

## THE CAPITAL JOURNAL

PUBLISHED BY  
Capital Journal Printing Co., Inc.

An Independent Newspaper Devoted to American Principles and the Progress and Development of Salem in Particular and All Oregon in General.

Published Every Evening Except Sunday, Salem, Oregon

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:**  
(Invariably in Advance)

Daily, by Carrier, per year...\$5.20 Per month...45c  
Daily, by Mail, per year...4.00 Per month...35c  
Weekly, by Mail, per year...1.00 Six months...50c

FULL LEASED WIRE TELEGRAPH REPORT



**ADVERTISING RATES.**  
Advertising rates will be furnished on application. "Want" Ads. and "New Today" Ads. strictly cash in advance.

The Capital Journal carrier boys are instructed to put the papers on the porch. If the carrier does not do this, misses you, or neglects getting the paper to you on time, kindly phone the circulation manager, as this is the only way we can determine whether or not the carriers are following instructions. Phone Main 82.

### GOVERNOR WEST PLAN TO RETRENCH.

**G**OVERNOR WEST'S idea of appointing a non-salaried commission to investigate the feasibility of lopping off many of the state commissions and consolidating others is an excellent one. The cost of government is running too high and the revolt against excessive taxation is retarding progress and development. Something practical—beyond mere talk—should be done and a commission of level-headed business men ought to be able to make some suggestions that will appeal to the next legislature, if the members are true representatives of the people.

Of course, this sensible plan of the governor is attacked by the Portland Evening Telegram, the dirtiest political rag printed in the state. It professes to see in every act of the governor a political move, and does all in its power to balk every real effort toward genuine reform proposed at the state capital or elsewhere. The Oregonian is unfair and unjust in its treatment of political opponents, most notoriously so, but is a model of impartiality and fairness compared with its evening edition, which seems to think that vituperation and abuse of those who hold to the higher ideals of government is the chief end and aim of a newspaper's existence. If a fair and truthful political news story, dated at Salem ever appeared in the Telegram it was so long ago that its readers have forgotten about it.

### BUSINESS IS IMPROVING.

**O**N every hand there are indications that business is awakening. That the night of business depression is past is the word that comes from nearly all the leading business centers of the country.

It begun with renewed energy in the New England manufacturing only a few days ago, and word comes that a single railroad, with headquarters at Pittsburg, has given orders for the expenditure of \$10,000,000 in new machinery and improvements. The new activity is gradually spreading over the land from coast to coast.

Here in Oregon the outlook is splendid for a great year of material progress. Railroads are beginning early to prepare for new construction work and private business concerns are taking an optimistic view of the situation.

The Northwest was the first to feel the business depression, and the last to get the impulse of a revival, but such a revival seems near at hand in this section as the season of spring approaches.

### TO LOOK AFTER ABANDONED CHURCHES.

**T**HESE are the days of "associations" and "societies." Solomon said: "There is a time for every purpose under the sun," or if he didn't Job or some other of the wise men of old did, and it is correct, anyway, regardless of its authorship. This being true, it is evident that the time of the "association" and the "society" is here, and dead ripe. We have societies for every purpose and for none. In range they cover the earth and include time. They reach into the heavens and search the infinite space, and they multiply microscopes and find new and limitless worlds in atoms. They reach into anthropological antiquity and trace the relationship of man back to the most remote anthropoid. The latter is dead and doesn't resent the alleged relationship, and the Americans never trace their relationship to a more remote date than the steerage of the Mayflower, so they don't kick either. On the other hand we have societies whose fad is eugenics, and speculation as to where the race will get if the babies are weighed and measured daily and their pictures put in the Sunday papers. We have societies for aiding the heathen, some with missionaries and some with other kinds of spiritual uplift. The latest of all these societies or associations is that for taking care of dead churches. It is a wonder that this was overlooked so long. The reason was perhaps that congregations moving into newer and grander edifices soon forgot the "little church around the corner," and so did not care what became of it.

The New York American, commenting on this, says: "In spite of all efforts, the ranks of the dead churches have grown until they have become an offence to religiously minded persons, not only on account of their numbers, but because of the worldly purposes to which the sacred buildings are put."

