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### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND ITS MASTERS.

THE COMMITTEE investigating the work of lobbyists in Washington has unearthed some very interesting matter in connection with the Associated Press that puts that alleged gatherer of news in a very bad light. Here is a part of the report which shows how the Associated Press was willing to prostitute its service to aid the trusts, by sending out the trusts' statements as news:

"C. C. Hamlin, who was one of the sugar lobbyists in Washington, wrote to C. B. Warren, a Detroit sugar manufacturer, concerning the publicity which papers in the middle west had given to statements from the beet sugar men and also to a 650 word statement that had been sent out through the Associated Press. 'I find that the Associated Press has handled some of our stuff in good shape,' Hamlin wrote. 'While in Indianapolis I took up the matter of publicity with the American Press Association. This concerns furnishes matter for the country press. It is not patent inside stuff, but goes on the outside of the paper as news.'

"After securing an agreement with the Associated Press to carry 650 words, the eastern papers carried only about twelve lines. Have written to Melville Stone and asked that in the future the beet sugar industry be given at least equal treatment with the eastern refiners."

"Warren replied: 'I do not think well of your idea of writing all the papers that did not carry your Associated Press story. We have found that whenever a paper is unfriendly to the tariff generally or to the sugar tariff is approached the result is an unfriendly article. You probably will have to rely on getting out what you can, and find fault when everybody does not carry an interview.'"

If the committee does nothing else its work is well worth all it cost and more, for it shows that this great news-gatherer that the public has relied on for true information, has been willing to do the dirty work of the trusts for pay. It has sent out false statements to further the trusts' interests, and it stands today discredited. It was an infamous betrayal of the public which relied on it for its news of the world, but which must now refuse to believe it unless its statements are verified. It has ruined its own business and has ruined the faith of the public in its service. When you see a dispatch with the Associated Press wire line over it, you may well doubt its truthfulness. It is worse than the crimes committed by the trusts, for it is the public's servant that has betrayed that public to serve the trusts.

It is hoped the company can clear itself of the charge, but it does not seem possible that it can do so, for the evidence is apparently conclusive. When a great public utility company deliberately betrays the people on whom it relies for its patronage and sells itself to the public enemies, it is high time that the government take over the business and give the public a service that it can rely upon. This may be done, and another case of the kind will surely bring it about. It seems that those who would be worst hurt by Socialism are the ones that do the things that will lead most quickly to that condition. Such things will sooner or later lead to government ownership of all public utilities.

### THE FALL OF VICKSBURG.

THE OREGONIAN, describing the siege and capture of Vicksburg, passes over rather lightly the fighting that took place after the crossing of Mississippi at Grand Gulf by the federal forces, and dismisses that part of the campaign with the brief statement that "Grant made two ineffectual assaults on the place. The first was on May 19, and was little more than a feint. The second cost him some 2500 men and he made up his mind to let time do the rest of his fighting."

As a matter of fact there was some pretty severe fighting from the time the army crossed at Grand Gulf until Grant reached this conclusion. In fact, there was a daily battle commencing at Port Gibson. Then came Black River Bridge, Big Black, Raymond, a fight hot enough for any one; Champion Hills, another that did not have any of the elements of a Sunday school picnic, and this about completed the surrounding of the city, and bottled up Pemberton effectually.

As to Grant's "feint" on May 19, and the second on May 22, they were both inexcusable blunders, and made, as he claimed, "to satisfy the clamor in the North." The attack on May 22 was a grand charge all along the lines and it was made when there was nothing to be hoped from it. It cost many lives and there was absolutely no chance of its accomplishing anything and Grant knew it, but deliberately sacrificed his men to hold his job, and "quiet the clamor in the North." It was the worst thing Grant ever did.

### WHAT DOES THE UNITED STATES OWE?

WHEN ONE BRINGS to figure out the amount that is owed by the people of the United States in the way of national, state and municipal debts, the result is staggering. Uncle Sam owes about \$1,250,000,000, which seems like a pretty hefty sum to pay, but it is a trifle when we take into consideration his ability to pay, and the property he has to do it with. The city of New York owes \$1,300,000,000, or some \$50,000,000 more than does our good old uncle. Every other big city is carrying a similar load of indebtedness and the smaller cities are carrying about all that the lending class will permit them to carry.

In other words as a people we are all getting in debt just as deeply as the fellows who have the money will permit us. While the debt of New York seems appalling, it is not as heavy in proportion as that we are carrying here in Salem. That is it is not nearly so large in proportion to the value of the property that is assessable to pay the debt. There is hardly a town or hamlet in the whole United States that is not carrying a load of debt and adding to its tax burden by getting still deeper in debt on every occasion. It would strike the average business man as the part of wisdom to cut out expenses and get out of debt as the proper thing to do but communities are not run on that principal.

The result of this system is that we are paying at least 50 per cent more to carry on our city governments than it would cost if we got down to a cash basis. We are mortgaging the future instead of keeping within our means, and at the same time kicking about the expense of carrying on the municipal governments.

## LADD & BUSH, Bankers

TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. TRAVELERS' CHECKS.

### X-RAYS.

The Southern Methodist bishops say Carnegie's money is tainted, and will have none of it. This is in the nature of a revolution, for it is seldom that a million dollar gift horse has a mouth inspected very close.

