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WELL DONE, WELL DONE, WELL DONE.

We have witnessed many kinds of campaigns; have seen effective work done by the most skilled in organization, but we have never in all our lives experienced such a throbbing, burning, exciting burst of energy as has been the Y. M. C. A. campaign during the past eight days.

When it was stated at the very beginning that unless thirty thousand dollars was raised the attempt would be abandoned many a man said abandonment would be the outcome. But they reckoned without knowing the full and complete meaning of the word organization. It is everything; it lifts and removes all obstacles and as positive evidence of this statement The Evening Observer is pleased to announce to the outside world this evening that La Grande will have a Y. M. C. A. that will cost more than thirty thousand dollars, every cent of which has been pledged during the past few days.

The satisfaction over such a statement is great. It means La Grande is a hummer; that she is no longer a small town; that she is in the fore rank with the best cities of Oregon, harring our big brother—Portland, who had more to feed on than did the remainder of Oregon cities. It means that with our many other institutions—schools, churches and libraries—we are now to enjoy the benefits of a well built, well equipped and well managed Y. M. C. A. structure.

But in jubilant mood let us not be unmindful of Mr. Rhodes and a few more of the boys from the outside who came and showed us how. These men got into the fight the first day La Grande opened her campaign and never deserted a gun, nor took any time off until the finish. But while they were essential and their skill and ability proved intensely valuable, even with them failure would have resulted had not La Grande and the valley been peopled with a remarkably good quality of manhood and womanhood who are always generous to institutions of merit and who give of their substance that the country and the city may advance both commercially and morally.

The announcement today that La Grande is certain of her Y. M. C. A. building is a proclamation to the outer world proclaiming the class of people who live in this community.

FOLEY'S SPUDS

The way Foley's Spuds are smutting the ball, fielding the ball and getting in runs, reminds everyone very forcefully that the team, strong to begin, is growing in strength each

day. Yesterday's game with North Yakima analyzed the baseball situation between the two teams and the analysis gives Foley's Spuds many points of superiority over their rivals.

It would be hard to find prettier work than is being done in the games these days. From pitcher to the outfield everybody is on his metal to make good. They are backing up each other, closing the gap of possibility almost before it is made, and withal handing a nice bunch to the boys of the red apple section.

Some concern is felt over the visit of Walla Walla next week, but if you will remember the concern is of no greater moment than when the Yakimas first filed on to the La Grande diamond. There is always a feeling that the other town may have the real stuff in any kind of a game, and the only way to prove it out is a shown down such as we are having with Yakima this week. We believe the Foley Spuds are ready for the Walla Walla boys.

LETTING OTHER PEOPLE ALONE

The recent statement of a New York police officer, on the stand in connection with the graft investigations, that a first class gambling house is an ideal neighbor because it lets everybody else alone, has started a wide discussion of whether the text of neighborliness is "letting other people alone."

In this day of gadding and grabbing, privacy has come to be valued asset. It is because people desire to live their own lives in their own way that they resist neighborly advances that threaten to become obtrusive. In the larger cities especially the ideal neighbor has come to be the one of whom little is seen. Apparently unfriendly, this mutual attitude among neighbors really is the basis for many sincere and lasting friendships. Excessive intimacy is the cause of much of the petty and silly bickering that wrecks neighborly good feeling.

Yet those who resist a neighbor's advances and dismiss neighborhood chatter as dangerous gossip must remember that much of what they find offensive is merely sociability without the bridle on. The purest friendship sometimes dictates what seems like unwarranted intrusion on privacy. Even the careless talk that sometimes is repeated with such disastrous results to the general peace seldom has malicious purpose back of it, but is only part of the uncomplimentary comment that most of us are inclined to make, even on those we like, when we think it will go no further.

