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### WILL THE RAILROAD COMMISSION ACT?

THE CAPITAL JOURNAL again calls attention to the fact that the Salem Water company has not yet filed any statement as to the physical value of its plant. It has had abundant time to do so, and the question is being asked quite frequently why the railroad commission has taken no action in the matter. The people, some 18,000 of them, want to know when the company is expected to file its statement, or if it is expected to file it at all. The matter was passed up to the commission in good faith, as the prices charged for water are looked upon as not being regulated by reasonable profits but by willful larceny. There is a point where profits cease and larceny commences, and Salem people are fully convinced that the prices they are charged for water have passed this point.

Somehow the commission has gotten the idea that all that was wanted was to get the physical valuation of the plant so that the city could consider the matter of buying it. This is a mistake and one that was caused deliberately by certain parties whom we could name who are advocating the purchase of the water plant. That was most decidedly not the reason the matter was passed up to the railroad commission. It was turned over to it for the purpose of getting some relief from an unbearable condition, from a charge upon each family of from \$25 to \$30 a year for water.

The people of this city are paying more for their water than they are paying for their bread, and there is something the matter with the water bills. The fault is not with the bread bills.

This is what we ask the railroad commission to look into and to look into at once. Every month the water company is allowed to continue this unholy charge is just that much added to the cost of living of every Salem family. Every month it can delay the hearing adds just that much to the injustice done us, and adds that much to the gains of the company. We do not know what the company's property is worth, but we are apparently as well informed on that subject as is the company, which after three months examining its own property does not yet know its value, or at least, refuses to make that value known. It looks as though the company was afraid to fix a value, fearing it might set it lower than the price the people would have stood for in case they should want to buy it.

The company evidently had no difficulty in fixing its value for taxation purposes, and made no kick when assessed higher this year than last. One of the troubles on the company's stomach, for it hardly credible that it has a mind is that same tax business. If it was certain the city would buy it, it would not stutter a moment about jumping the price up to the limit. But if the city should not take it over, then when the assessor came around there would be its statement as to its value for taxable purposes, for the law says it shall be taxed at its full value. This is where the situation is really cruel to a tender-hearted and conscientious water company. The citizens of Salem would not object so much to this inexcusable delay if it was at the expense of the company, but it is not, but the other way. If the charges for water are exorbitant, which we claim they are, then every month the company can stave the examination off is just that much gain for it. We do not believe the railroad commission will stand in to assist the company in pulling off this little stunt, knowing, but that is just what the commission is doing. If the commission will serve notice on the company that its case must be presented inside of ten days, and then proceed to examine into the matter, the company will come up to the rack and eat out of its hand.

The people are in dead earnest about this matter, and there is going to be something done, and that soon. There is more than one way to skin a cat, and if we can get no relief from the railroad commission, then we will try another hitch. Gentlemen of the railroad commission, will you make some effort to help us? Will you compel the Salem Water Company to present its case and show if it can why we should not be given better and more equitable rates on that great necessity, water. We do not ask you to do any injustice to the company. We do not want that. We want and expect to pay what the service is reasonably worth considering the capital invested, but we do not care to pay 25 to 40 per cent yearly on the investment, and what is more we will not.

### FOREST SANATORIUMS.

HERE IS A NEW IDEA that they have developed in Wisconsin, where, as it would seem, they are always developing new ideas, and some of them good. The state forest reserves are to be made available for the establishment of sanatoriums for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Wisconsin has forest reserves of its own that will survey close to half a million acres. The state is at considerable expense for the care of these reserves, and in the maintenance of the policy of reforestation put in practice there several years ago. The proposition is that tubercular patients might be able to do a great deal of the work; that the employment would be light, and the opportunity would be golden for the poorer patient to find a health-giving domicile in the woods, and at the same time pay his way by the performance of such labor as he was able to accomplish.