America's foreign trade, counting both exports and imports, amounts to the snug little sum of \$3,984,000,000 for the 11 months ending May 31, and by the end of the fiscal year, July 1, they will probably total \$4,250,000,000. That is certainly a good showing for old Uncle Samuel to make to his creditors, and ought to make the old man's credit good for another year or two, anyway.

The P. E. & E. could invest some of its earnings in disinfectants to good purpose, if it would use the same on some of those old street cars. They are not only dirty, but dangerous as disease breeders.

"A relic of bygone days," the old S. P. depot.

Plant roses and then—plant more roses.

So soon as the rain began to fall, the Beavers played good ball and climbed out of the cellar. This suggests that the manager sprinkle the ball team just before the game.

It takes only four commissioners to run the Portland city government, but requires half a dozen lawyers to aid them.

The Cherry Queen contest ends at 10 o'clock tonight, and, whatever the result is, it will be satisfactory and Salem will have a queen to be proud of.

Portland is to have a sweetpea show July 8-9. There will be no parade or anything of that kind, and there is no need of it, for the dainty, fragrant blossoms are a big enough and good enough show for anyone and everyone, without and fictitious aids or side shows.

### THE ROUND-UP.

The Newport creamery is about completed, and will be adding to Oregon's butter production in a few days.

The East Oregonian is having a jack rabbit drive of its own, in which the Oregonian is the principal rabbit. All because a correspondent of the latter paper said the jacks had destroyed 185,000 of grain.

Independence had a fine horse show and a big attendance, beginning Thursday. It closes today.

Albany will have a big Grange picnic July 4.

The Woodburn cannery put up 300 cases of strawberries in four days last week.

If a newspaper is an indication of a town's business, then the Woodburn Independent shows that city is there with the goods.

Cook county's good roads men are in session at Coquille to discuss action under the county bonding act.

Prineville is now enjoying electric lighting of streets with seven arc and 20 100-candlepower incandescent lights installed.

Postmaster Wise of Astoria has ordered an additional collection of mail, at 5:30 p. m., for the good of the business community.

The Order of Moose at Klamath Falls will celebrate the completion of a new lodge home on the night of July 2, with a grand ball.

On the buckaroo portion of the Fourth of July program at Baker will appear a hitherto unconquerable mule, whose owner offers \$100 to the rider who will tarry while the beast jumps ten jumps.

The Pendleton East Oregonian fires this parting shot at those who circulated the report of the alleged jackrabbit menace in Umatilla county: "When theoretical rabbits eat theoretical wheat on winter sheep ranges no great harm is done."

Lebanon Express: The much-abused white land, found occasionally in Linn county, is proving a fine thing for alkali clover. This popular cow food grows like a green bay tree in it, and farmers are making fortunes off white land clover.

Albany's value to the rest of Oregon is thus appraised in the Albany Democrat's "Misfit" column: "The health department of Portland will be in good hands, those of a former Albany boy and college student, a fine fellow then and now. What would Portland do without Albany men?"

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## Our Annual Clearing Sale

Is a sale which we hold annually for the purpose of clearing the shelves and getting ready for our fall stocks. This sale will be advertised weekly from now on. Watch its progress and the money saving bargains we are willing to sacrifice to our patrons.

## 20,000 Yards of Wash Goods

Will be sold all along the line at advertised prices, which means a wonderful saving to you on the best goods. Come and see

Yard, 4c, 5c, 6 1-4c, 8 1-3c, 10c, 12 1-2c, & 15c.

## 20,000 Yds. Dress Goods and Silks

Priced down at the lowest prices ever advertised in Salem for the same class of goods—all 1913 newest merchandise.

25c, 35c, 49c, 59c, 65c and 75c yd.

## OUR BUSINESS KEEPS GROWING

Because our motto is always the best goods at the lowest possible margin of profit.

## COME THIS WEEK

And get our prices on the following goods: Ladies' Coats and Suits, Silk Dresses, Wool Dresses, Linen Dresses, Shirt Waists, House Dresses, Linen dresses, Balkan and Middy, Blouses, Dress Skirts and Linen Suits. Special advertised prices—The lowest in this city.



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Girls' Oxfords ..... 45c  
Ladies' \$3.00 shoes ..... 98c  
High class shoes in all the newest leathers ..... \$1.49 and 98c  
Come here and get our prices on Velvet Shoes.



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\$7.50 lingerie dresses ..... \$1.49	Table linens, yard ..... 25c, 33c and 40c	\$12.00 white wool jackets, slightly soiled ..... \$3.00
\$7.50 duck suits ..... \$1.49	12 1/2c fancy lawn, yard ..... 6 1/2c	Ladies' duck jackets ..... 95c
\$2.50 duck dress skirts ..... 98c	Percales, yard ..... 5c, 6 1/2c and 8 1-3c	Muslin sheets and pillow cases at Mill Prices
Soiled shirt waists, \$1.50 and \$2.00 values, only ..... 49c	\$15.00 white wool serge suits, soiled, now ..... \$4.50	Ladies' union suits ..... 25c
Black petticoats ..... 49c		Men's 45c balbriggan vests and pants now ..... 25c
85c long corsets ..... 49c		
Sweaters ..... Half price		



### Clearing Prices LADIES SUITS

at less than manufacturer's first cost  
\$4.50, \$7.50  
\$9.90, \$12.50  
All the latest

### LADIES COATS

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\$7.50 & \$9.90

500 PARASOLS  
Now placed on sale at less than first cost.  
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