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THE commercial club is moving in the right direction, when it seeks to procure new industries for Salem.
rolls and a greater market for raw materials his end may the greatest needs of western Oregon. H ander working in the same direction, would naturally prove of value to promoters of industrial development in this city
The Commercial club of Logansport, Indiana, makes a stateindustries, which deserves consideration. We quote:
"It is the contention of the club that several small are better for a city the size of Logansport than a fendustries ones at whose mercy the city would be. The results from the operation of this theory have so far proved its soundness.
The reorganization of the Progressive Union of New Orleans
into its present form as the Assoociation of Commerce has led to the assignment of all industrial stimulation to the industrial division. Within the past three months, under this new plan of operation, four new important actories have been located in the
The Chamber of Commerce of Quincy, Illinois, emphasizes a point in connection with this whole matter of locating industries that can be best understood by quoting direct
We are working out a systematic plan for direct industrial advertising. By this plan the advantages of Quincy are brought directly to the attention of selected manufacturers in a way most likely to impress them with this city as a location for manfacturing. The principal advantages of the plan are, its relatively nominal cost and the fact that it avoids the waste of time, tracting the attention of manufacturers."

## PUBLIC BUSINESS POORLY MANAGED.

THERE is one thing that every city should watch carefully and that Salem should be especially chary about, and that Is extending the city's area. Salem now has abundant perhaps more than that. The desire to have the city show up well, and give it rank, is all right, but sometimes this is whistle that costs more than it is worth
With her present limits Salem knows just what she faces in her area she makes expense for herself. The time is coming when the city will own her own water system, her lighting plant, and probably her gas and other public utility necessities. With every extension of territory there comes an element of increased cost without a corresponding income. It is the comparatively great cost of supplying the suburbs that makes any city plant, like water or lighting, expensive, and yet, under public ownership, every citizen must be taken care of. The water mains must be laid in sparsely settled districts at great expense with but little return possible. It will be time enough to consider a larger territory when we have buildings on the many va cant lots now within the city limits. Until these are built upon, the city needs no more territory and is only making expense for herself when she acquires
As a suggestion merely, why would it not in case the city should conclude to increase her territory at any time (especially when she owns her own water, light and other plants, and is, boundaries) be the proper thing for the city to purchase the her boundaries) be the proper thing for the city to purchase the pro-
posed addition and reap some of the benefits of the values it creates, by selling the lots at a price that would in vart at ceas meet the expense of furnishing them with water light, " The price need not be exorbitant, nor the deal made with idea of making money from the real estate business other than in protecting herself against the expenses the addition will meeesaarily place upon her.
Cleveland is a case in point. Cleveland owns and operater recently fares were reduced from five to three cents

Owning her street ca service to all her people. In order to do this it becomes necessary This extension was opened not a great while ago, and shortly after the three-cent fares were put in force. This extension and

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But, on the other hand, the owners of the se additions, as soo as the street railroad became an assured fact, at once jumped Here the building of a street railroad for the benefit of the people generally, and the reduction of fares, made this property valuable. It also compelled the citizens of the city to go down
into their pockets to make up theldeficiency caused by providinto their pockets to make up the deficiency caused by provid ing cheap transportation to this, before isolated property. Who
was benefitted? The owners of the land which the building of was benefitted? The owners of the land which the building of
the road made valuable. If the city had owned that land, or the road made valuable. If the city had owned that land, o
bought it before providing the railroad, it could have sold it at a much lower price to those desiring to make homes on it, which building could have been made a condition precedent to its sale ted, while the city would have been compensated for its en

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forced outlay. As it was, the city built the road, made the
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land speculators. Was this good business policy? Would an
private corporation have build the road without first acquir:
the lands and securing the profits following the opening of th
new territory?

The low fares and the new road poured money into the pock
ets of the speculators, and the balance of the city paid the till When Salem or any other cits operates plants it should take in no additional territory unless the city
owned the land, and every city charter should be amended so It is claimed that the present trouble in Peru that is almost in public affairs by cutting off emoluments of office holders. A the present rate of creating offices in Oregon, the state will soon
be in a position where the office holders will be in the majority and, by clubbing together, can control the elections. There are and, by clubbing together, can control the elections. There are
almost candidates enough for governor now to control the elec tion if they could agree on a candidate
John D. Rockefeller is rather diffident about talking over his wealth with the assessors or persons charged with the collection of his taxes. However, he politely writes them that he "will see hem later."
The largest soap factory in the republic is located at Torreon But that is not why the Mexican factions are fighting so har or its possession.
Governor West's critics may be a little easier on him now. though he destroyed the Copperfield gambling devices he save the whiskey
Even though Coblonel Goethals made the Panama canal zone sanitary, he seemed to lack faith in his own ability to clean up New York.
Japan seems to have reached the high plane of Western civili zation at last. Taxation is so high that the people are in ope rebellion.
The men who personally knew Abe Lincoln seem to multiply
as time goes on.












## SALEM'S SILK HOUSE IS THE CHICAGO STORE

If you want to see silks stacked up in piles of every class and kind visit Salem's leading bargain-giver. Silks of every description and at prices from 25 cents a yard to any price you wish. Tub Silks, Charmeuse Silks, Taffeta Silks Meszaline Silks and Fancy Dre and Waisting Silks. Come here for bargains.


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