

THE OBSERVER

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FINING THE NON-VOTER.

Utah, supposed to be one of the least progressive states, has declared for a law which will punish by a fine the non-voter who cannot present a gilt-edged excuse.

Ultimately such laws as these will become general throughout the union unless present conditions change to a marked degree.

Just how this is to be done is the puzzling question. Of course, it is easy enough to argue that it is the duty of political parties to present living, vital issues which will call every voter to the polls by sheer weight of their interest and force.

On presidential contests and others in which the spectacular element enters there are comparatively few who do not cast a ballot.

Education in the knowledge of how local government and policies affect the individual has done much to overcome indifference, but apparently more has to be done before the general public will participate in the elections as it should.

abilities to vote he needs something like a fine or temporary disfranchisement to wake him up.

COMMUNITY COUNSEL.

A town is like a plant: It may grow anyway, but it will grow faster if it is cultivated.

We would be quick to defend this community in time of war. It is equally urgent that we be prompt to promote its welfare in time of peace.

The easiest money man acquires comes from the increasing value of his home. Therefore, the most important work he does is helping the community to grow.

The value of each man's property is enhanced by the value of the property around it. It is not enough to build a good house; we must help to make a good town.

The seed from which springs this community's prosperity is the money that is invested here at home. It will never bear fruit for us if it is planted somewhere else.

This town that is our residence today is our children's recollection for a lifetime. What shall they remember?—Good stores, clean streets, comfortable homes? or something else?

The development of this community is not a matter of sentiment; it is a matter of common sense. It returns not only a reward in contentment but a profit in property valuation.

Human happiness depends on the things that are nearest to us—the home first of all, and then the town in which we live. Whatever we do to make the home pleasanter or the town better, makes life more worth the living.

General Blanquet of Mexico seems to be all wool and a yard wide.

"What is good for fleas?" asks a correspondent. A live dog is the best thing we know of.

With spring lamb selling for a dollar a pound in Washington, lots of the office holders will be glad to savour their bacon after March 4.

A big load has been lifted from the French people. With their new president, on the job, whenever anything worries the nation it can shrug its shoulders and say: "Let Poincare."



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(By J. Edward Hungerford)

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Your traffic that hums and roars; It's me for the arch of the kindly sky. The life of the Big Outdoors. I have served my time in the busy mart,

A martyr to clock and bell; And I'm off again to old Nature's heart

For rest and a breathing spell; I am hiking back to the unmarked ways

Where the wind blows clean and free; It's the silver nights and the golden days—

The hills and the plains for me.

I have turned my back on the vast turmoil. Where the workers come and go; I have said good-by to a life of toil. In the blinding furnace glow; I have closed the book on a ten-hour creed.

And shaken my dinner-pail. And I've got no boss but myself to heed— and the Boss of the open trail.

You can live your life in the shops and mills,

Where the sweating legions toil;

Let me be Pard to the plains and hills,

A son of the honest soil;

You can have the run of your crowded streets,

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accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$2800.00.

The successful bidder will be required to pay for said bonds within ten (10) days after notice that said bonds are ready for delivery.

La Grande, Oregon, February 25th, 1913.

LEE WARNICK,

Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 3-4-6t

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