

**CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COLUMN**

ITEMS TO FILL THIS COLUMN REQUESTED FROM FRIENDS OF THE MOVEMENT

The great mass of people are beginning to realize the importance of the improvement in behalf of civic beauty. When American people get interested enough in anything to earnestly endeavor it, it has to go ahead. It will be so with the societies for civic improvement. Sow the seed, agitate the matter, work to the best of your individual ability, and possess your soul in patience as to results. There is no longer room for doubt as to the final outcome. We are going to make a great success of it.

The success of a general movement of the character of our societies for civic improvement must depend largely on individual work. Every family must organize itself into a society for the improvement of the home. There the work must begin, and from this starting place it will spread until the interest in improvement is a general one. Just as truly as the home is the foundation upon which the social structure of the country must be built, just as truly must we begin at the home and work outward if we expect this new movement to be successful.

Give the children something to do in the improvement of the home. Talk the matter over with them, and let them understand that they can help along. Boys and girls like to have responsibilities put upon them. They accept them with a sense of pride and a determination not to disappoint the confidence which has entrusted the performance of this or that work to them. The way to make men and women of boys and girls is to treat them like men and women, on a small scale. Suit the task you assign them to their abilities and let them feel that you trust them, and expect they will do their best in what they undertake, and they will not disappoint you. Each child ought to be so trained that home will seem to him or her the one best place on earth, and, thinking this, it will be an easy matter to enlist his or her enthusiasm in the effort to make it beautiful.

The man who takes a rake, goes into the back yard, and gathers up the rub-

bish and refuse which he finds there and disposes of it, makes himself by what he does an active member in the society of general improvement. These are the members we need—workers, who believe that neatness, like charity, begins at home. If I do something today toward improving the appearance of my home, tomorrow my neighbor will be quite likely to do something along the same line toward the improvement of his home. There is contagion in the work of this kind. Pretty soon the entire community will have caught the fever of "cleaning up," and each one will try to outdo the other. Such healthy rivalry is to be encouraged. There is no danger of our having "too much of a good thing." Therefore, let each home organize itself, at once, into a working, aggressive society for improvement of the home premises. Clean up the yard. Trim the trees and shrubs. Make or mend the lawn. See to it that there are no broken fences or sagging gates. If the house or barn need repairs, make them. A coat of paint will improve things so much, in many instances, that the man who applies it will have a great deal more respect for himself, after the work is done, than he did before. To a certain extent it will be a "means of grace" to him and his family. So will every improvement be that is made about the place. If we fall into the habit of letting things run loosely and overlook the tasks that need doing from day to day and month to month, we soon lose pride in our surroundings, and much of our self-respect is lost with it, because—say what you will to the contrary—we are largely creatures of environment. If we are responsible for our surroundings and do something to bring about better conditions, and just in proportion as we do that will our good opinion of ourselves increase, and self-respect is, or ought to be, a stronger incentive to good work than the respect of our neighbors. This makes the beginning of the work of improvement largely individual in its character.

Miss Toot, of Portland, is visiting with Mrs. Humphries at Fort Stevens.

The Thursday Afternoon Club met last week at the home of Mrs. Norman A. Maits.

Mrs. Walter W. Ridehaigh is spending Sunday at Ilwaco with her sister, Mrs. Carlton B. Allen.

Miss McKee and Miss Foley, of San Francisco, are visiting at Fort Stevens with Lieutenant and Mrs. Tobin.

Miss Harriet Tallant entertained a party of friends at Olney on Friday afternoon. The trip was made in a sail boat and proved quite enjoyable.

The Misses Tuttle, of Charlottesville, Va., who are visiting friends in Portland, were in the city Thursday and Friday visiting with Mrs. Ammon Taylor.

Mrs. Charles Finch, of San Francisco, was in the city during the week, visiting her son, Dr. Arthur A. Finch. Mrs. Finch returned to California on Friday.

Mrs. W. B. Barr, of Portland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. McAfee. Miss Cromwell, of Walla Walla, a niece of Mrs. McAfee, is also visiting in the city.

Mabel and Hazel Munro, daughters of the engineer of steamer Eclipse, returned home yesterday, after spending a few days at Dr. Barr's ranch on Grays River.

Miss Mamie Shanahan, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Shanahan of this city, has returned home from the Vancouver (Wash.) Academy to spend her vacation.

Miss Violet Bowly has returned from California. A friend, Miss Rogers, accompanied Miss Bowly. Cards are out for a reception to be held on Wednesday afternoon in Miss Rogers' honor.

Mrs. F. S. Junkin, of Corning, Ia., and Miss Mary Marcy, of Fairfield, Ia., are in the city, visiting their sister, Mrs. Robert S. Wilson. They will remain during the week. Mr. Junkin is expected to arrive from California on the steamship Elder today. Mrs. Wilson will hold a reception in honor of her guests on Tuesday afternoon, and cards are out.

The dancing party given by the officers and ladies of Fort Stevens last Wednesday night was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held

**SOCIAL NOTES.**

In this vicinity. The dance took place in the new mess-hall of companies 34 and 32. The hall was tastefully decorated, the artillery color, red, predominating. In the corners were stocks of arms, while flags, shakhs and sabers were artistically arranged on the walls. The guests were received by Major and Mrs. Humphries, Miss Humphries, Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Smith. During the evening punch was served, and later refreshments were enjoyed at the officers' quarters 73 were present, making the trip on the steamer Miller. A large orchestra furnished music.

