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WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE DO SOMETHING?

Why in the name of common sense (sometimes more expressively stated) doesn't this old town of ours get busy and do something?

Why doesn't someone get busy and get some factories here?

Why doesn't someone tell the city council that the weeds and grass along sidewalks have got to be cut—that we won't stand for a shabby city?

Why doesn't someone get busy and start some kind of a club house for our boys and our girls? I'd be glad to chip in 25c or 50c.

Why doesn't the city council do this and that?

Why doesn't the commercial club do that and this?

How can we ever expect to have a real city and a prosperous manufacturing and agricultural community if no one gets busy and does some of these things?

Of course you have asked some of these questions yourself. If you haven't asked them yourself you have heard them asked by others.

Those are questions that well may be asked in this community, or in almost any other community, for that matter.

We are glad to hear these questions asked.

The asking of them shows that we see our own shortcomings.

Those who ask those questions thereby suggest their own willingness to do something to right the conditions which to them seem to need righting, for the one who can best rectify a wrong condition is the one who the most strongly sees the need for righting.

Cottage Grove is, as a matter of fact, way ahead of many cities of its size, but that is no reason why it should not forge further ahead.

It has not reached its limit.

But it is pretty safe to say it is not likely to make faster strides than at present except through a complete reorganization of the community, inside the city limits and out.

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chamber of commerce under the American City bureau plan. Any person who has ever at any time seen the need of something being done, whether it be in the civic, spiritual, educational or moral life of the community, owes it to himself and to his community to learn just exactly what is proposed through this reorganization and to then make his or her own decision as to whether or not he is satisfied that the plan is one in which he wishes to join.

Public meetings are being held. One will be held tonight. Literature is being distributed. No contributions are asked at any of the meetings or in any of the literature. The meetings and the literature are educational and entertaining, nothing more. Soliciting support of the work will come after the educational work has been completed.

If you benefit a penny by the advancement of your community along any line, or if you derive any enjoyment from taking part in the development of your community, or if you have any pride in your home community, it is a duty you owe to yourself, to your community and to your country to inform yourself fully as to exactly what is on foot.

It will do you good to mingle with your fellow citizens and it will do you still more good to join with them in promoting the industrial, spiritual, civic and moral health of the community.

If you do not show enough interest in this investment to learn what it is, at no expense to you, then it is up to you to forever hold your peace as to what the city and community should do in the future.

If the community does not do what it should, it is because its citizens hold back in doing what they should do.

The community is exactly what its citizens make it.

What part are you taking in making your community?

What part are you going to take?

STATESMEN AND POLITICIANS.

One of the lecturers at the recent chautauqua pointed to the fact that there are more statesmen than politicians.

Undoubtedly he spoke a truth, but he did not say why the politicians predominate.

The recent recall election points straight to the main reason.

A man who would hold office must ever keep his ear to the ground. He must not run contrary to public opinion. He must have few opinions of his own. He must do nothing to offend anyone.

A statesman can not spend his time doing those things which make his hold upon public office secure.

A statesman must direct his energies along the lines which to him seem the proper lines to pursue, regardless of what public opinion may be for the moment.

In the recent recall election votes were cast against Commissioner Harlow for no other reason than that he had made a personal enemy, for no other reason than personal spite, for no other reason than that he had bluntly told applicants for county funds that they were not available instead of diplomatically standing them off with some kind of a promise that meant nothing but would not offend.

The reason that there are fewer statesmen than politicians is found in the attitude of so many that they will withdraw support from those who do not jump to do their bidding.

A good example is found in the case of those who thought to scare The Sentinel by threatening neighborhood boycotts. A newspaper that amounts to anything can not be scared by any such threats and a man in public office, like one of Lane county's officials, is in poor business to take part in such threats.

The Sentinel will always follow the course that to it seems the only justifiable one, but all newspapers haven't the backbone to do so and apparently there are few public officials with the required backbone. Few have it naturally and those who display it stay in office but a short time.

Harvey Scott, probably the greatest editor Oregon has ever produced, was subjected to boycott threats. His newspaper suffered because he would not fawn before those who thus threatened, but had he yielded to such pressure his name might not be the

household word in Oregon that it is today. Had he yielded he might have sat in the United States senate and his services might long since have been forgot.

