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**COUNCIL IS AWAKE**

That the city council proposes to protect the people of this city in their improvements is evidenced by the refusal to permit a certain cement walk contractor to lay any more walk. A number of walks laid in this city in recent months are very poorly constructed and already are unsightly. The work is of the "slip-shod" kind and gives evidence that it will not long withstand the elements or usage. The officials called the attention of the contractor to his unsatisfactory work and finally refused to grant him a permit to lay any more walk.

This is exactly as it should be. Any man taking contracts at such a price that he can not do a first-class piece of work should be put out of business before he fails, and the few people who are willing to put up with cheap, low-grade work, in order to save a penny temporarily, should be forced to meet a standard that is acceptable. The whole people are interested in these cement walks and no individual property owner has a right to put in a cheap and worthless walk.

It is the intent of the council to revise the specifications for cement walk, and to employ a supervisor who will give all his time to seeing that the specifications are carried out strictly. This will enable the people to get the worth of their money and will result in sightly walks. Be it said to the credit of some of the contractors they are now laying some very fine walks.

**SUCH IS FAME.**

Gray's Harbor, Wash., News: Jonathan Bourne, the millionaire senator from Oregon is, said to be the closest man to President Taft, but that he never talks business with the president. Bourne is a bachelor, thin, smooth-faced and wrinkled, is a lawyer by profession, a millionaire by heredity and through good investments, and is heavily interested in lumber in his native state and cotton mills in Massachusetts. He lives at Stoneleigh Court, the swellest apartment house in Washington, and is chiefly famed for giving away the most cigars of any man in congress. His cigars are both the longest and the shortest known to the trade. Sometimes he will meet you and fish out a smoke that looks like a fence rail. Meet him again, in ten minutes perhaps, and he'll hand you a cigar that is about the size of a quill tooth pick. Then again he will thrust upon you one of each or two or three of each kind, and

get really "huffy" if you refuse. No one has ever yet met him without his supply of longs and shorts. He has them made to order in Havana and they are popularly supposed to cost him during the course of a year as much as he draws in salary from Uncle Sam.

The Valley Record, Ashland, of August 4th, comes to this office a 24-page illustrated edition, printed on good paper and containing about 100 cuts of local business houses, street scenes, mountain views, and a fine map of Jackson county. Descriptive matter is well put up, and as an advertisement of industrial conditions and opportunities in about Ashland the edition is very creditable. Kaiser is a rustler and in this latest work shows considerable enterprise.

**BOOSTERS, AND WHO THEY ARE**

A costly house, a yard fountain, cement walks inside, and a whole lot of money, is not wholly essential in making an attractive residence property. The average run of people are ever pleased to look at elegant properties, but will more often bestow warmest praise on the less pretentious place well-kept. In towns this size it is unreasonable to expect to find many "mansions," but where lawns, flowers and trees grow with so little care, it is but fair to expect most properties to have a pleasing appearance.

Take W. H. Savage's place at the corner of 8th and Jackson. The house there is a two-story structure not built in the prevailing style, but the property is good to look at. Anyone passing would notice the place particularly and exclaim within himself: "This man has an energetic wife filled with pride, or a man who takes keen delight in his surroundings." Mr. Savage has two lots there and those two lots are not covered with "tall uncut." At the rear are three or four apple trees, and in front there is a chestnut and an ornamental tree or two, but most of the lawn is left open and is cared for properly. There isn't much blue grass there, but the lawn is trimmed well, and always about the edges. Ivy climbs the south side of the house, and very fine roses blossom on each side. Pansies and sweet pea beds are beautiful because never neglected. And Savage has the right idea about the hedge fence. His residence is set far back and the hedge is kept trimmed low and is never ragged, so that the structure as viewed by the passerby has a setting of green lawn that is absolutely necessary to the best appearance of any house. If every residence property in the city, large or small, out-of-style or up-to-date, were kept as the Savage property, the property value of the city would increase a third or a half within a year. Corvallis would be more beautiful than any city on the coast—and it could be made that. Mr. Savage's property does not cost him much money and he doesn't work at it before day light; he does get out after six o'clock and he attends to the work regularly, assisted by the excellent wife who likes to keep her flowers in shape. But it's work they enjoy and work all would enjoy, if they got at it. It's work that will add to the life and pleasure of any individual. And, by the way, Mr. Savage takes his scythe and occasionally cuts the weeds off the sides of the streets about his property.

After a fence has lost half its pickets, several posts and a sec-

tion or two of railing it no longer serves a purpose and is extremely unsightly. It tells a story of carelessness or ignorance, extreme poverty or stinginess, laziness or general cussedness. It's bound to be one of these. There are a number of fences in this city in such a condition, even worse. Would it not be a splendid thing for some member of the family to remove that tumble-down fence and use it for kindling wood? Fences are relics of the days when cattle and other animals were permitted to roam the streets, and were a necessity. In towns the size of Corvallis they are not a necessity, and no man with any sense of the artistic will say that a long row of pickets, posts and stringers, even when in first-class condition, is sightly. When permitted to rot down fences get into an extremely bad condition. Pride should cause any family to remove any fence that it can not or does not desire to keep in good condition.

**Abandoned Vessel Drifts Into Port**

The five-masted schooner Elvira Ball, abandoned last February off Cape Henry and owned by the Gilbert Transportation Company of Mystic, Conn., has just drifted into the mouth of the harbor at Fayal, Western Islands and has been towed into port.

The report of the Ball's safety brings to light the strange tale of a vessel which, without crew or guiding hand at her wheel, has practically accomplished her own salvage, after six months during which her owners had sought vainly for her over the ocean.

The Gilbert company has made arrangements for the ocean-going tug, M. E. Luckenbach, to Fayal and take the wandering schooner home.

With the exception of the loss of four of her five masts, the schooner is in good condition, steam having been got up in her boilers and the water removed from her hold with her own pumps.

The schooner was valued at \$70,000 and insured for only \$40,000. The Ball carried 750,000 feet of lumber. Of this amount 150,000 feet was deck load, which was washed away during the storms that she encountered

on her long tramp. The bulk of the cargo is, however, safe in her hold. The McCusker cargo was consigned to Boston.

The Elvira Ball is a comparatively new schooner, having been built in 1907, and at the time of her abandonment was on her way from Savannah to Boston with a cargo of hard pine lumber.

For the past ten months the schooner has drifted. She was sighted several times by passing steamers, but always at a distance. On a number of occasions tugs were sent in search of her, but were unable to locate her.

On her last trip she was in charge of Capt. Louis Stanton, and it is he who will have charge of her on the journey home.

**'Twas a Glorious Victory.**

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