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### NEATEST PREMISES.

Who Has the Neatest All Around Looking Yard in City.

Appropos of our city's clean-up day, which Mayor Craven has named in his proclamation for tomorrow, the Itemizer is wondering who on next Saturday will have the cleanest looking premises in town, and is willing to spend several years subscription to find out. We will give a five year paid up subscription to this paper to the party who is so adjudged and supplement it with a three years' subscription to the party who is second best. We will not decide the matter ourselves, but will leave it to the committee of ten ladies whom President Muir appointed to assist the city council and commercial club in the way of making our city more sanitary and better looking. Alderman Fuller and Dr. Starbuck have kindly donated their autos for Saturday in order that the ladies mentioned may make their inspection and decide who is entitled to the Itemizer free for a term of years.

It is not our aim to give the prize to someone having a fine mansion and beautiful grounds, but rather to the small householder who has his or her place well kept and free from everything unsightly. In this way all have an equal chance and none are debarred.

### Grangers Meet at Lawen.

Lawen, Oregon, July 5, 1911.  
Editor of the Itemizer:  
The first picnic ever held in the Harney Valley by the Grange, was held at Lawen, July 4. The members of the Valley View Grange are mostly people who came here from Polk county and are very enthusiastic over the prospects of their country. There were several Dallas people present, among them were O. H. Cobb, Will Cobb and wife, Mrs. Luper, George Cobb and wife, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Annie Embree, Miss Viola Cobb, Miss Hazel Cobb, Harold Sellers, Clyde and Van Embree, Herman Ruh and family, Mr. Walters and wife of McMinnville. The program was well rendered and gave good satisfaction to those present. Miss Hazel Cobb acted as organist and gave a reading which was highly appreciated. Miss Viola Cobb was leading singer in the choir. Mr. Walters, Will Cobb and George Cobb took part in the first ball game ever played in Lawen, and the boys played like veterans. The people present enjoyed the fine basket dinner and it was a great reunion of Polk countyites and a reminder of the good old times in Dallas.

Yours respectfully,  
CLYDE EMBREE.

### Was in the Holdup.

Mr. L. C. Koser was a Dallas visitor Tuesday, and tells us he was in the famous holdup at Cow Creek Canyon three weeks ago. Mr. Koser had been to attend a G. A. R. convention at Ashland, and was on his way back to Roseburg to pay a visit to the Soldiers' Home. He was in the smoker close to the door, and two men entered unmasked, with large revolvers, covering all in the car. He slipped one purse away, but they got his wallet, containing about \$65. He has no particular kick coming as those guns looked awful big, but regrets that he did not wait until a later train, out of Ashland, as he came very nearly doing.

### WHEN THE "MAN" FORGOT

Hey, hol' what's the commotion At Deacon Bingley's house So early in the morning, Sh-h-h, hear him say, "the deuce!" 'Tis surely something awful That's happened there I know, Just hear the children crying— It's time for me to go.  
For here comes the deacon now A-mumbling spagy-like, "I'll fix that pesky feller! As sure's his name is Mike!" See how he looks 'round the yard And gazes up the street— The jig is up, he's hailed ME, I guess we'll have to meet!  
But look! his face is smiling, This sure seems strange to me, His hand extends in greeting And he says pleasantly, "Lend me your ITEMIZER, Or I'll buy it complete, The carrier who brings ours Left out the FUNNY SHEET!"

### A CRITICISM.

Ed. Itemizer:  
With your permission, I wish to object to a statement in your last issue, by a party who desires to be known to the community as "One who read the paper."

I am not surprised that he does not want to be more specifically known, though he is very anxious that his wonderful literary effort should occupy a conspicuous place in the Itemizer. We all agree with him that ye editor is all right and we have no desire for any change. Also that anyone has a perfect right to criticize the manner in which the parties edited the paper, so long as that criticism is truthful. But when anyone by innuendo, misrepresentation, using epithets and nicknames, seeks to cast a slur upon a very large and respectable element in the community, they certainly violate the law of courtesy and good breeding that should govern us in our daily life.