**TEXAS RAILROAD MILEAGE.**

AUSTIN, Tex., June 28.—Engineer Thompson, of the railroad commission, has almost completed a statement of railroad mileage constructed in Texas for the first six months of this year. The total will exceed 600 miles. This breaks the record for Texas railroad building.

**SYNDICATE TO DISSOLVE.**

NEW YORK, June 28.—Notices have been sent out, according to the Tribune to the members of the Underwriting Syndicate for the 4 per cent joint bonds of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, that the syndicate will be dissolved on July 1.

**SWINDLERS ARRIVE IN LONDON.**

NEW YORK, June 28.—Twenty of the cleverest and most dangerous swindlers from America and the continent have been in London for the purpose of flexing fashionable coronation visitors, cables the London correspondent of the Herald. Recently a group of five American sharpers entered a well known West End restaurant and one of them renewed an acquaintance whom he thought he had met years ago. Later they entered a card game in their apartments in which the victim lost \$500.

His supposed friend also lost heavily but paid in checks while the victim contributed cash. He notified the police, but gang had fled. The police learned the party had separated into two parties, one of which proceeded to Paris, where a wealthy visitor was lounched to the extent of \$25,000.

**STOCKS SUFFER HEAVILY.**

NEW YORK, June 28.—Stocks suffered heavily on account of the sudden illness to the king of England, which threatened to cause withdrawals of gold, besides throwing some stocks for London account on this week's loan expansion by the banks

and additional requirements to be met for the heavy July disbursements caused anxiety as to the effect on the money market. The clear evidence of support for stocks and the advancing tendency of some of the railroads discouraged all attempts to attack the market.

**CHURCH SERVICES TODAY.**

Methodist.—Rev. Harold Oberg will preach at both morning and evening services. Subject for evening sermon "Beauty." A very cordial invitation to all.

First Lutheran, Uppertown.—There will be no preaching on account of the pastor going to spend the day in Skamokawa. The Sunday school will be held as usual at 9:30 a. m.

First Congregational.—The regular services. Theme of the morning sermon, "Self Control," topic for evening, "The Judicial Function of Conscience." A cordial welcome to all.

Baptist.—Preaching as usual at 11 a. m., and in the evening the pastor will give a report of the late annual meeting of the Baptist Association at Oregon City. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran.—Rev. Holden, who has now returned will preach in English at 10:45 a. m.

subject, "Liberty," and in Norwegian at 8 p. m. There will be no services the two following Sundays.

Presbyterian.—The usual service; at the close of the morning service the communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. In the evening the pastor will speak on a theme appropriate to the sixth anniversary of the pastorate. A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

**BIKCYCLERS' NOTICE!**

All persons owning bicycles both male and female, who intend participating in the illuminated parade on the evening of July 4 are respectfully requested to register at headquarters Monday. Illuminations will be supplied. L. E. SELIG, Secretary.

**DEMAND FOR NORMAL GRADUATES.**

The State Normal School at Monmouth reports that the demand for its graduates during the past year has been much beyond the supply. Graduation from the Normal practically assures a place worth from \$40 to \$100 per month. The students take the state examinations during the regular course and are now easily able to pass on all subjects required for state papers before graduation. The school has a well equipped training department, consisting of a nine grade town school and a typical country school.

**EAGLES' EXCURSION.**

If you want to have a good time next Sunday attend the Eagles' excursion to be given to Cathlamet and Skamokawa. The commodious steamer Hassalo has been engaged for the occasion and will leave the O. R. & N. wharf at 8 a. m. returning leave Cathlamet at 6 p. m. Tickets \$1 children between five and 12 years, half fare. All the members have tickets. Good music by the band. Everybody is going.

**SUITS OUT CLIMATE!**

The rapidly increasing use of shingles as covering for the walls of buildings, both to keep out the weather and for ornamental purposes, makes a great demand for a shingle stain which preserves the wood, prevents moss, and retains a fresh, handsome appearance. Particularly is such the case in damp climates. The need is well met in a perfect article made right here in Astoria. Cutbirth's Creosote Shingle Stains are penetrative, preservative, handsome and durable. They are put up in eight colors and every package guaranteed.

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**CANCEROUS ULCERS**

Are in many respects like other ulcers or sores, and this resemblance often proves fatal. Valuable time is lost in fruitless efforts to heal the sore with washes and salves, because the germs of Cancer that are multiplying in the blood and the new Cancer cells which are constantly developing keep up the irritation and discharge, and at last sharp shooting pains announce the approach of the eating and sloughing stage, and a hideous, sickening cancerous sore begins its destructive work.

In February, 1899, I noticed a small lump on my lower lip. The doctor cauterized it but another came and broke out into an open sore. I began to take S. S. S. and after I had taken seven bottles the place healed entirely and no signs of the disease have been seen since. W. P. Brown, Hollands, S. C.

No ulcer or sore can exist without some predisposing internal cause that has poisoned the blood, and the open discharging ulcer, or the festering sore on the lip, cheek or other part of the body will continue to spread and eat deeper into the flesh unless the blood is purified and the Cancer germs or morbid matter eliminated from the circulation.

S. S. S. cleanses the blood of all decaying effete matter. It has great antidotal and purifying properties that soon destroy the germs and poisons and restore the blood to its natural condition. And when pure blood is carried to the ulcer or sore the healing process begins, the discharge ceases and the place heals over and new skin forms. S. S. S. is a strictly vegetable blood purifier containing no mercury or minerals of any description.

If you have an ulcer or chronic sore of any kind, write us about it, medical advice will cost you nothing. Books on Cancer and other diseases of the blood will be sent free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.



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