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An Unwise Policy.

As our readers have perhaps noticed, several of our merchants and the bank have withdrawn their advertising from the MAIL, supposedly because the editor saw fit to make use of the privilege granted him by the Constitution of the United States to vote as he pleased.

We consider the action of these people unjust and unwise—unjust, because THE MAIL has never been used as a medium to influence voters one way or another on the question of prohibition, and because until conditions in Stayton had reached a point where they were a shame and a disgrace, we had favored allowing the saloons to run. Their action is unwise, in that it will prove a boomerang—will do themselves more harm than it will THE MAIL. Stayton is right now where she needs the help of her friends. There is no question but that the passing of the prohibitory law in this precinct even under best conditions would have a damaging effect, for those opposed whether interested in the town or not are bound to knock. These people are helping the knockers knock their own business. They do not seem to consider that the editor of this paper is only one of 153 in Stayton precinct who voted "dry," to say nothing of those who voted the same way in other precincts, and a slap at us is a slap at them.

Stayton has a good deal at stake just now—a railroad in prospect, a "coolen mill" that needs help, and in order to keep pace with other towns continual boosting is necessary. To introduce factional strife and dissension at this time is to destroy the harmony that is necessary and endanger the future of the town—and all for what?

During nearly seven years in Stayton we have worked for what we considered the best interests of the entire community. We have always been willing to accept criticism or counsel, but never dictation. Stayton is known as among the prosperous and wide-awake towns of the Valley. We believe THE MAIL is entitled to some portion of credit that this is true. We have, with the rest of the people of this place, seen the saloons go from bad to worse, even in the face of the fact that the saloon men themselves looked for the town to go dry this year. Two years ago, when Stayton had 26 wet majority, a saloon man prophesied that the town would go dry in 1908. From 26 wet to 50 dry is quite a step in this precinct's vote, and shows that the people thought themselves justified in their voting as they did. Sublimity precinct, that two years ago had a few over twenty dry votes, this year cast 75 dry, besides two that would have counted dry thrown out. The fact is, the people did not as a rule vote against the saloons, but the way the saloons are conducted. The saloon element has controlled elections here during the past seven years, and they are alone to blame because the laws were not enforced, and that they were voted out.

We hear it rumored that the ones who have quit the MAIL talk of having another paper started in town. We do not believe this is true, as we give them credit for having better judgment than that. This would divide Stayton into factions, each with an organ, and would cause a breach that it would take years to heal. "A house divided against itself is sure to fall." We have considerable money invested in Stayton, and had expected to invest more during the summer, and we are not anxious to see our property decrease in value, as all property will if this uncalled for opposition is continued, and rather than see a factional fight started in Stayton that is bound to result in great harm to us all, both in a business, financial and social way, while we have nothing to give away, we will take a fair consideration and sell the MAIL if these parties will produce a buyer whom they believe will conduct the paper in a more satisfactory manner than the writer.

We were accused one day this week by a good friend of ours of being too loyal to Stayton. He said, "With you, it is Stayton, Stayton. Everything for Stayton." "We plead guilty to the charge. We have always had faith in the future of this town, and now that it is where it is—where it needs help—we are, as always—ready to do our part to keep it in a prosperous condition. In order to make Stayton a town to which one could induce people to come and locate and bring up children, it was found necessary to do away with the saloons. In order to make Stayton the second best town in the county it is necessary to do away with dissensions and bickering, all pull together and boost. We are willing to do what we can, either in or out of the MAIL office. It is an unwise policy to start factional strife at

this time. What Stayton needs is unity, not factionalism. Shall we have it?

LATER.—Since the above was in type, we have had a talk with W. L. Freres, cashier of the bank, and he states that the cause of his withdrawing his patronage from the MAIL was the criticism of the picnic in a communication published in this paper and written by E. Forrette. It is the rule of all newspapers to open their columns to communications intended for the public good. This is one of the safeguards of our national liberty—free speech and a free press. It was and still is the privilege of any one aggrieved to answer Mr. Forrette's article. Men in public life must expect criticism; a public man who does not receive it is one who achieves nothing.

And this brings us back to the text of the foregoing article. Mr. Freres is the mayor of Stayton and president of the Commercial Club—a man to whom all the people look to work for the best interests of the community as a whole. He seems to consider Mr. Forrette's article a personal matter. Has he the interests of the town at heart sufficiently to lay aside personal grievances for the good of the community that has placed him in its highest office? We believe he has.

OBITUARY.

Thomas J. Smith was born January 19th, 1834, near Springfield, Illinois. About 1836 or 37 he moved to Iowa and in 1841 to Bates county, Mo.

April 10, 1846, he started across the plains with his parents. His father died before reaching the Willamette valley. With his mother and brothers arrived in Salem, Dec 23, 1846, after months of hard travel and terrible hardships.

William Campbell was captain of the train he traveled in to where the road forked for California and Oregon and from there Uncle Henry Smith was captain of the train coming to Oregon.

March 31, 1853, the deceased was married to Elizabeth Bryant. To this union nine children were born, seven daughters and two sons. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, the wife, died January 27, 1890. He has one brother, J. N. Smith, of Central Point, Jackson Co., and one sister, Mrs. M. E. Blakely, of Portland, now living, and of his own family there are Mrs. Margaret Murphy and Mrs. Lucinda Miller, of Stayton, Mrs. Alice Stapleton, of Portland, Mrs. Etta Prettyman, of Watsonville, Calif., Mrs. Roxie Lake and Mr. J. W. Smith, of Stayton, Mr. H. E. Smith of Portland, all of whom were present at the funeral. There are eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren, besides many friends, to mourn his departure. He united with the Christian church June 1872, of which he was a member the rest of his life. He passed away June 1st, 1908, being 74 years, 4 months and 12 days old.

