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What Is The Main Issue

In Willamina's Coming Election?

Nearing a city election there arises an old plaint that the reformers are going to take over the city government and capture the top jobs and make the town over into a "salvation camp" and plumb ruin "good business".

Contemplation of such rumors leads one to wonder why it should be necessary to save Willamina morally by some official action. As we see it, it is not the city but rather individuals that need saving morally, and they have Moses and the prophets and if they will not hear them, they had as well go to perdition.

Complaints of beer parlor owners that they are paying revenues into the city and that Willamina would lose such revenues, is probably pertinent but is not a very convincing argument when one is considering the building of a first class town. There most certainly must be much more important matters in issue. Willamina surely can be something more than just a first class beer parlor town, or a sanctimonious town, if you want to put it that way. We have no objection to beer halls and they probably have their place. Neither do we object to a strictly moral town. Our point is that we believe that such issues are fold-out and take our attention from the the main issue; which is building a better town.

What Willamina does need is saving physically. It has open gutters for sewers. It has water that much of the year is hardly fit to drink. It has streets that are an abomination. It has a grade school building that is overcrowded, old and said to be a fire trap and unfit for use as a school building.

Many cities are building schools,

using federal funds, and it has been the belief of the Times that we should be building one in Willamina. The Times has advocated a new school building steadily for the past three years. Had such a project been initiated, we could be building now and with federal funds.

The Times, and we believe the thinking, constructive people are much more interested in making Willamina the metropolis of Yamhill county, with first class facilities to offer folks to come here to establish an industry and their homes. Infinitely less interested in making it a town solely because it has plenty of beer halls, or hasn't any.

We are aware that Willamina has large debts and that some of the debts have been paid off. But conditions have been especially conducive to paying debts. With the country literally rolling in coin, it has not been tough to pay obligations. In fact it would be tragic to consider that a large portion of the debt had not been paid during these hazy days.

The Times believes the best minds of the city should be put to work to build a better community. It believes that initiative, leadership and suggestion should come from those in authority, to the end that we achieve the larger welfare and let the petty things go hang.

The Times would like to be for an administration that pledges itself to building a bigger and better city. We are not interested in reforms of conditions that are neither shocking nor unusual when compared to the rest of the country. Neither are we going to be against a first class man because he doesn't believe wholeheartedly in beer halls.

The Times would like to see a more vigorous and effective administration of the city's affairs. A driving effort to cooperate with the best brains wherever or whoever they are, to

secure the welfare and well being of all the citizens. There are without doubt many handicaps to overcome, but Willamina could be on the way to better things.

Willamina has done some wonderful things. It secured the location of one of the outstanding plywood manufacturing plants of the country. It has a high school plant that is marvelous, second to none, and its district covers all of the country adjacent to the city. But why rest on these laurels, let us go forward to bigger and better things.

Bible School Program To Be Given Sunday Night

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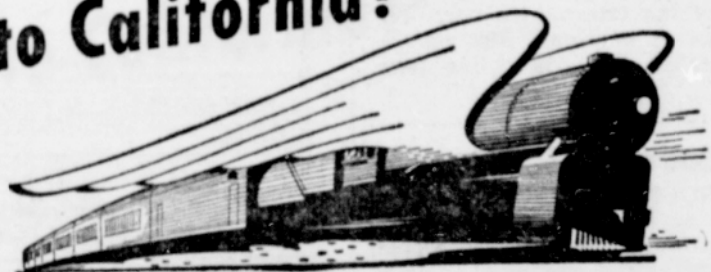
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