Were there more editors like Harvey Scott, were there more people to support officeholders in doing their honest duty, the number of statesmen would increase and fewer men who know little else than to cringe before threats of their constituents would be in office.

The people are responsible for the lack of statesmen and the predominance of politicians. They can change the ratio whenever they will.

OPAL'S DIARY WAS NOT PRECOCIOUS EFFORT

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could be recommended to the literary world.

I have in my possession a key to the diary which shows the subtle and fantastic manner in which the diary itself points to Henri d'Orleans, French prince and explorer of royal blood, as the angel father of the diary. The rumor persists that Opal has proved such relationship, that Atlantic Monthly has proof to that effect in its possession and that such relationship has been admitted by a relative. With this supposed relationship I will deal in another chapter, when I will publish the key which in itself shows the development of an idea so fantastic as to prove that no child mind evolved the portions to which it is the key.

Reference already has been made to the use of extracts from the Catholic manual and from "French Self-Taught." Other portions of the diary seem to have come from the works of Prince d'Orleans, the angel father of the diary, among the works which contributed being "L'Amé du Voyageur," "Six Mois aux Indes," and "Du Tonkin aux Indes." Another Frenchman, Gabriel Bonvalot (undoubtedly the "Gabbon" of the diary) wrote for a copy of the latter book found in the Los Angeles library are marginal notes made by some reader who was apparently much interested in animals, as references to or observations on animals are underscored or little comments made in the margin. I have compared these notes with Opal's handwriting and all the little peculiarities of Opal's handwriting are there. I have absolutely no doubt they are one and the same. Where Opal got hold of the Bourbon books I do not know. I have been unable to find the ones she used or any other copies of them, but that these books contributed liberally I have information that comes from a source above doubt as to reliability.

How Opal laid the foundation for the probability of her story I am not at liberty to divulge and probably never will be, but there seems little doubt that while preparing the fragments of her diary for publication she was actively engaged in producing imaginary characters and directing their activities. That she had assistance in this, as well as in the production of the diary before its being torn to bits, is more than probable, for how one little girl, little more than out of her teens, could alone have completed such a stupendous amount of work and promoted so many activities is inexplicable.

Atlantic Monthly is no longer interested financially in Opal or her diary, having disposed of their interests to George Putnam's Sons, but it would be unfair did I not state that Editor Sedgwick put no stumbling blocks in the way in my research work and has at all times exhibited an open mind, soliciting information that would either prove or disprove the authenticity of the diary and Opal's foster-parent fantasy. Incidentally the profits from the publication of the diary were very modest, being way under the amount of \$25,000 reported in a recent news story, in fact, probably not exceeding \$8000 for Opal, George Palmer Putnam, former Oregon editor, former secretary to Governor Withycombe, and himself an author of note, is a member of George Putnam's Sons, which may account somewhat for the interest in this publishing firm in Opal's diary.

The concluding chapter concerning this clever piece of fiction, more than cleverly put over, will deal almost entirely with the foster-parent fantasy.

CONCRETE PAVING ON HIGHWAY IS BEING LAID

The Independent Asphalt Paving company, of Seattle, has started the work of laying the concrete pavement on Pacific highway at Walker, working toward the north. The company has the contract to lay concrete pavement all the way from Goshen, seven miles south of Eugene, to Walker, a distance of over ten miles. The concrete now being laid is on a new grade on the opposite side of the Southern Pacific tracks from the old highway and no detour will be required between Walker and Creswell, but when the work starts on the Creswell-Goshen section it will be necessary to detour all traffic over the Pleasant Hill-Cloverdale road, several miles out of the way.

The hill just north of Creswell, at the south edge of Camas swale, is being cut down so that the grade will be standard and the county has finished the work of grading the new road around the short hill at the north edge of the swale.

The Blake-Compton company, which has the contract to lay the asphaltic pavement between Walker and Divide, has been working north from Divide for two weeks and more than a mile of the pavement has been laid.

City Asks Watershed.

The city has made application to the forestry department for the exclusive use of the Juniatta creek watershed from which to secure a supply of water for the city. This watershed has been under consideration for some time. Even if this watershed is given the city, the immediate removal of the pipes from Prayther creek is not contemplated. The application for the Juniatta watershed is in anticipation of future needs.