Chesterton, the brilliant English essayist, contributed an excellent thought on the subject when he said that we are commanded to love our neighbor because it so often is a difficult task. We choose our friends and acquaintances, he says, but our neighbors more often than not are beyond our control. They come and go without reference to our likes and dislikes. Thus, while friends represent ourselves, neighbors represent the world. To quarrel with neighbors is to quarrel with the world. A test of wisdom, breadth and real human kindness is to get along with neighbors wherever possible. The

task is easier when we take them as a whole, balancing the solid good with the faults and the weaknesses that we find in almost everybody. And letting other people alone even while holding fast to a spirit of friendliness and good will is an excellent way of maintaining true neighborliness.

CENSORING THE NEWSPAPER.

Senator Works has the wrong idea of remedying some ills that attend publicity when he thinks we ought to stifle publicity. The commissioners who reported on his resolution to provide a censorship of news in the District of Columbia dismissed his suggestion with a few keen remarks.

"The publicity given by the press generally tends to lessen evil conditions, and thus renders a useful service to the public," says the report. "That dread of publicity has a deterrent influence upon those disposed or tempted to the committing of crime may reasonably be inferred from those who earnestly seek to avoid exposure of the circumstances of their misbehavior in newspaper reports of their trials."

For the kind of newspapers that Senator Works has in mind—the kind that exaggerate trifles, distort truth and pry into purely private affairs—the homeopathic cure in the end will suffice. In other words just as more democracy is held to be the cure for the ills of democracy, so more publicity can be viewed as the logical remedy for the evils of wrongful publicity. Give the "yellows" enough rope they will hang themselves. Already a wholesome reversion of opinion is apparent. The public is not taking as kindly as it once did to the papers that try every day to provide a new sensation.

The senator has been quoted as saying that reports of crimes in newspapers cause crime. There is something to the power of suggestion. Yet on the whole it is likely that where one crime is caused thousands are prevented. Crime did not come into existence with the newspapers, and it would not end if every one stopped publication tomorrow. Cain killed Abel without and assistance from the newspapers; Lucretia Borgia secured no suggestion for wholesale poisoning from newspapers.

The newspaper is supposed to hold the mirror up to nature. When it holds the mirror up to abnormal nature exclusively it is not doing its duty. But when, as some would have them do, it reflects only those things that have no taint, it is equally wrong. This is a world of both joy and sorrow, of heroism and shame, of righteousness and sin. It is not a Sunday school. It is not a pink tea. Censor the chronicle of all that is evil from newspapers, and you get a mirror, not of the whole of life, but of a fraction.

The way to censor newspapers is to educate the public to refuse support to those that lie, that defame, that misrepresent, that try to serve two masters, and to support those that try to honestly tell the truth, to be fair, to be courageous, to be honest; in short, that bend every effort to voice in clear, unmistakable tones whatever message is in them.

The death of Lou Kelsey of North Powder, which occurred in an automobile accident, is mourned by many throughout Eastern Oregon for he was a well known, highly respected citizen of the upper country. That he should meet his end in the manner he did is added cause for regret.

Chicago university professor advises boys to pick life work as early as possible. Since the extermination of the Indian, the juvenile mind in its earliest stages naturally reverts to either the circus or drum major of a band.

A prominent pastor declares suffrage will promote divorce. We deny it, but admit that arguments over candidates and political policies will add a fascinating diversion to the old common place causes of family jars.

The little Jap who carries the mail now has a modern firearm which it is claimed is set to go off on the least provocation, so be careful and do not touch the mail cart.

Los Angeles girls are being taught plumbing in the public schools. This will make them competent to boss hubby when he cleans out the cistern.

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La Grande, Oregon

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President Wilson hasn't closed the open door to China—only the open purse.

Love makes a husband devoted and attentive to his wife, but fear is something just as effective.

Notice to My Friends.

The report that I am going to quit in the automobile contest is incorrect and without foundation. I am in to stay to the finish and with the assistance of my friends, I hope to be successful.

JOSEPH C. KEI' EY.

Percheron Stallion, sired by world's champion, stood at Bean's ranch, South La Grande. 5-12-tf

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P. F. ROHR.
F. M. BOCH.