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Cultivate Community Friendship

In the everyday business of trying to make money, a majority of our people forget there are other people that they should know. While this fact is true among neighbors and business men and farmers it is even more so in different communities. Dallas last week and the week before made their first break in community visitation—and while there was an incentive—the county fair—the idea, independent of the fair, is a good one. Dallas and Independence both are too clanish. They carry the stay at home plan too far. How many business men in Independence do you suppose visits the Buena Vista, Airlie, Rickreall, Suver, Eola, Perrydale or McCoy country in a year? We believe we are safe in saying that not a business man has knocked off from his books or business this year and visited the farmers and the business men around the adjoining towns.

We should cultivate community friendship. We should learn where the farms are and who are the farmers. We should know our county. To do business successfully we must know the people with whom we may do business. If we don't care for our surrounding country—should we expect them to care for us? If we set back like wooden soldiers, will they look at us otherwise than as little tin dolls. Business is business and from a purely selfish standpoint alone, Independence should learn who the people of Polk county are.

The Monitor every week tells of something doing among the farmers. Its editor has visited not only Dallas and Monmouth, but Rickreall, Perrydale, McCoy, Buena Vista, Eola and Airlie as well. In doing this we have learned first handed things the merchants of Independence should know. These communities have needs that the people of Independence might help them to get. They know but little of Independence, because Independence has not seen fit to visit them. They say we know the people of Salem, Mc Minnville or Albany, which is true—but the question is why don't they know the people of Independence? It is because Independence does not create community friendliness. It does not carry the doctrine of Independence away from home. It does not seek to make new friends. That is the secret in a nut shell.

Take Care of the Farmer

While we are waiting for the manufactures and the pay roll let us take care of the interests of the farmer. Independence can be the farmers' center of this county by doing the little things that count for farm betterment. The banks, merchants, hotels and newspapers of Independence should put in as much energy boosting the farm business as in boosting saw mills and factories. The opportunity to develop the best there is in the soil, systematically, should be encouraged and the community that does this is the community that makes its growth permanent.

The hops, the cattle, the hogs, the fruit, the clover seed, the grain and hay of the section tributary to Independence are the great factors for the town's stability. The wealth of this county should not be counted by what the soil is assessed at, but at what its returns are. The idle soil like the buried dollar has no value. How many idle acres are there in Polk county? How much wealth is dormant because farmers either do not find the time to till the soil or do not realize the value of this idle land? Would it be of value to the town of Independence to expert our farms and learn what the farmers are doing and what their neighbors are doing? Would it be of benefit to the farmers? If it would be, we should take up the offer of the expert in this section and get busy.

Good Roads a Big Asset

There is nothing of so much benefit to the country at large as good roads. They are of benefit to every one—the merchant, the transportation companies, the big cities, the travelling public and the farmers. Good roads enhance the value of the farms they reach, they make travelling a pleasure, they make large loads of produce movable and at the least expense. Where the traffic is heavy we should have the best and most expensive roads. The main thoroughfares should first be built with a view of permanency

and the feeders should follow later.

Polk county being placed on the great Pacific Coast National Highway from California to Washington, will be required to have a permanent, well built road at an early date from Salem through Independence and to Albany. It is worth considering now, how to route and build this main road. With this road laid out, all the main travel from Portland south will pass through Independence. This is worth investigating by the people of Independence.

Establish Your Grades and Curb Lines

The paving of Monmouth street has demonstrated one thing thoroughly and that is, that the city should survey the town, establish grades and locate the curbing lines on all the city streets. Then when streets are paved they should conform to the city survey.

On Monmouth street most of the curbing on the street had to be taken out, necessitating a double expense to those who had put in curbing to beautify their places. If the city would survey these streets and set the grades permanently it would mean better streets in the residence section.

That Drinking Fountain

How cool and refreshing it is to have a drinking fountain on the main corner of the town when you come from a long, dusty drive. Cities that have established these fountains would not dispense with them under any consideration. They are just like paved streets, electric lights, city water and sewerage, hard to get in the first place, but harder to get along without after you have once had them. They are just like the new pocket in your young son's first shirt.

The editor the Monitor is in receipt this week of a copy of the Roads, Highways and bridge laws of Oregon, also a copy of the Election laws, the same coming to us from the office of Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of the State; any of our readers desiring to look up road or election matters may have the privilege of looking over these books at any time.

The irriducible school fund of this state has just been apportioned and Polk with 4803 school children is allowed \$8,789.49. There are in the state 197,110 children and Polk is the fifteenth county in population of school children.

The Pendleton Round Up promises to be a lively affair again this year. Pendleton certainly worked out an entertainment that was unique when they planned the Round Up feature for an annual fair.

An exchange says "Down in California the lady bug is put in the hop yard in great quantities to destroy the aphids and hop lice.

If you wish to show your grains and grasses at the Polk county fair, you must gather them now. A few more weeks and these will all be gone.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

GRASS WALKS AND STEPS
ADD TO ANY CITY OR PARK

Sloping Ground Terraces Necessary
For the Best Results.