"Gasoline, 19c a gallon," appears where once the pastor's text was lettered. Moving pictures have crept into abandoned houses of prayer in nearly every state in the Union.

"In Boston a gas company has occupied a nice little church, in Pittsfield a summer hotel has cheerfully converted a church designed by Bulfinch into a dance hall. In New York the time-stained rafters look down upon the unholy sight of tangoes, bunny hugs and turkey trots.

"New York is full of houses of worship turned over to unholy purposes. A Madison avenue church now harbors a very active express office. One of Mr. Frohman's stage directors frequently rents a deserted church further down town for the unholy purpose of training chorus girls in their steps.

"A saloon will be found doing business still further south, unabashed by the fact that a few years ago a pulpit once stood near the present site of the bar. How little the ministers of some years ago thought as they inveighed against the demon rum that they were destined to be turned out in its favor. Stables, garages and moving picture shows and prize fights pay the rent of other churches now that the plate is passed no more.

"Such sights as these are shocking to devout persons. The society, when organized, proposes to rescue abandoned churches and tear them down. Then if saloons and theatres must go up in their place, at least the house of God will not be mocked."

Here in Salem is an example of this abandoning of church buildings and the turning of them over to secular occupation. In fact there are several such cases. One abandoned church is used as a steam laundry, and another out in North Salem is used as a barn.

### SILENCE, DARKNESS AND COLD.

**S**CIENCE tells us there is no no sound in space, and once outside of the little cushion of air that surrounds the earth there is utter silence. This because there is nothing to convey the sound. For the same reason outside of this air cushion there is utter and eternal darkness, for it is evident that there is nothing on which the light waves can act. There is nothing there, in fact, except intense cold, which, after all, is only an absence of heat. Then comes the questions, "if there is utter darkness how does the sunshine get through? What causes heat from the sun? How can you see the sun if there is utter darkness between the world and it?"

There are dozens of other perplexing things about this problem, all of which science explains satisfactorily to the scientists at least. It might be added that these same scientists tell us that we do not see the sun, and they prove it by demonstrating that light coming from a lighter to a denser medium is reflected to a perpendicular, and that, therefore, what we call the sun is seen, if seen at all, where it isn't. In other words we see sun, as we express the phenomenon, before it is up and after it is down, the light being sent through the atmosphere in a curved line. The same phenomenon is observed when you place a straight stick in the water. The stick seems to be where it isn't running at a considerable angle away from the perpendicular, from the surface of the water down. This would be reversed in the case of light coming from the lighter to the heavier atmosphere.

Here is an interesting subject for the young folks to investigate.

It is more than likely that President Wilson will win the fight against the exemption of any class of vessels from paying tolls for passage through the Panama canal, because he is right ethically and his position is sound from a business standpoint. We should violate no foreign treaties and endorse no method of discrimination against the commerce of any nation. Such a policy will result in more general use of the canal, producing more revenue, and at the same time conferring greater benefits upon the Pacific by reason of the larger business passing through the waterway which connects the two oceans.

The people of Salem should always bear in mind that cities do not grow up—that they are built up by enterprise and energy of the people who live in them. What the future of the Capital City shall be will depend upon how persevering the people strive to make it a larger and better community.

Forest fires in the United States have caused an annual average loss of 70 lives and the destruction of twenty-five million dollars' worth of timber.

If the Oregon mist continues to fall many days longer our climate may acquire a reputation for moisture equal to that of Southern California.

### THE ROUND-UP.

Portland ministers have selected April 19 as Go to church Sunday. The date was set Monday and it was decided to ask the co-operation of other corporations and the public.

Cove officials bitterly resent the action of Governor West in sending Miss Hobbs to their city, and incidentally thus giving it a reputation for lawlessness.

Helen Keller will lecture in Portland Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29.

Professor McCoy of Newberg has been employed by the Lafayette school board to conduct the manual training department.

Benjamin Roberts, a wealthy pioneer of Ten-Mile district, near Marshfield, was drowned in a shallow creek near his house Sunday. Friends found the

body, and as his coat and some of his clothing was found on the bank, it is thought the drowning was not accidental.

