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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Write on only one side of the paper. Do not refer to people by their initials. Be brief; do not abbreviate any words. Avoid personal items as far as possible. Write legible, especially all proper names. Get the news, the whole news and nothing but the news. Do not write on items that will be undervalued by only a few of our readers. Always sign your name, not necessarily for publication, but for the protection of the public.

We publish in this issue the report of our city marshal upon the condition of the sidewalks in Independence. It may appear to some that the report is somewhat harsh in stating that sidewalks already built and patched up so that pedestrians can pass over shall be entirely rebuilt the full width required by ordinance, but what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. There is too much laxity in public matters. Some poor, unprotected woman, or a hard working laborer has a good walk required, while his more opulent neighbor allows his rented property to become dilapidated. Again, one man is allowed the use of the public street for his building to project into, while the same privilege is refused to another; one man is allowed to use the public street for storage of wood, lumber, etc., while the same privilege is denied another; one man is permitted to display his goods, and another does the same thing and is stopped by the marshal. There is a reason for all things, and the reason that public matters become a reproach is because of too much laxity. The need of better sidewalks in Independence has long been remarked, and now that the marshal has made an exhaustive report, it is to be hoped that if the council should order all the improvements contemplated in the report that the public will sustain its acts by popular approval.

We may think here in Oregon that times are hard, and so they are compared to one year ago. Many think that times in Independence are quiet, and so they are compared to one year ago. Those who come from other states, and one of those states is Washington, report affairs much more desperate there, and traveling men, who go from one town to another report Oregon very "safe" and the merchants of Independence good customers, so that no matter what we may think ourselves, others think well of us, and as we can, only form judgment by comparison, and they are best prepared to compare, we may be sure they are the best judges. So much for the present, and now a word for the future. Those who are living in Independence had a taste of "good times" last summer, and they are going to ask for "good times" again soon. As much depends upon individual effort as upon natural location or results, and we mistake the pulse of the people of Independence if lethargy is to cause the town to stop in its onward march.

An exchange says: A perfect town is that in which you see the farmers patronizing the home merchants, the laborers spending the money they earn with their own tradesmen, and all animated by a spirit that will not purchase articles abroad if they can be bought at home. The spirit of reciprocity between man and the mechanic, tradesman and laborer, farmer and manufacturer results every time in making the town a perfect one to do business in. "Perfection" should always be desired, even where attainment is barely possible, we presume; but such a perfect town must be denominated a great rarity until we reach a more advanced stage toward the millennium than has yet been gained.

We are comparatively strangers among the business men of Independence and feel diffident about offering advice, but since it appears that the board of trade here is not prospering we may offer a word of suggestion without seeming presumptions. Reorganize your board; place your dues at a liberal sum each month, but insert a clause in your bylaws that prohibits any assessment or the appropriating of any money not already collected and in the treasury. Make a thorough canvass of the town and enlist every merchant and property owner, and the work of the board will proceed smoothly.

A newspaper can say nice and pleasant things about a man and his whole family for two long years,

and then incur their lifetime enmity in one short week by a seeming slight. Yes, it's the fact; and you can hurrah for a candidate, back his friends, euss his enemies and make a fool of yourself all the way through, without a thank in the end, to find when you are a candidate that he is "out o' politics." But there is one man that don't forget you, and that's the man you opposed.—Exchange.

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CURRENT GOSSIP.

Oh, no, politics had nothing to do with the unseating of Gov. Boyd, of Nebraska. Who dares to even insinuate such a thing?

Many bank officials are arrested for getting away with other people's money, but a few of them ever get in jail or penitentiary. Why?

Ex-Senator Ingalls would be the most disappointed man in the world if the newspapers were to take him off his word and let him alone.

Florida has long been known as the "land of flowers," and now it is stated that it is also a "land of sugar" and that the cane can be cultivated there cheaper than in either Louisiana or Cuba.

As far as the candidacy for the presidency is concerned Mr. Blaine is holding his tongue very successfully, but his fact-finders and fact-finders are doing quite enough talking about it; in fact rather too much.

Isn't there too many houses to the World's Fair? It looks that way to a man up a tree. This is one of the cases where one man should be given absolute control and be held responsible for what is done or left undone.

From the way Italian immigrants are pouring into our ports it looks as though the swarthy macaroni eaters proposed getting even through the ballot box. Or, perhaps, the immigrants are agents of the "Mafia," on vengeance bent.

Lord Douglas, an English nobleman, and a brother of the Marquis of Queensbury, suicided by cutting his throat in London, the other day. This will be surprising news to the shallow-pated dudes who believe that it is the height of felicity to belong to the nobility.

Public men who lose their heads and talk "stink" to reporters have no right to complain if the reporter prints what they say to him. It is his business to report, and to report correctly what he hears, and it is the exception to find a reporter who willfully misrepresents, and no reputable newspaper will knowingly give him employment.

