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A GOOD OLD POEM.

If you have a friend worth loving, Love him. Yes, and let him know That you love him, ere life's evening Tinge his brow with sunset glow. Why should good words ne'er be said Of a friend till he is dead? If you hear a song that thrills you, Sung by any child of song, Praise it. Do not let the singer Wait deserved praise long. Why should one who thrills your heart Lack the joy you may impart? If you hear a prayer that moves you, By its humble, pleading tone, Join it. Do not let the seeker Bow before his God alone. Why should not your brother share The strength of "two or three" in prayer? If you see the hot tears falling From a brother's weeping eyes, Share them. And by kindly sharing Own your kinship with the skies. Why should any one be glad When a brother's heart is sad? If a silvery laugh goes rippling Through the sunshine on his face, Spare it. 'Tis the wise man's saying— For both grief and joy a place. There's health and goodness in the mirth In which an honest laugh has birth. —Selected.

DO THE WORK WELL.

Quite naturally those who buy an improvement have the privilege of selecting what they desire. If the people of Jackson street want to improve their thoroughfare with macadam it is their business more than that of anyone else.

But before they buy it might be well for the north siders to look about a little. They might take a look at East Court and West Alta streets which are macadamized. They might ascertain if the floods that come down onto Jackson street every winter would not wash out a macadam street. It might be well for them to see what is being done in other progressive towns where street work is being done. It would be well for them to get prices on both macadam and a hard surface street so as to see how they compare when durability is considered. If they take macadam merely because it is cheap they may become sorry of their bargain. The macadam streets we have are not good in the winter time.

It is the belief of the East Oregonian that Mayor Matlock's suggestion for a hard surface street with wide parking is a good one for north siders to take up with. The mayor has had occasion to learn much regarding the subject of street improvements. He has traveled extensively and observed what has been done elsewhere and the results secured. As a property owner he has given pretty close attention to the subject of street improvement and he will be the man most heavily taxed if his plan for a hard surface driveway on the north side is carried out. He should be a safe adviser in this instance.

EFFICIENCY FIRST.

This paper has often set forth the idea that in the selection of public officials requiring technical fitness, efficiency should count for more than geography. It seems this idea now prevails in the city of Schenectady,

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N. Y. The Evening Telegram of Portland offers the following comment upon the way the little New York town has buckled on the armor of municipal reform: The newly elected mayor of Schenectady has taken matters into his own hands to a great extent, and following, in a way, the Lockport plan of city government, he is proceeding to fill the offices which require technical ability with the best men he can hire for the salary which the city pays. The prime requisite is that the men employed shall be efficient, shall be expert, if experts can be procured for the price. If such men happen to reside in Schenectady, all well and good; if they do not, that is no bar. The best man for the place is the principle adhered to. It is a business principle, and the people of that York-State city expect that it will give them business results.

Schenectady is not a large nor an important city, but the value of the experiment it is trying is not to be discounted because of that. The primary principles of mechanics are operative in the complex as they are in the simpler mechanics. That principle also applies to the machinery of municipal government. Results, good and efficient results are what are desired in municipal administration. To get the best results the best men must be employed, just as one expects to get the best results from his business by identifying the same policy. The Schenectady experiment is the farthest step in city management, and its working out will be a matter of interest in the cause of better municipal government throughout the country.

A PARDONABLE STEP.

There are many patriotic people who look with disfavor on the imperialistic idea and do not want Uncle Sam to go too strong in the role of policeman of the western hemisphere. It is a role that may bring on much trouble and expense.

Few will object, however, to the use by our government of its moral influence towards inducing South American governments to clean up their cities so as to stop disease. Not long ago an American naval officer died at Guayaquil from the effects of yellow fever contracted while his yacht was down there protecting American interests during a revolution.

Soon after the Washington authorities had been notified of the occurrence and the conditions down there a cablegram was sent to Ecuador saying that unless the port was cleaned up a quarantine would be established against it. It was set forth that such a step would be necessary for the protection of the forces working on the Panama canal who are kept free from disease only by means of the most rigid sanitary regulations.

This government has no call to mix up in the internal affairs of sister republics of the western hemisphere but it does have an unbounded right to stop commerce between this coun-

try and a port that is so poorly governed as to become a plague spot and a source of danger to others.

