

THE JOURNAL OFFERS A FEW WORDS.
The Capital Journal is compelled to ask pardon of its readers, which it dissikes very much to do at any t
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It is the first duty of a newspaper to give its readers the
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It is the need of the day in which we live that public matters
be not covered up and smothered under political palaver, sentibe not covered up and smothered under political palaver, senti-
ment or to serve personal and financial interests, if the public are to get a square deal.
red to the editor of this paper "wearing himself threadbare in The gentleman (Mr. Lafky) made other references to The
Capital Journal, in the course of his address, a kind of Sermon on the Mountain for the edification of a lot of high school boys.
The only remarks made at that meeting that had any meaning to the taxpayers were by Mr. Miles, who spoke on the white
washing report on student body finances. He ssid that report and the one
metrically opposed to each other.

## Mr . Farmer, of the student body executive committee, also spoke in a plain, honest way. He said the first report went into detaiils and stated facts, which had never been refuted or

 body finances were in bad shape. Some citizen had do-nated to keep the baseball team alive. No quorum could be got nated
to attend student body gatherings. The whole discipline of the
school is relaxed and esprit de corp is lacking. The fine moral tone of the high school is gone. He did not speak loud, but he
said more in two minutes thanMr. Lafky did in his long speech He spoke for honesty, for straight business, for strict account-
ing and handling public moneys with a fine sense of honor that some public officials do notseem to comprehend, but that it
is everlastingly essential that young people shall possess and practice.
The troubles of the school board began over a number of real
estate deals that people criticised, not so much for the prices paid (although the
styles of the deals.
 but Prof. Schreiber's. He was easily one of
tent and hard-working members of the faculty,
for his work was delayed. The same thing was done with Mr. Fargo, a life-long and hard-working specialist in his line. Both
were to be driven out because they were "loyal to Superintendwere to be dr
All possible authority over the high school was taken from
City Superintendent Powers. Hewas not consulted about remod elling the high school or its equipment. He finally refused to audit bills unless supplies were checked over high school who stood for a ers had built up the Salem schools
ers had asin the best in the state, outside of Portiand. Never a
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word of criticism, or a reflection upon his ability an and word of criticism, or a reflection upon his character as a man trator, or a breath of reflection upon his charace
has been uttered. He took the schools when they wemoral-
tzed and built them up into a smooth-working, efficient educational unit.
The people a
The people are realizing that Salem has a newspaper in The
Capital Journal that seeks to keep them posted about public affairs, that will not supprese important news relating to matter, and will not sell its space to misrepresent anyone
A number of newspapers in Orecon have long ben in the habit of never printing a favorable ward for any person in
public or private life, unless paid or promised a revard. custom of editorially commending men who have done good public work, hence has exposed itseif to the charge in the mhen
of those accustomed to a newspaper only speaking out when
hired or being paid by the officials editorially endorsed. There is no way to disprove such an accusation, but The Capital Jour-
nal will not stop commending good men. The Capital Journal nal will not stop commending good men.
will continue to change a bad custom.
In nearly twenty-five years this newspaper has made many
mistakes, but has never knowingly and deliberately taken sides against the people or sold its opinions and reversed its policies or abandoned its p
ent or future gain.
because of errors and fallibility of human judgment, and not be cause it has been hired to do so. Such mistakes of the heart or mind can be corrected on a show.
ed judgment can never get right.
Without a word said against him, without even a criticism of
his administration, City Superintendent Powers has been forces out, when he had a contract for a year from next September,
entered into by the same men who have forced him to sever his connection with the schools. The same combination force without a word of charges against either, except that they were
loyal to their superior, who is himself without criticism. The editor of The Capital Journal asked Mr. Lafky directly whether
there were any charges against Mr. Schreiber, and was told that there were any charges against Mr. she
there were none, but that he had spoken disrespectfully and in an unbecoming manner before the student body, and they had Powers, Schreiber and Fargo from the teaching force by undertack being made on their efficiency as teachers, Directors Miles and Moores have taken a stand, Mr. Miles has uttered several
manly protests. He even offered to resign if Mr. Lafky would resign, and let the people pass on the matter. He has put up a
mquare fight for a new member, who has only served a few montha, and the people of this district who believe in fair play in a fight to clean up the whole situation. If that is not done the people have not seen the end of the demoralization of their
once splendid school system. About ten years ago the Salem public schools were taken out of ring management and put on a aquire business basis. Politics were cut out of them and all
teachers were retained on merit alone. All teachers were recteachers were retained on merit alone. All teachers. were rec-
ommended on the judgment of the city superintendent. The pubilic business of the school district was transacted at the office a the city superintendent of schools. The district was run on
a levy and several fine school houses were built and paid for on only partial bond issues, Floating debt was re-
duced and interest charges were kept down. All this has been roversed in the last few years and the school taxes are more
than double, and five months payrolls were carried on borrowed at the biv