The details of this plan now under consideration by the state forestry board and the state board of health have not been fully worked out, or if they have they have not been given to the public. But it is said that so far as they have been disclosed they are quite comprehensive, and that when complete they offer to tubercular sufferers in every section of the state the chance to recover among the most healthful surroundings that possible could be conceived. The difficulty in the state sanatoriums now established is to find suitable employment for those inmates who would like to work and would be better for it. The forest sanatorium idea solves this difficulty, and at the same time broadens the state's facilities for treating those who are afflicted with this dread disease. This Wisconsin experiment will be watched with a great deal of interest, if it proves a success it is capable of extension in other states.

Corvallis is not through cackling yet for the simple reason that she is not through laying. Having produced through selection a flock of hens that average 200 eggs a year, and among these one that broke all records with 291 to her credit in a year, now comes in the front with another of the same flock that has laid 285 eggs and has 20 days, all working days, too, in which to add

to her list before the year ends. It is probable she will have more than 300 eggs to her credit when the year ends.

The president has issued his first Thanksgiving proclamation, setting apart Thursday, November 27 as the day. Among other things he enumerated as being worthy of special thanks is the opening of the Panama canal.

The Mexican situation is not worrying many people, but it sure is a nightmare, half a dozen colts and a yellow dog to the Oregonian editorial staff. Let us hope the election Sunday will so clear up the atmosphere that the editors can again sleep o' nights.

The Oregonian Friday had a Mexican news story headed "Stern Measures in Mexico Likely." It is to be hoped that when they begin that the president will kick with both feet.

## STRENUOUS CONTEST WITH ALBANY ASSURED

All the Salem football fans are disappointed today over the postponement of the game between Salem high school and Hill Military Academy, of Portland, that was to have been staged on Willamette field tomorrow afternoon.

The high school lads are now heading all their energies in preparing for the game with Albany high school here next Friday afternoon.

They practiced on the Willamette field last evening, bucking the Willamette first team and making a very creditable showing. The team which is rated as one of the best that has ever represented the local high school, has a line that averages 17 from tackle to tackle, and averages 153 as a team. This is said to be very good weight for a high school team.

The coach of the Albany high school team is also stating that his team is the best that it has been in years and no effort is being spared to thoroughly prepare them for the contest with the local high school team next Friday.

Salem plans to hold a big rally on the evening preceding the game and will be out at the contest with full rooting force. The Albany team will be accompanied by their high school band and the larger portion of the student body.

### LADIES' AID DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED AT HEIGHTS

Mrs. Ben Morris entertained the Ladies' Aid of Salem Heights Wednesday afternoon in her usual charming, hospitable manner.

The weather was perfect, her cheerful rooms which had been recently decorated, were made still prettier by gorgeous dahlias and everything combined to make it all very enjoyable.

Four visitors were present to enjoy the afternoon with twelve of the old members.

After trying and finishing a pretty comfort made of old gold cheese cloth, puffy with lots of warm filling, the business meeting was called to order and full plans were made for a parcels post social to be given by the aid in their hall November 14. Mrs. Frank Thompson being the sponsor for this affair, we all know it will be a success in every particular.

The ladies are very anxious to have their hall completed overhead with good ceiling, before cold weather and to this end the social will be held. Miss Leon Morris and Mrs. W. Morrell assisted Mrs. Morris in serving her delicious refreshments. The other strangers present besides Mrs. Morrell were: Mrs. E. Nelson, sister of Mrs. S. Perkins, recently from Kansas, but here now to remain; Mrs. J. E. Darnelle, and Mrs. Laura McConnell.

After enjoying Mrs. Morris' hospitality to the limit, the ladies adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Hattie Sawyer, vice-president of the aid, when another fine time may well be anticipated.

## BE PRETTY! TURN GRAY HAIR DARK

Look Years Younger! Use the Old-Time Sage Tea and Sulphur and Nobody Will Know.

You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost overnight if you'll get a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old, famous Sage Tea recipe are sold annually, says a well-known druggist here, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied.