The New Orleans grand jury says, in effect, that the lynching of the Italians was proper and justifiable, and it intimates that there are others—detective O'Malley and lawyer Adams—that ought to be similarly dealt with. We rejoice that we reside here instead of New Orleans. We like a little excitement occasionally—it tones up the system—but we draw the line at lynching.

Rev. Sam Small, the reformed newspaper man, who became a follower of Sam Jones, the slang-slinging revivalist, several years ago, is having trouble with the trustees of the Methodist University at Ogden, Utah, of which he is president, and for which he has been soliciting money. He has resigned, but the board refuses to accept the resignation until he has made a satisfactory statement of the money he has collected.

The most interesting event of the near future in European politics will be the re-entrance of Bismarck into public life, as a member of the German Reichstag. That he is the greatest European of the age can not be denied, even by those who dislike him. The question is, will he cast his influence for peace or for war? Humanity causes Americans to hope for peace, although war in Europe would add untold millions to American wealth.

"The treasury is bankrupt," practically yells the democrat. "We have millions of available cash in the treasury," retorts the shouting republican. Between the two, people are bewildered and would like to know just what is the real financial condition of this government. Of course it is simply nonsense to talk about bankruptcy. Uncle Sam may be a little pushed for cash during the next fiscal year, but nobody doubts his financial soundness and ability to weather the gale; still Secretary Foster should at once give the people a plain, common sense statement of their finances, one that can be understood without the assistance of an expert accountant.

"He gambled in stocks" is almost invariably given as the cause of the defalcation of the trusted bank official or private employe. It would be hard to calculate the injury done to the people of this country every year by stock gambling; the good it does, if any, is infinitesimal. Why, then, is it not stopped? Simply because the stock gamblers have up to this time been able to defeat all proposed legislation, either state or national, against this form of gambling. A great majority of the people are unquestionably opposed to this or any other form of gambling, but in this, as in other matters, the legislative bodies have refused to carry out the wishes of a majority of their constituents.

OUR AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

An interesting and somewhat humorous Account of a Farmer's Visit to that institute.

Your correspondent, like many other farmers who live almost in leafy distance of the Agricultural College at Corvallis, has often wondered what kind of a "critter" it was, and with this wonder still filling our minds, a few of our party concluded to pay the young "hay seeds" a visit.

Now, our opinion of the typical farmer of the past, was a man with a heavy, red board over his neck and face; suspicious sprigs of hay carelessly thrown over the collar and back of his coat and when studying the plow or its furrowed course, invariably kept his tongue lolling out on the side the turf was falling—so when our party left the railroad there was a great deal of turning up of pants, laying pieces of dandruff over our coats and taking fresh grips on our historical umbrellas (used for sun shades.)

With a "Bill Nyeish" expression we commenced ambling through the streets on our way to the college with an occasional "By Gum" from some member of our party who chanced to have his head thick pierced with admiration.

The school house is of brick and is three stories high. It being Sunday and the janitor off on a "high horse" we were compelled to take a view of the exterior of the building and enquire of the students concerning the interior. There are upwards of a dozen rooms in the building besides the chapel, which, if I am not mistaken, is capable of holding 400 people. In front of the entrance to the college on an embankment made to incline toward the city are the initials of the institute, "O. A. C." Oregon Agricultural College, made to grow out of some kind of light yellow moss which gave the grounds a very artistic effect.

We now commenced to wend our way along the walks to the right of the college, bent on entering the green house; as our party felt a stage of that color in their bosoms as the Homoeopathic system is "The like will cure the like," we wanted something green, and when we entered we found things green to our hearts' content, with plenty of students to help out the effect and explain the difference between skunk cabbage and French pink. The green house is in its infancy, but is an immense success, and would require more space to describe than we would willingly ask for, as perhaps some one else will want to write for the West this week.

When we left the green house we chased, with a corps of students, out to the mechanical department where we found things in a very neat condition. The smith-shop has a floor resembling stone, but is not, as the advancement of science would not admit of such a floor; it is simply concrete. The anvils were in a shining condition with, each hammer in position, and the blood of some unfortunate another smith's thumb-showing on one of the handles.

In the wood working department we saw where the boys had been making bee hives, etc. We then went into the mechanical draughting room and found many pieces of drawing that called forth "By Gums" by the road. The buildings are supplied with water from a large tank near the boiler house. We did not go to the stables as they told us the horses were only four in number and were not blooded, and we were after things that were "blooded." The cattle are all thoroughbreds and are of many different kinds. The raising of hogs they have just commenced. The farm consists of about 300 acres, of which about 50 acres are in pasture, and 40 in timber. They raise over 100 different kinds of wheat and over 300 different varieties of potatoes. They have a silo, as an experiment, in which they keep green fodder, from corn, all winter through for the stock. The boarding and lodging department charge \$25 a week for board and the students receive 15 cents per hour for all extra work. We will now proceed to give the names of the faculty and call it a quit, as a mosquito is setting on the ink bottle and is eyeing me with hungry glances, and I am expecting an attack any moment.

