## Editorial Page of "The Capital Journal"


VANDERBILT'S THEORY, SPROULE'S PRACTICE The Vandony with the public and duty of such corporation toward the masses was expressed in hi famous reply to a certain question as to what the public would think, with a curt, "The Public be Damned!" This is no longer considered the correct answer:
For years the great corporations of the United States were conducted on this principle. It worked all right for ple awoke to the fact that they were bigge
They refused to "be damned" as a steady thing. The somehow did not like it, and they said so. They said s so emphatically that their congressmen had to suddenly sit up and take notice that they were not employed by the corporations, although many of them were paid by them, but were public servants, and had to obey orders.

The result was some drastic legislation that made the sult that still more drastic legislation was enacted and corporate life instead of being one glad, sweet song, be came a struggle for existence. They found that the tables were turned and the people were trying their hand
at putting into effect some catch phrases of their own at putting into effect some catch phrases of their own
one of which was "The Railroads be damned!" The rail one of which was "The Railroads be damned!" The rail
roads like the public did not like being damned as a stead diet; but they had had their innings and could not get to bat again.
watered stock until the owners had to carry it in bucket, fixed rates to suit themselves, gave rebates, di as they pleased and knew no law but their own will. The Sherman law gave them a hard joit and the creat vision over them and the power to fix rates and compe their o
things.
The next jolt came with the creating of state railroa
commissions with power over railroads within thei states.
The railroads were to blame at first, for they pulled the pendulum of justice so far out of plumb that when
swung back it went to the other extreme and was unjust to the roads, just as they had been wijust to the peojle whom they were supposed to serve, but of whom they
attempted to make servants. The result was disastrous to the railroads, and necessarily also disastrous to the
public, for injustice cannot be done without its reacting on those who do it. This happened to the railroads in
their first injustice, and it also happened to the people when they in tum became unjust.
The pendulum has ceased now to swing beyond it proper are and business feels the good effects of thi normal condition. The people have rights the railroad
cannot infringe on without injury to themselves and the roads have rights the people must respect,
It is well that we have arrived at this sensible stage our mutual dealings. The prosperity of the country pends largely on the railroads and they must be treate.
fainly and justly else the people will in turn suffer from their own misuse of them.
Southern Pacific railroad was in Salem, and before th state utility commission. He eame voluntarily because treated fairly by his company in the matter of getting cars for handling its products. He promised to correct this as far as possible at once, and give oregon's prod Mr a chance to get to the markets. A rew would have applied
$V$ anderbilt or other railroad managers the "public be danned" remedy and that would have been the end of it. It is different now. President Sproul fied and then he so far as he could, corrected them. This so different action is the result of the dispute now fortunately settled between the people and the companies. A new era of mutual understanding and respect
others' rights has dawned, and it bodes well for the whole

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country. The roads instead of concealing their business affairs give them full publicity. Acting squarely, they
have nothing to conceal, and as the people can see for themselves they are attending strictly to their business of giving the public good service, the bitter feeling is
vanishing, has indeed about disappeared, and both railroads and the country are the better, and
The University is asking girls how much they think young man should earn before asking a college girl to
wed. Just why the University desires this wed. Just why the University desires this information is
not known, but the consensus of opinion not known, but the consensus of opinion among the girls
that have answered is that it should not be less than $\$ 1200$ a year. Now the University will have to discover in the interests of the boys whether this includes the smaisehold and other expenses, or just the amount the colhousehold and other expenses, or just the
lege girl would need for her own little self
This is Burbank day. Just what we are going to do about it here in Salem is an unknown thing. However, wizard almost anything he could desire and among thes beneficial to humanity. He is the Edison of the vegetable world, making lots of things grow where none grew be herry. More power to your elbow Luther, may your meal agree with you and your sleep be like an infants.

Those members of the First Christian Church who had deal wife missed the opportunity of their lives to mak themselves solid at home for life, with a welcoming smile like the dawning of a perfect day awaiting them at any that cuestion snowed is "My idea of a perfect wife is xactly like the and it is "M

That "familiarity breeds contempt," applies to death as well as other things. Yesterday a report of the sink415 passengers failed to get more than a small display head in any of the newspapers. Under any other conditions than those caused by the war, every paper in the land would have had a banner head, a line across the page.
The jitney has caused trouble for the street car systems and city dads in nearly every city on the coast an
now it is the cause of the attempt to recall the mayor o now itand, California, and all because the city fathers tried to regulate the irrepressible and unregulatable jits.

## The modern conception of a politician, and a tolerably

 correct one, too, is "a man who rides his friends in therace for office and rewards their political enemies fo President Wilson's selecting an "almost" peace at any one respect: "He moves in a mysterious way his wonders A dispatch yesterday stated Mrs. Mary B. Dameron
of San Bernardino, California, has three living husbands She should apply for a job lot of divorces, and another of Former President Taft sympathises with Presiden Wilson in his muddle with congress. He evidently
members the trouble he had with that bunch himsel

## Only about three weeks until the trout season open

 ard is just a stab at phonetic spelling.Maybe the
ish, also, are so


## HOUSE AND HOME

 ctly up to date, with every modern fad, and visitors pronounce it great, and think I should be glad. An English butler buttles round, and wields a frozen to comb my lady's hair. And I have works of art to burn, all swell and reshershay, of art to burn, all swell and reshershay, 'The Stag at Bay.' No kids along the hallway rush; or bump along the stair, but over alls a solemn hush, as though a corpse were there. The kids would like fulw en to live up to our pomp and vuigar noise eschew. I have a house but not a home, and hence my air of gloom; this like to swap this swell abode, with all its works of art, for like to swap this sottage down the road, where first we made

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