Tyler Woodward at one time head of the street car system of Portland, and an old time resident of Oregon, died at his home in Portland Monday, after an illness of a year.

Eastern Oregon reports crop conditions as the very best. The ground was in splendid shape for seeding and the fine rains and mild winter have put the crop in the best shape possible. The indications now are that there will be a record breaking yield in all parts of eastern Oregon and Washington.

The Condon Times reports telephone lines in that section out of commission on account of the heavy silver frost that gathered on the wires and broke them last week.

The Blue Mountain Eagle published at Canyon City says wool prices are going up steadily and that prices are from 2 to 3 cents higher than last year. As this comes from a great sheep section it is a pretty strong refutation to the claim made recently by the sheep men that the change in the tariff had ruined their industry.

Medford's charter commission has held its first meeting, organized and arranged for the collection and classification of a vast amount of data.

## THE NEW SPRING

Coats and Suits are here. Now is the time to buy them when we are introducing the new models at Chicago and New York prices. Comparison of prices is all we ask when you see the garments and get our price. We know that when it comes to money saving that we will get your patronage. No long profits here.

Suits and Coats up to \$18.00 and \$20.00.

**Now \$7.90**  
**\$9.90 and**  
**\$12.90**

**Stylish Spring Millinery**  
at the lowest prices in Salem. Come and see.

SALE PRICE  
**99c, \$1.49,**  
**\$1.98, \$2.50,**  
AND UP

## WE MAKE THE LOW PRICES FOR SALEM

**New Spring Dress Goods and Silks**  
now piled out on our counters and ready for fast selling. A magnificent assortment to choose from. Come here for bargains.

**Price Yard--19c, 25c, 35c, 49c, 65c and up**

**6 Cases New Spring Gingham**  
Now stacked out on the counters. Every style, make and pattern is here. No house in America can show you a greater assortment.

**Sale Price Yard 6 1/4c, 8 1/2c, 9c, 10c and 12 1/2c**

**Ladies' Spring Hosiery, Gloves and Underwear**  
Come and look through this great stock of COTTON, LISLE and SILK UNDERWEAR and HOSIERY. Our variety and low prices will surprise you.

Men's 75 cent Work Shirts Now 39c

SALEM OREGON  
**CHICAGO STORE**  
THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

Boy's Overalls Special Now Only 19c

of July plans is Carlton, whose volunteer fire department will assume management of the celebration to be held.

A contributor, writing in the Canby Irrigator, notes the abundance of lilies grown throughout the city and proposes that Canby be made the "City of Lilies."

The work of improving the grounds and buildings of Pacific college at Newberg, goes on. Among other changes, the seating capacity of the auditorium has been increased to accommodate 600 people.

While no definite plan has been adopted by the council, the Cogs Bay Harbor says the members are united on introducing hard pavement on the principal streets of North Bend early in the coming summer.

The Irrigation correspondent of the Heppner Gazette Times writes: The railroad surveyors are in here now in connection with the Coyote-Pendleton cutoff. There surely will be something doing before many more years."

Morrow county's oldest voter, Mrs. Margaret Harrison, 92 years old, will cast her first vote at the primary election in May. Justice Bates of Harlan carried the registration book many miles through the mountains in order that she might register.

Relief comes instantly. A dose taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs. It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharges or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head! Nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the genuine.

## House of Half a Million Bargains

Come and see the biggest wonder in the history of Salem. We buy and sell everything from a needle to a piece of gold. We pay the highest cash price for everything. Complete tinshop set tools for sale.

**H. Steinbock Junk Co.**  
233 State Street, Salem, Oregon. Phone Main 224

## Marion Second Hand Store

A new store just opened. A great opportunity for Salem people. We sell new goods. We buy and sell second-hand furniture, stoves, clothing, tools, hardware and men's furnishings. We pay highest prices for clothing, shoes and furnishings. Come to us for bargains.

**Marion Second Hand Store**  
442 Perry Street. Phone Main 2329

## LADD & BUSH, BANKERS

Transact a General Banking Business  
Safety Deposit Boxes  
Traveler's Checks

Learn the secret in every cup of

**Ridgways Tea**  
England's favorite for over 70 years

The first town reporting 1914 Fourth