Sublimity Gleanings.

Philip Meier made a business trip to Portland this week.

Rev. A. Lainck spent several days of this week in Portland.

Philip Meier & Son have received their new Eli hay press. It is of the latest improved kind and has a capacity of from 40 to 60 tons. They will bale hay and straw during the summer.

Chris. Giebler has received his new 20 horse power J. I. case engine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schott, Mrs. E. P. Schott and Miss Jennie Riester left for a few weeks stay in Portland Tuesday.

Four pupils of the public school have successfully passed the 8th grade examination. They are the Misses Theresa Rauscher, Mary Odenthal, Mary VanHandel and Mr. James Ripp.

Mrs. Henry Miller returned from Cascade Locks Tuesday, where she visited her son, Dr. F. J. Hosch.

Mrs. Oehlschlager and Miss T. Arnold are visiting friends here.

J. F. and M. W. Hunt, Walter and Henry Downing and Mr. Frazer, of Portland, passed thru here on their way to the Breitenbush Hot Springs.

Triumph Notes.

Mrs. Martin Doerfler and daughter spent a few days visiting at the Ritzinger home.

Fred Casteel and wife returned from Sheridan, where they have been looking at land.

Rose Staiger's school in Polk county is out and she is with her parents again.

Nora Crabtree has completed her term of school and returned to Stayton.

Alfred Fox is preparing to build a new house on his farm.

Uncle Tom Smith has left us, since

when J. W. and wife feel very lonesome, for they miss him very much.

John Hefner and family visited at Theo. Hightberger's Sunday.

N. Ritzinger made a business trip to Scott's sawmill Wednesday.

Mc Casteel is working for A. L. Shelley.

Wm. VanHandel is busy hustling lumber for his next house.

Mrs. Lee Tate recently visited friends in this vicinity.

Colic and Diarrhoea.

Pains in the stomach, colic and diarrhoea are quickly relieved by the use of Chamberlains Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all druggists.

While Dr. H. A. Beauchamp was driving his trotting mare hitched to a cart, the animal became frightened and started to run. The axle of the cart broke and the Dr. was thrown out, alighting on his head and shoulders. The accident occurred near Geo. Lentz's, and the Dr. was brought home by Frank Lesley in his automobile. He was considerably bruised and shaken, and his back severely strained, but the following day was able to attend to his patients, though not feeling very brisk. The Dr. is congratulating himself that he escaped with so slight injury.

Tonight.

If you would enjoy tomorrow take Chamberlains Stomach and Liver Tablets tonight. They produce an agreeable laxative effect, clear the head and cleanse the stomach. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Brewer's drug store.

Everyone interested in poultry should call at this office and subscribe for the Northwest Poultry Journal. The price is only 50 cents per year and it contains much valuable information in every issue. It is published in Salem, hence has coast news, and such as is of value locally, and of much more value to people of this section than Eastern journals.

Nature has provided the stomach with certain natural fluids known as the digestive juices, and it is through these juices that the food we eat is acted upon in such a way as to produce the rich, red blood that flows through the veins of our body and thereby makes us strong, healthy and robust, and it is the weakening of these digestive juices that destroys health. It is our own fault if we destroy our own health, and yet it is so easy for any one to put the stomach out of order. When you need to take something take it promptly, but take something you know is reliable—something like Kodol For Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Kodol is pleasant to take, it is reliable and is guaranteed to give relief. Sold by Stayton Pharmacy.

Presbyterians of Pilot Rock will build a \$3,000 church.

DeWitts Kidney and Bladder Pills are prompt and thoro and will in a very short time strengthen the weakened kidneys and allay troubles arising from inflammation of the bladder. They are recommended everywhere. Sold by Stayton Pharmacy.

Some men fail to hit the target of success because they aim too high.

Stomach troubles are very common in the summer time and you should not only be very careful about what you eat just now, but more than this, you should be careful not to allow your stomach to become disordered, and when the stomach goes wrong take Kodol. This is the best known preparation that is offered to the people today for dyspepsia or indigestion or any stomach trouble. Kodol digests all foods. It is pleasant to take. It is sold here by Stayton Pharmacy.

Tetter Cured.

A lady customer of ours had suffered with tetter for two or three years. It got so bad on her hands that she could not attend to her household duties. One box of Chamberlain's Salve cured her. Chamberlain's medicines give splendid satisfaction in this community.—M. H. Rodney & Co., Almond, Ala. Chamberlain's medicines are for sale by all druggists.

The Best Pills Ever Sold.

"After doctoring 15 years for chronic indigestion, and spending over two hundred dollars, nothing has done me as much good as Dr. Kings New Life Pills. I consider them the best pills ever sold," writes B. F. Ayscove, of Ingelide, N. C. Sold under guarantee at Brewer's drug store. 25c.

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Lester M. Molson, of Naples, Maine, says in a recent letter: "I have used Dr. Kings New Discovery many years, for coughs and colds, and I think it saved my life. I have found it a reliable remedy for throat and lung complaints, and would no more be without a bottle than I would be without food." For nearly forty years New Discovery has stood at the head of throat and lung remedies. As a preventative of pneumonia, and healer of weak lungs it has no equal. Sold under guarantee at Brewer's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.