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### Malicious Gossip

Dispatches from Lincoln Center, Kansas, where a school teacher was taken to a lonely spot and tarred and feathered by several men, state that the outrage was the outcome of gossip by a lot of women who were jealous of the school teacher, and urged their men folks on to commit the crime.

The school teacher's reputation was above reproach, but the old women gossips could not leave her alone because she was bright and vivacious, and they wanted to have "something done to her." Something was done to her, and now about a dozen of the prominent men of Lincoln Center are up against the law for listening to idle and malicious gossip of women folks.

Every community has its old women gossips—and men gossips, too—and it is a pity the law cannot reach this class of people. There is a state law on the Oregon statutes that makes it a crime for malicious gossip, but it is always a hard matter to get a conviction.

Gossip does more harm in a community than the liquor traffic or anything else. It splits friendships, estranges relations, and plays havoc generally.

### An Electric Line

One of the best public utilities that could be given this section of the county would be an electric line from Redmond to Sisters and Prineville. This would make a triangle loop and tap a rich section, which, with the introduction of an electric line, would settle up fast by farmers on small tracts of land.

There is plenty of power going to waste at Cline Falls, four miles west of this city, that could be harnessed and used for all kinds of electrical power, and it is hoped the company now controlling the Cline Falls project will soon be in a position to utilize their holdings and get them in such a condition that an electric line, as stated above, could be constructed, and also furnish the different towns around here with a 24-hour service for lights and power.

### Dead Beats

The dead beat is about the most worthless asset any community can have, and it is always a hard matter to get rid of him. This class of people are found in every community, and Redmond is no exception to the rule. The dead beat preys upon the business men and by his unscrupulous ways gets into debt with every concern he can. He is lavish with promises and protestations, and that is as far as his paying up qualities go.

The only way to head off and eliminate the dead beat is for the business men to establish a protective association, with strong and rigid rules and regulations for the guidance of the members. By thus doing the man who fails to pay his just debts becomes black listed and no business man will trust him.

The dead beat injures the man who wants credit and will pay his debts, for business men, after being stung time and time again by good for nothing, lying customers, begins to get chary of extending credit to anyone whom they are not positive will pay up

when their account is presented.

The newspaper business is one of the places where the dead beat shows up to a great extent. A newspaper gets a large list of names on its books, of presumably good responsible people, and when collection time comes for getting money for advertising and subscriptions it begins to find out that it has a number of accounts that are worthless.

Other business houses have the same experience, and as stated above, the only way to eliminate the dead beat is to organize a business men's association for self protection.

While people in the east and middle west are trying to keep from freezing and are fighting blizzards, this section of Oregon is enjoying mild weather. The past week the weather has been like spring. Only one cold snap so far this season, and that lasted but one night. If you want to find the best climate out doors, come to Redmond and the Redmond District.

People in the east and middle west do not want to hear so much about the apples grown in Oregon as they do to find out about the general farming conditions, and what land can be bought for that will make a good living in agriculture. There are more people interested in general agriculture than there are in fruit growing.

Hogs, dairying, poultry, potatoes and vegetables will be the principal industries in this section in a short time. This country is peculiarly adapted for the above, and the farmers and ranchers are beginning to turn their attention almost wholly to this industry.

Three courses are open to the small merchant: to advertise in the best local newspaper so aggressively, so interestingly, that his little store will grow big; to confine his advertising to the too-usual "schemes" and thus to remain little with ever-diminishing chances of survival; or to fail to advertise at all, and thus fail entirely to build up a permanent store.

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