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| Notice of Intention to Construet Lateral Sewers in Lateral Sewer Distriet So. 15, Salem, 0regon. <br> Notice is hereby given: That the common council of the clty of Salem, Oregon, deoms and constders it necessary and expedient and proposes to construct o bystem of lateral sewer as a part of the North Solem system in and through certain streeth Highland Avenue Addition and Broadway Addition to Salem, Oregon syrtem: The cout of the same. to gether with five per cent for engipenses, to be askeused on the properfy directly benefited by auch newernl sewern khall be known and designated at Lateral Sewer Distriet an follows, towit: <br> Beginning at the Intersection of Broadway and Sprace streets: thence easterly along Spruce to a point 120 feet east of Cherry intreet; thence noutherly parallel with Cherry street, to center line of Highland avenue; nue, to ernter line of Hazel street; thence woutherly along center line of Hazel street to a point 332 feet south street; thence westerly to center lla of Maple street; thence southerly along Maple street to cetiter line of South street; thence soutbwesterly midway betwenn fith and Cottage utreet to Jefferson street: thence weuterly on Jefferion street to center northerly on center line of Brondway street to place of beginning; all sttwated th the city of Salem, Oregon <br> The siald syatem of lateral sewers thall be constructed in accordance with the amended plans and specin- cationi for the eame heretofore adopted by the common councll on the 29th day of April, 1912, and on file In the otfice of the city recorder talled description if hereby made, and the sald plana and specifleations are herby referred to and made il part of thls notice. <br> The sald sewery are particularly defertbed as followes to-wit: Aut ulght (8) Inch concrete or vitrl. fled newer pipe stall be laid commencing at a golnt in the alley be- tween blocks No. 1 and No. 2. Broudway Addition, sald polist being 1200 | dition, to the maniove newer in Spruce street. <br> Also from a polint in the alley east of Broadway street, sald point being 384 feet north from the Bouth line of block numbered Two (2), Brondway Addition; thence southerly through blockir No. 1 and No. 2. Broadway Additton; thence southerly through blocks numbered 43 and 44 of North Salemi Addition, to trunk sewer in Jefferson streel <br> Also commeselng at a point in the alley between blocks No. 3 and No. 4 in Broadway Addifton, sald point belng 1300 feet south from thetrunk sewer at Spruce street; running thence north in sald Elley between (4). in Broadway Addition. through blockn numbered two (2), Avenue and ten (10) of Highland In Spruce street. <br> Also commencing at a point in the niley eant of Currant street, sald line of block numbered three (3), Broadway Addition; thence southerly In said alley to South street; thence (52) and fity-one (51) of North Salem Addition to trunk sewer in Jetferson sitreet. <br> Also commencing at a point in the alley in the acreage north of block numbered fifty-three (53), North Sa- lem Aldition, sald polnt belng 1380 feet nouth from the trunk sewer constructed in Spruce street; thence unutherly in sald alley through above blocks numbered tiree (3), six (6) and eleven (11), of Highland Avenue Addition to trunk sewer in Spruce neroch. <br> alley enst of Elm street, sald point being 245 feet north from the Donation Land Cliim line or South street; thence southerly in sald alley to South street; thence southwesterly to Sixth street; thence south on sixth street street. <br> Also conmencing at a point in the nlley eant of Maple street, sald point being 1480 feent wouth from the trunk mewer at Spruce street; thence northerly in sald alley through the acreage sorth of tooks numbered slxty- ifive ( 65 , North Saiem Adaltion, blocks numbered four (4). five (5) and twelve (19), of Highland Avenue street. <br> Also commencing in the alley in block numbered thirieen (13) Hignind Arenue Additton, sald polat be- | Also commencing at a point ailey in block fourteen (14) Hih Avenue Addition, s0 feet north suoth property line of sald block: thence north in sald alley to trink sewer at Spruce street. Alno commenclog at a point in the alley in block numbered afteen (15), Highland Avenue Addition, 50 teet north of the south property ling of sald block; thence north in sald alloy to trunk sewer In Spruce street. Also commenctng at a point in Cherry avenue, Highland Avenue Adfrom the north line of Highland avenue; thence north on Cherry avenui to trunk sewer in Spruce atreet. Remonstrances may be filed agalnst eral sewern and deald proposed tal within 10 days from the date of the final publication of this notices. Jod of 10 days by pabished for a permon councll of the city of Salem, oregon, the date of the first publication being the soth day of April, 1912, and day of May, 1912. <br> CHAS, F, ELGIN, City Recorder. <br> Sotice. <br> Notice is hereby given that the com mon councll of the city of Salem, Oregon, deems it expedient and propase trom the south line of Center striee to the north line of State street with Lolaryay pavement, at the expense of within naid limits, is accordance witl plans, specifications and estimates the improvement of bald North Twen-ty-first atreet from the South line of Cester street to the north line of suat atreet, a uheretofore adopted by th common councll and on file in the fice of the city recorder, which ar hereby referred to for a more particu Improvement, and are hereby madn part of this notice. mproven remonstrances against made within ton (10) daya foin finnl publication of thls notice in |
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