to explain it all away.

The explanation may be satisfactory to themselves as officials, but there are a large number of people who will not be easily satisfied.

Hon. C. N. McArthur, of Multnomah county, may become a candidate for the lower house and then for the speakership of the legislature. He served as speaker for one term, and made a more than average good one. He learned a whole lot, and would make a better one next time. He was speaker just after the people had voted the State University \$125,000 a year fixed support, besides what that school gets from the university land funds. He is a graduate of the university. As usual, Mr. Eaton, of Eugene, wanted to bring in a bill for a building costing several hundred thousand dollars, but the speaker set his foot down on it, and said he thought they had better hold back a little, and not crowd the patient people of Oregon.

Mr. McArthur also favored putting all the institutions of higher education under one board of three persons, not residents of the college towns, to unify their work and bring about economy. But the college push killed that, and enacted the Board of Higher Curricula, that is now costing \$1500 every two years and maintains all the graft features "in statu quo." Mr. McArthur has the intelligence and the business ability to make the state a decent speaker, something Oregon has not had for some time, and a speaker for the taxpayer, which the state has not had in 23 years, to the personal knowledge of the writer.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

Today President Taft sent a special message to congress on "economy and efficiency in the government service."

June 25, 1910, congress appropriated \$100,000 to create a commission to see if something could not be done to pare down.

For instance, the government pays out over \$600,000 a year for electric current at Washington, D. C., and does its own wiring largely.

Paying twelve million dollars traveling expenses for officials on railroads, by using mileage books \$120,000 could be saved annually.

The commission making this investigation spent money the past year at the rate of \$130,000 a year, and its expenses are running up.

President Taft recommends to congress that this commission this year be given \$200,000, and \$50,000 more to publish its findings.

Of course, it is folly to ask very much in the way of reduction of governmental expense when the president gets \$75,000 a year.

On top of this the president gets about \$100,000 a year traveling expenses, and for his expenses at the national capital.

The example of the government is demoralizing to the citizenship, and is fast making sentiment for Socialism one way, and anarchy the other.

Hon. Champ Clark, the Missouri congressman, who talked annexation of Canada to defeat the reciprocity treaty, has begun sending us the output of his presidential literary bureau. He has a respectable background to his public reputation, in having once been a newspaper man—dimensions not stated. He is, next to Harmon, the solidist and ablest man the Democrats have trotted out, or that has trotted himself out. With the rising power and intelligence of the people, one of the sights to make the gods laugh is to see the average political warhorse grab himself by the bridle bits and trot himself around in front of the grand stand as a candidate, hollering, whoa! Don't let me get away from myself.

City Attorney Col. Frank S. Grant, of Portland, thinks the salary of that office is ridiculously small. By all means the next legislature should raise it. The way the expense of all city and county departments has gone up at Portland would indicate that Col. Grant has been sleeping on his rights. There is not a more expensively and more extravagantly managed city and county government in the world than at Portland. The total taxes screwed out of the people there by politics are this year far greater than the total cost of the state government a few years ago. Every county office but the district attorney's office cost four or five times as much as it did five or six years ago. The people should think twice before they select men for state offices from Portland. There are no reforms possible where there is such continuous and successful organized office looting as at Portland. It has been reduced to a science and only a few public men there oppose general grafting.

**\* X-RAYS AND SMILES. \***

Chemeketa and Center streets have been torn up so often and remained so, so long that if the pavement could talk it could explain how it feels to live in Mexico.

"Money is the root of all evil," and the council seems to be determined to dig up the root.

Chinese women are as up-to-date as the modern Chinaman. The republic is hardly born, but already the ladies are demanding equal suffrage. They will get it, too, for the Chinks—begging the ladies' pardon—are going the whole hog.

The city council no doubt found it much easier to raise the saloon license than the saloonmen will.

Next the city council will want the corpse to pungle from the drappings of his coffin an occupation tax.

The proverb says shrouds have no pockets. This is why the dead were apparently overlooked by the city council, when figuring on revenues.

A little street car now and then is relished when you catch it—when?

In buying wood don't overlook the fact that 100 feet make a cord, and 45 feet half a cord.

The Willamette is running down, which is an old habit of that once blue stream.

With the present quality or quantity of electric juice furnished the city, the whole thereof might be taken by strangers as the "red light" district.

Ben Holladay located the S. P. depot far out of town to spite Salem—and the older it gets the more thankful Salemites are for Ben's thoughtfulness.

The Oregonian this morning editorially says: "The Christian era began when Christ was born." Did it?

Now some Hood River faddists want the school readers revised because the stories in them are "too exciting." Chances are the same kids are reading "Rattlesnake Dick, the Bull of the Woods," and such, in secret, and consider the readers tame. Might substitute "Watt's Hymns" or Baxter's Hints to the Unconverted."

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

**The Danger of La Grippe** is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kas., says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of la grippe and nothing I used did me any good and I was threatened with pneumonia. A friend advised me to use Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and I got some at once. I was relieved from the very first. By the time I had taken three bottles my la grippe was gone. I believe Foley's Honey and Tar Compound to be the best medicine I ever used and always keep a bottle with me." Red Cross Pharmacy (H. Jerman).

If you are constipated begin to take Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets.

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WILL EARN INTEREST AT the rate of Four Per Cent per annum for each month it is on deposit in our Savings Department. It is subject to your withdrawal at any time.

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Cures all humors, catarrh and rheumatism, relieves that tired feeling, restores the appetite, cures paleness, nervousness, builds up the whole system.

Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

**JUST LOVES SALEM BUT NOT 20 DAYS' WORTH**

Either serve 20 days in the city jail or leave town was the proposition put up to Mrs. Rina Rodgers this morning by Judge Elgin and she accepted the latter.

She was arrested yesterday on the charge of vagrancy. The statement was made that she was arrested in a room over the W. C. T. U. headquarters, but this was an error as she was not arrested in any of the rooms controlled by that organization, but in a room in a lodging house maintained in the same building.

**Judge Did Not Believe Him.**  
James McFarland appeared before the judge on the charge of drunkenness and he maintained that he had not touched a drop of liquor for 20 days. The evidence of the officers, however, was that they had found him lying intoxicated on a slab pipe, and that so profoundly was he under the influence of liquor that a conveyance was necessary to take him to the city jail. The judge doubled the sentence for him for falsifying, giving him five days.

There were also a number of other cases on drunkenness.

**BECHTEL & BYNON BARGAINS**

**51 ACRES FOR \$4800**  
We have just listed a fine 51-acre farm of Al land with 43 acres under cultivation, balance timber and pasture. Running water, soil a rich dark loam, level but well drained, easily worked. No adjoining land can be had even in large tracts for less than \$125 per acre. There is a small house, and barn and the place is well fenced. Owner going East on Feb. 1st, and will sell now for \$4800 and give easy terms.

**BUNGALOW BARGAIN**  
We have a new and modern bungalow which was built for a home and not to sell but owner has called East and told us to sell at once. Here is a chance to get a \$3000 place for \$2500. Easy terms.

**ANOTHER ONE**  
Listen to this. We have a five room cottage, a cosy place, in good location, which we can sell for only \$150 down and the balance like rent. Buy this place and cut out the rent, own your own home. This property will double in value soon. The price is very low, being only \$1150.

**VACANT LOTS**  
50x173. Twentieth street, sidewalk in, sewer and water assessment paid, east front, fine soil, half block to paved street, only \$350.  
\$350 will buy a fine lot, 50x125, on carline, close to school, fine buy. Easy terms.  
\$425 will buy a fine lot on Capitol street, in paved district directly opposite the Oaks, the swell addition of Salem. Terms.  
375 will buy a good lot, 55x156 on good street; \$100 down, balance to suit.  
We have lots in all the additions in Salem.

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Every collar and cuff that we launder is guaranteed to be perfect.

We use the same equipment and methods that the largest collar and cuff factories are using.

We are making old collars look like new.

Everyone passes through a process that moulds the edges as smooth as new.

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May we have a trial from you this week!

**Salem Laundry Co.**

136-166 S. LIBERTY ST.  
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**MISS MAUD JOHNSON WON LADIES' SUIT TUESDAY.**

**THE CHICAGO STORE**

**THE HOUSE OF BARGAINS**

Thousands of people have taken advantage of the great sale of the CHICAGO STORE. Thousands more have the opportunity to do the same. Bargains reign throughout every department. Our suits and dresses for the ladies cannot be beat at twice the money we ask for them. Our mid-winter sale of undermuslins are being sold at cost and less; now just a few items of interest:

**Odd Lines Tailored Suits \$3.90, \$4.95, \$6.90**

Odd lines tailored suits for misses and women. Handsome novelty mixtures in gray, brown, blue, tan and black, short and medium length coats, plain gored, panels and pleated skirts, good practical suits that will give you lots of good service. Original price.

**\$17.50 to \$30.00**

**Ladies' Flannelette Petticoats, out they go at 22c**

Ladies' Flannel Kimonos, only a few left, \$1.55.

**Ladies' Tailored Waists**  
in all styles, classy, up-to-date in plain and pleated, white and colors.

**29c to 98c**

**Sweater Coats \$1.19**  
All our women's wool sweaters that have been musked from counter display, values up to \$4.00, go for \$1.19.

**SALE OF FANCY DRESS SILKS**

**Good styles, values up to 75c, for 23c**

Fancy Silks in a variety of stripes, figures and checks. Good colors, including blue, tan, grey, green, brown, rose, white, etc., suitable for dresses, waists, linings, trimmings and fancy work, values to 75c on

**Special Sale 23c**

Watch the papers for our hourly sales, you will be able to buy some tremendous bargains.

**THE CHICAGO STORE THE PLACE TO BUY**

**ANOTHER BIG FIRE.**  
(Continued from page 1.)  
The mammoth store. The other sections were tenanted by more than 50 smaller firms.  
The fire started in the Wanamaker section, and spread through a section into sections by two-foot walls. One occupied by Gimbel Bros., to the small-section was utilized by the John Er storage rooms. The heaviest loss Wanamaker company, and contained falls to the Wanamaker and Gimbel goods worth \$5,000,000, consigned to firms. Goods worth more than \$8,000,000 were saved.  
Two firemen were seriously injured by a falling wall.  
Fred R. Waters is on a business trip to Portland.  
C. K. Spaulding made a business trip to the Oregon metropolis yesterday.

**A Carload of Extension Tables**

We have just put on our display floor some of the finest Dining Tables ever exhibited in Salem. These are fine quartered oak, with flush rims, and the size of tops are 42, 45, 48 or 54 inches, finished in golden wax, polished or fumed, in all lengths and They're reasonably priced,

**\$17.50 to \$55**

**Imperial Furniture Co.**  
177 North Liberty Street, Salem, Oregon