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DON'T FORGET THE BACK YARD

"He called for a city beautiful
He shouted it day by day;
He wanted a city where noise was not,
Where the spirit of art should sway;
He wanted a city that should be fair,
Where filth might never be seen,
And forgot, in spite of the zeal he had,
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HOW ABOUT "CLEAN UP DAY" this year?

The good work inaugurated so auspiciously by the A.N.W. Club last year should not be permitted to be abandoned.

Better work should be done this year than ever before in grooming the city for the summer. A more thoroughly cleansing and a prettier dress than usual are demanded this season.

The city will be subjected to a critical examination by citizens of other places where the progressive Coos Bay ideas have attracted attention, and by many homeseekers. They will look closely.

The evidence of a real desire for cleanliness and beautiful surroundings is to be found in a city's back yards as well as the front yard.

A peep over the back fence will tell as more about our neighbors than the strangers can divine. On the same principle much may be learned by a discerning observer in an apartment house, regarding distinctions among housewives, from viewing the morning exhibit of garbage pails.

The back yard is eloquent and it is a more reliable witness than the front lawn. Of course the owner may deliberately make the back yard sell a falsehood and earn him more credit for civic pride than he deserves. But the neighborhood will be improved, and to keep his premises clean must have some good effect upon a man's character.

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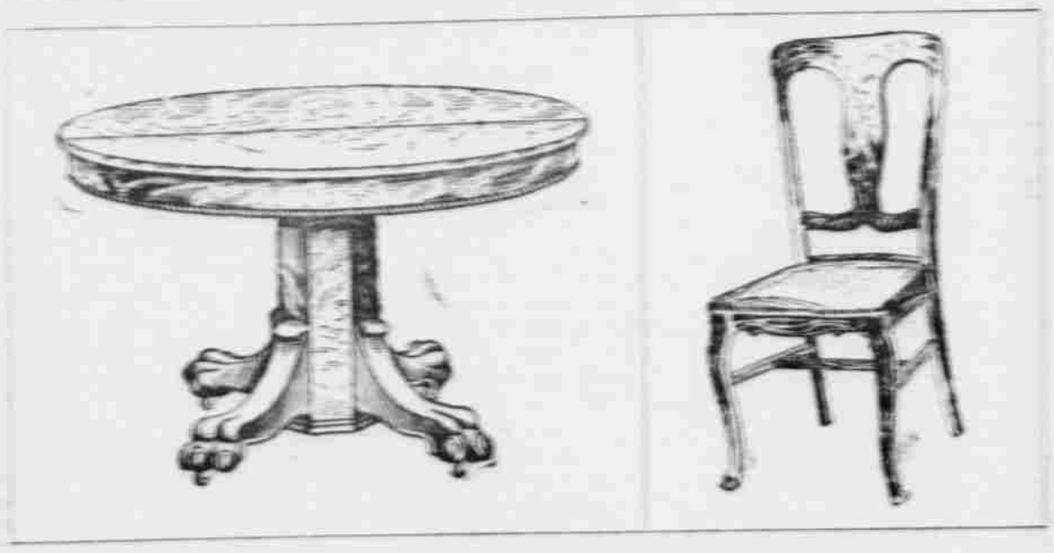

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