Prof. B. E. Arnold has been president of the college for ten years past; Prof. J. D. Letcher, military tactics, mathematician, etc.; Prof. F. Brethold, history, drawing, music, languages, (speaks five languages); Prof. P. H. Irish, chemist, physician, etc.; Prof. G. M. Covell, mechanics; Miss Margarette Snell, professor of special hygiene, cooking, sewing, gymnastics, etc.; Prof. W. W. Bristow, of the preparatory department; W. B. Lampkin; assistant and looks after the weather report; Prof. L. Hasbun, entomologist, naturalist, zoologist, taxidermist, (this gentleman is the person who is making a study of the codlin moth, keeping them in glass cases and feeds them and poisons them, etc.); Prof. H. T. French, professor of agriculture; C. D. Thompson, foreman of farms; Prof. C. D. Thome, horticulturist; Mr. Swallow, steam engineer. There are about 140 pupils enrolled, and nearly one-half are girls.

REPAIRING OUR SIDEWALKS.

Report of City Marshal Fennell to the City Council to be read at the Next Meeting.

At the last meeting of the city council the marshal was ordered to inspect all sidewalks in town and make a detailed report on same, that intelligent action might be taken by the council. This week Mr. Fennell made his inspection and by his permission we publish his report, which will be read next Tuesday evening.

INDEPENDENCE, May 19, 1891. To the Mayor and City Council of Independence:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with your instruction I have personally examined the sidewalks and beg leave to report on same as follows: Walk of E. C. Pentland needs 22 feet of stone pavement or new walk. Mrs. Garrigus, on Main street, needs some new boards and renailing. Mrs. Winnall, needs five new boards. J. E. Davidson, at butcher shop, needs relaying and repairing. J. S. Cooper, vacant lot, needs relaying and renailing.

D. J. Whitesher, near restaurant, needs leveling up.

A. Nelson, new walk needed and street needs filling.

A. M. Hurley, new walk, eight feet wide needed.

E. E. Krenzel, walk needs some new boards.

N. J. Jones, walk needs rebuilding and to be eight feet wide.

J. N. V. Butler needs new walk, but I the walk to Brey's corner is in fair repair, excepting it is too narrow, being two feet less than ordinance.

J. H. Cooper, needs new walk on both Main and D streets.

W. H. Wheeler's walk is too narrow, but in good repair.

I. M. Mattison, on E street needs new walk entire.

Polk County Land Co., on corner near depot, walk needs few new boards and renailing throughout.

Mrs. Goff, walk new is some renailing near barn, and a new walk on D street.

Dr. Ketchum, team crossing in bad order.

Jasperson and Gilson, walk from corner of Monmouth street to hotel should be entirely new and eight feet wide, also higher above street than at present.

J. S. Bohannon, walk needs renailing and leveling.

J. M. Mitchell, sills too light, not according to ordinance, should be rebuilt.

J. E. Hubbard, should be a new walk.

J. Kennedy, renailed and leveled.

D. B. Taylor, on C street, lammer on the ground for rebuilding walk.

La Jansieur, new walk entire needed on both C and Second streets.

Mrs. Bell, new walk entire.

J. W. Kirklund, leveling up.

Van Nortwick, needs repairing and renailing.

J. R. N. Bell, on B street, leveling, repairing and renailing.

J. Gibson, repairing, and part of walk rebuilt to be eight feet wide.

R. D. Cooper, renailing and repairs.

Christian church, renailing entire walk, and some leveling.

W. W. Williams, on Fourth street, leveling and renailing.

T. J. Estes, some slight repairs.

J. L. Stockton, on Third street, needs walk rebuilt; on C street, new walk entire.

Mrs. —, next Baptist parsonage, needs relaying.

J. S. Cooper, residence, walk needs relaying and some repairs.

M. E. church south, relaying of walk entire.

Mrs. Winnall, on Monmouth street, new walk, and crossing of alley.

J. A. Wheeler, leveling and some new boards.

Mrs. J. E. Davidson, on Fourth street, needs repairs.

Dr. O. D. Butler, needs repairs.

Van Nortwick, needs repairs.

W. R. Robertson and Bagley, walk needs leveling and renailing on Fourth street.

Evangelical church, needs new walk entire on Monmouth street, also repairs to walk on Fifth street.

H. R. Patterson, walk needs renailing and repairing.

L. Kelso, a few new boards.

Property next Kelso's, needs renailing and repairing.

Geo. Whitteaker, on Monmouth street, needs entire new walk, boards being only one inch in thickness.

C. W. Leonard, walk should be lowered at south end to connect with crossing.

J. L. Williams, C street, walk needs leveling and repairing. Part of it should be entirely new.

Mrs. M. P. Locke, on C street, needs leveling and renailing.

Walk of D. B. Taylor and J. E. Miller on C street, between First and Second, needs renailing and repairing.

Vandayn and Smith, walk should be new from corner of store to alley and width required by ordinance.

Respectfully Yours,

T. FENNELL, Marshal.

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