SHARP DENIES PROMOTION OF HARLOW RECALL

Emmett Sharp, while in the city Tuesday to cast his ballot, declared emphatically that he was in no way responsible for the recall movement against Commissioner Harlow and said that it was unfair to him to link his name in any way with the promotion of the recall movement.

Mr. Sharp is very emphatic in his belief that the people of Cottage Grove are giving him weak support in his efforts to serve the county. He said, "Only recently I returned from several weeks spent going over the proposed road to the coast. This had been up in the air for years but I succeeded in getting the matter settled and the road will be on a standard grade of not more than 8 per cent. I would like to get credit for some of the things that I do and would like the support of my home community in doing them."

LATHAM AND DIVIDE TO VOTE ON CONSOLIDATION

Efforts for better school facilities in the Latham and Divide districts have culminated in putting up to the taxpayers of those districts the proposition of consolidating the two districts, which will come up for a vote at school meetings to be held in the districts affected on June 20. It was at first proposed to include district 131, southwest of Latham, in the consolidation plans, but the latter district was left out of consideration when it was learned that a majority of the taxpayers of the district seemed to prefer not to join with the other districts. The Latham and Divide districts hope by the consolidation to be able to provide a better school and better school facilities.

Johnson Store Reopened.

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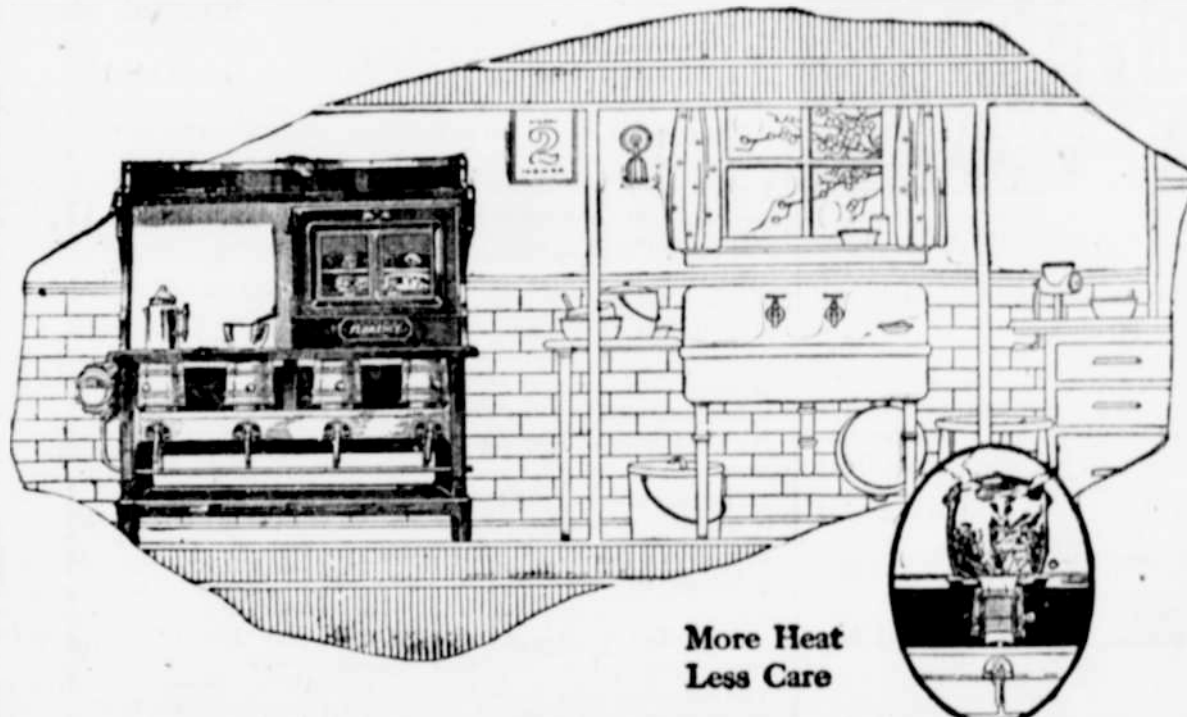
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