Those whose hair is turning gray, becoming faded, dry, scraggly and thinning are a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful—all done, too, scalp itching and falling hair stops.

This is the age of youth. Gray-haired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur tonight, and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days. Local agent, J. C. Perry.

## A CHILD'S LAXATIVE IS "SYRUP OF FIGS"

They Love to Take it and it Doesn't Harm the Tender Little Stomach, Liver and Bowels.

If your little one's tongue is coated it is a sure sign the stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When your child is cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, system full of cold, throat sore, or if feverish, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Don't be fooled!

### THE ROUND-UP.

The body of Harold Schilling, who was drowned in the Rogue river Monday morning, has been recovered. It was found by a diver in 17 feet of water, where it had lodged between rocks, which prevented it being swept out to shallow water.

Clifford Koth, 8-year-old boy of St. Johns, was shot accidentally by some unknown hunter Thursday, as he was going home from school. One hand was badly injured, and one shot penetrated the boy's abdomen.

The work of ballasting the first 20 miles of the Willamette-Pacific from Eugene to Marshfield began Thursday.

Grant county is out of debt, and has a balance of \$30,000 in her treasury.

By a majority of 10 to 1 Grants Pass has voted to issue bonds in the sum of \$200,000 to assist in the promotion of the railroad from that point to Crescent City.

Wasco county's valuations this year jumped to \$12,744,400, an increase of \$3,213,140 over last year. More than \$1,500,000 of this was owing to increased valuation of tillable lands. The area of this class of lands was 7938 acres greater this year than last.

Astoria's dog muzzling ordinance has been repealed, and the Budget half-way insinuates that consideration of the vastly larger aggregation of fleas necessarily carried about by the muzzled dog might have had something to do with the repeal.

Lebanon Express: The Express naturally takes some pride in having installed the first linotype in this part of Linn county, and all friends—and enemies, if any—of the Express are invited to visit the first real newspaper plant ever inaugurated in this city.

John Alden Seabury, publishers of the Eastern Oregon Mining Journal, has moved his plant from Malheur to Greenhorn, once celebrated as a rich mining camp, and has established his office headquarters at Baker. His paper is full of appeal for a revival of interest in the precious metal resources of Eastern Oregon.

Oregon as a developer of specialties is given deserved publicity by the Dallas Observer, which says: "Woodburn claims to be the home of the loganberry. By the way, we should be glad to hear of some town in Oregon that is not the home of some product. [Which only goes to prove what a wonderful state it is that exerts in so many and such diversified products.]"

### DEATH NOTICES.

M'FARLANE.  
At his home five miles east of Salem, at 4:30 p. m., October 23, 1913, Thomas McFarlane, aged 50 years. He leaves a wife. He was a member



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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
The United States National Bank, at Salem, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, October 21, 1913.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 388,267.36
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	988.35
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	25,000
U. S. bonds to secure postal savings, \$9000	6900.00
Other bonds to secure postal savings, \$18,250	18,250
Bonds, securities, etc.	296,222.90
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	152,000.00
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks	7,180.76
Due from approved reserve agents	265,552.31
Checks and other cash items	39.17
Exchanges for clearing house	1,562.26
Notes of other national banks	5,015.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	564.85
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$217,342.00
Legal tender notes	60.00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$1,485,294.06
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus fund	100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,124.04
National bank notes outstanding	20,500.00
Due to other national banks	2,981.78
Due to state and private banks and bankers	5,780.68
Due to trust companies and savings banks	1,692.85
Individual deposits subject to check	1,110,548.33
Demand certificates of deposit	5,711.29
Time certificate of deposit	124,856.81
Certified checks	128.95
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,692.66
Postal savings deposits	8,281.46
Total	\$1,485,294.06

State of Oregon, County of Marion, ss:  
I, E. W. Hazard, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
E. W. HAZARD, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of October, 1913.  
MARIE BENNETT, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
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