

### Commercial Club Activities

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The old adage "Where there's a will there's a way" has again proven itself. It took but two days time to obtain the signatures of 25 residents of Ontario agreeing to build houses almost immediately, and already numerous others have voluntarily expressed a desire to join the first 25 and back their faith in Ontario by the erection of a permanent home.

For months past much discussion has taken place as to the best solution of the housing problem, but no definite progress made. Some people were ready and willing to build but were deterred from so doing on account of the supposedly high prices of building materials. The Commercial Club took the matter up and as a result of its initiative an active building program is assured.

A city must either go ahead or go back, there is no standing still. Other towns have marked activity in the building line, then why not Ontario? This was the question to be solved. I estimate Ontario has lost at least forty families this summer through inability to find houses for rent. We advertise and boast of our excellent educational facilities—and they are *sin qua non*—but honestly can we expect the newcomer to immediately let a contract for the construction of a home and live in the hotel during its erection when our merchants and professional men are renters?

Upon analysis I find that at least fifty per cent of the signers will build their houses gratis. What I mean by that is, the additional volume of business they will secure through this movement and the extra families brought to Ontario, will more than repay any initial outlay of capital. The merchants will sell more goods and the lawyer have a better practice, to say nothing of the property owner. For every house constructed there will be a direct influence upon the intrinsic value of property within a certain radius. Unless town lots are improved, either by the erection of a building or brought under cultivation in the shape of kitchen garden or lawn, they are a set-back to a community and worth less than farm land. Why continue then to pay taxes; make the lots self supporting. The shrewd businessman would not allow several hundred dollars to remain long idle, but here in Ontario conditions are worse—thousands of dollars are tied up in unimproved property upon which the holders are paying interest in the form of taxes, and instead of their holdings increasing in value are actually worth less today than when originally purchased! Improvements always govern the legitimate valuation, then

why not improve. Outside capital is anxious to come in here, but requires a little encouragement. Who knows but what we have lost thru this inactivity hundreds of thousands of dollars?

Again, a number of houses can be constructed far more cheaply than one or two. Building materials can be purchased in such quantities as to make the price within the reach of all; twenty-five car loads of lumber can naturally be bought at a better figure than material for only one house. Then, too, the labor situation will adjust itself. When a contractor has so much work in sight to keep his men employed he is able to give a better figure than by estimating on a single house. During the past few days, through, I believe the result of this movement, several homes have changed hands, as well as a number of lots, but here are some figures which can be verified very easily and which should govern, to a certain extent, the prices paid for property. Ontario covers an area of 1280 acres, or with ten lots to the acre 12,800 lots; there are 387 houses built here and figuring three lots to the house makes 1161 lots—a little better than one tenth of the available property. Thirty new homes would make say one hundred lots so that there should be no excuse for not being able to secure the right location at the right price.

Now, then, the movement is well under way, let's not lose any further time in getting something started. If we all pull together and boost it is surprising what a lot of good can and will be accomplished.

#### REV. S. R. STEELE RESIGNS TO TEACH IN HIGH SCHOOL.

The members of the Congregational church were very much surprised last Sunday morning at the close of the service to have Rev. S. R. Steele who has been pastor of the church four but a few months read his resignation to the assembly. He announced that he had accepted a position on the faculty of the Eugene, Oregon High School and would have to be in Eugene at once. His resignation was accepted and he left Sunday evening on No. 19 for the university city.

#### TROUT FRY PLANTED IN MALHEUR STREAMS (Continued From Page 1)

The car is thoroughly equipped with air compressors, coolers and miles of piping carrying the air into the cans. It also has comfortable quarters for those in charge, including a complete kitchenette, staterooms, etc.

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To can corn boil the prepared ears from 3 to 5 minutes—10 for old corn—and plunge into cold water to set the corn milk. Shave with a sharp knife the kernels from the cobs, cutting from tip toward base. Pack lightly in sterilized jars to one inch of top, and add one teaspoon salt with boiling water in which ears were boiled, put on rubber and top—not sealed down—and sterilize in water bath for two hours. Too long blanching or too old corn gives product dark color. Standing too long in cold water or in jars after water is added, or cooking over a slow fire, makes the product soggy.

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