Many gardens in England owe their beauty in no small measure to the velvety grass steps and walks that link together one feature of the garden with another. Grass walks are pleasant to walk upon and are pleasing to the eye. Moreover they enter into perfect har-



GRASS STEPS IN ENGLAND.
Many with the surroundings, whether it be trees, shrubs or herbaceous flowers.

A flower fringed grass walk is always a pleasant feature, but such a walk must be laid with care. Unlike gravel walks, which should have a concave surface, grass walks and steps must be level, and this means perfect drainage—a most important item, for if badly drained a walk of this kind would be a source of inconvenience after heavy rains. On sloping ground terraces are necessary. They require the same care that one would devote to a well kept lawn, but no more, once the effect is secured.

There are few steps of this kind in America, but they abound in English gardens. There is no reason why they would not remain green throughout the entire year in some sections of this

country, and they can be easily substituted for the unsightly stone steps or ragged dirt steps which are common.

LIGHTING YARDS ADDS TO
THE BEAUTY OF SUBURBS

Illuminating Conveniences For the
Home Should Be Picturesque.

The use of kerosene, gasoline, home-made electricity and acetylene gas are being carefully tested on many farms and suburban estates, out of reach of public service corporations, for supplying lights. The common use of gasoline generators, which have now reached a high state of perfection, has brought them into prominence for outdoor lighting, as well as providing brilliant lights for the house and for cooking purposes. Gasoline lamps for the entrance gate posts, for lanterns set permanently on stable walls and for use within the stables and dairy barns may be enjoyed at little cost when one of these practical gasoline gas generators has been established for illuminating the home and the grounds. Without this plant for general use the plainest types of gasoline lamps, filled and lighted the same as coal oil lamps, may serve as the source of dependable lights for yards and stables.

Many practical and enterprising farmers who are blessed with streams on the home grounds that can be harnessed for the development of power are experimenting with home-made electricity with very satisfactory results. By damming up the stream for satisfactory water power an inexpensive electrical plant may be thoroughly practical wherever there is a stream of water of sufficient size and fall to turn a water wheel. One of the most interesting types of gasoline lamps, filled and lighted the same as coal oil lamps, may serve as the source of dependable lights for yards and stables.

The subject of providing inexpensive and picturesque lanterns for yards and stables, however, need not depend upon the installation of extensive plants, or even the simplest of apparatus for home-made gas and electricity. The cheapest form of steady burning kerosene lamp, set within a lantern of good type and with a good reflector, is within the reach of every farm owner and renter.

A picturesque setting will cost no more than a lantern position carefully selected. An ugly post set close beside the driveway, at a dark turn in the garden leading to carriage sheds and

stables, will doubtless give just as satisfactory results in the mere form of illuminating as the one set within a clump of flowering shrubs, or evergreen hedges, or dwarf spruces, but there will be no comparison in the decorative value.

BOYS AND GIRLS LEND HELP IN BEAUTIFYING CLEVELAND

Gardens Cared For by Boys and Girls
Decrease Disease and Crime.

Fully 5,000 public school children of Cleveland, O., gave their help in the city beautiful movement there according to the school director. Under their system it is possible to show in definite terms the results obtained by the young gardeners. The efficiency of the work done, the results obtained and the amount of good accomplished. Statistics and data have been collected showing the decrease in flies and disease where gardens are planted and the decrease in the number of juvenile offenders in neighborhoods well sprinkled with gardens.

Both the boys and girls take an active interest in these gardens and immediately after school is out in the afternoon the children gather for work. In Cleveland a temporary building was erected for the storing of the tools. Every Saturday morning during the summer the gardeners hold a flower and vegetable market when they sell their produce. The flowers and vegetables grown are the property of



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YOUTHFUL AMERICAN GARDENER.

the children, and they may either sell them or take them home. Records are kept of skill in planting, cultivation, weeding and products. Courses in nature study regarding life processes of plants, insect pests and how to combat them, plant diseases and how to combat them are given in Cleveland and make the garden work of real value to the children.

The large gardens are radiating centers for the neighborhoods in which they are located. They make possible greater efficiency, intelligence and science in the home gardens.

Interest in garden work is cumulative. When the children are properly directed their ambition is stimulated, and year after year they will extend their activities and acquire greater success.

Beautify Your Back Yard.

It is a shame that the words "back yard" should so often call up a dismal picture of dilapidated fence, coal ashes, old furniture and garbage tins. Begin now to interest yourself and your children in the improvement of your back yard. Spend a dollar on tools and the same on flower seeds and make pleasant, healthful occupation for many summer hours. There are a number of hardy annuals that flower profusely and require no scientific care to give good results. Perennials sown at the proper time will give cut flowers every year after the first. It may be pleasant next July or August to sleep in your back yard than in your house under these conditions; also you will find that if the people living in a block get interested in gardening they will not tolerate a lot of useless cats and dogs about, whereby the peace of the neighborhood may be enhanced.

"Who loves a garden still his Eden keeps."—Texas Farm and Ranch.

Best Feed For Lambs.

Recent experiments at the Iowa station show that with corn at ordinary prices cheaper gains on lambs may be made with dry feed than with roots or silage.

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