KEEP THE CITY FREE.

The city should not tie itself up by making long contracts with the Pacific Power & Light company. Private patrons of the company do not have to make long contracts in order to get electricity. Neither should the city be required to do so. The city uses almost \$8000 worth of electricity a year. It is a good customer and should be treated with much consideration by the electric corporation. It should be able to get electricity without obligating itself for a long period. It is possible that Douglas Belts, Fred Walters or someone else may want to negotiate with the city within a year or so and Pendleton should keep itself free to welcome competition should it come.

Pendleton has an immense amount of building work on hand for the coming summer and this fact together with the indications for a good crop make the local outlook bright indeed. Considering the fact general business conditions over the country are quiet Pendleton is in a splendid condition.

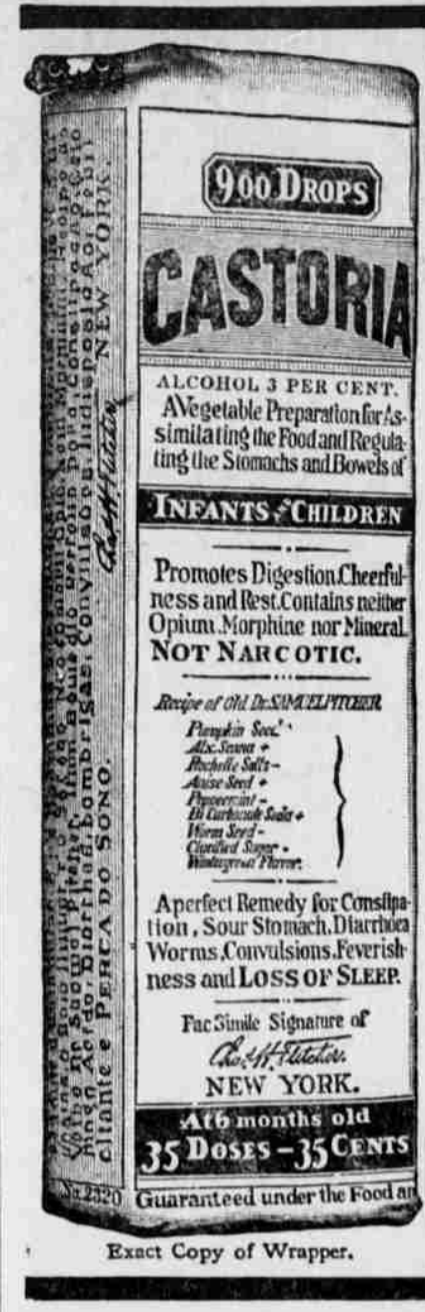
Should Jackson street be given a hard surface paving with parking on each side there would be an end to the dust tornadoes that arise on the north side every time an auto scoots along that thoroughfare in the dry season.

BREAKING INTO GOOD SOCIETY.

The old lady who after reading Dr. Johnson's dictionary from title page to colophon found it a very interesting book but lacking in continuity and connection, stated the character of dictionaries in general. Still she was doubtless wiser at the finish than at the start and in most cases a similar course of reading would produce a like result. To a rather undue extent people appropriate their vocabularies from the speech of others or from desultory reading. This is a rather haphazard way of acquiring the proper methods or terms of expression, to say nothing of the formation of style. It is dangerous unless carefully balanced and steered by authority.

The dictionary is not only a very interesting book, but next to the Bible it should be the one in the library most frequently consulted. Like the Bible, it is usually the one that receives the least attention. In these days, when modern teaching methods turn out so many poor spellers, it no doubt invites frequent reference for the correction of orthographical deficiencies, but that is only one and the slightest of its functions. It belittles its dignity to make it take the place of the old spelling book. Many mines of learning have been explored and exploited to furnish the information that it has to give.

How grudgingly some words are admitted into good verbal society. But if they possess inherent usefulness they will in good time win their way. Take the verb "to swipe" for instance. It has had an unquestioned place and an accepted meaning for a long time, but only the very latest editions recognize its most recent and best application, and that apologetically by following it with "slang" in brackets. Yet there is perhaps no



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other word in the language that seems to so perfectly describe theft by snatching and sneaking. Ten years hence the "slang" and the brackets will disappear. In the class due to slovenliness is "replica." It means the

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