From the party's point of view it seems the paper was made up about some people that he calls "Campbellites." Well, now, Mr. Editor, I read that issue through very carefully, but for the life of me I could not find a word about a "Campbellite." Possibly advanced age has dulled my perceptive faculties until I cannot see as readily as "One who read the paper," but after reading Mr. Roosevelt's splendid address I thought maybe "Teddy" might be one, as he has the reputation for most anything unusual. Of course everyone understands by "Campbellite" reference is made to the Christian church, but anyone using this term in such manner is either woefully ignorant or willfully malicious.

Very Respectfully,  
R. L. DASHIELL,  
An Elder in Christian Church.

### Likes Polk News.

Dupont, Wash., July 6, 1911.

Ed. Itemizer,  
Enclosed find one dollar and fifty cents, for one year subscription for the Polk County Itemizer. I do not wish to stop the paper, as it is a pleasure to read the Polk county news in around Dallas—it's old home town, where I spent most of my childhood. Mrs. Ann V. Kersey is my school mate.

As some of the good people of Dallas are wondering what to call their summer homes, why not name it Villa Rainier, after our grand snow-capped peak— the pride of Washington. I live in full view of the peak.  
Yours respectfully,  
LEARNY G. MARTIN.

### CLEAN UP DAY.

Mayor Craven Names July 14th as Time for Dallas to Make Good.

To the citizens of Dallas:  
At the request of the city council, the commercial club and other interested citizens, I hereby name Friday, July 14th, as a general Cleanup Day for the city of Dallas, and personally and on behalf of these organizations particularly request that every citizen assist in making this day one to be remembered as a means of preserving the health and beauty of our town.

Besides the removal of trash and debris from all premises, I would particularly request that all grass be cut and taken away from park strips and lots, and that all China lettuce and thistles be thoroughly eradicated. The killing of the two latter pests is a state law, and both individuals and the city is liable to heavy fines for leaving them to grow and spread.  
Let us all work together to make this a genuine Cleanup Day in every sense of the word, thus beautifying our own properties, preserving the health of our city, and showing us up to strangers in a good light.

J. R. CRAVEN,  
Mayor.

### Printing Done Right.

There is no better equipped job office in the Willamette valley than that of the Itemizer, and we can turn out work cheaply and as good as anyone on short notice.

### Many Thanks.

Friends and neighbors, I wish to thank you for the votes that you gave me on the piano at Allen Bros.' store.—Jessie Townsend.

### CONTRACT LET.

Work on Bridgeport Spur to Commence Last of Week.

We are informed by Mr. S. B. Taylor, constructing engineer for the Salem, Falls City and Western Railway, that the contract has been awarded for the laying of the spur track to connect with the Portland cement company's rock quarry near Oakdale. Allie Teal was the successful bidder for the grading, and he was obligated to commence work within five days of the letting of the contract last Monday. While in Portland the first of the week Mr. Taylor learned the Oswego, Dallas and Roseburg railway company has been organized and will be incorporated for the purpose of building roads to their several properties, and that as far as their lines extend they will become common carriers, such being their purpose on the local line as soon as it is completed. This will give them the right to enter court for condemnation proceedings when too exorbitant prices are placed on land.

Mr. Taylor will have charge of the construction of the spur in the capacity of civil engineer, and knows of no reason why the road will not be pushed to completion as soon as possible. The building of a road from Bridgeport to the quarry will be no extra hard engineering feat, presenting no difficulties of that sort but what can be easily and cheaply surmounted. It will tap a rich section of country, and prove of great value to all in that region, assisting materially in the cutting up of the large farms. Mr. Taylor went out to look at the cement plant while in Portland, and says they are going ahead as rapidly as possible in the construction of the buildings, and that when completed they will be something for Oswego to be proud of, and a house a plant that for development purposes will have no equal in the Northwest.

### MOTHER DEAD, BABES DYING.

Baker Family, on Way to New Home, Broken by Death.

Morris Baker, 12 years old, and Hester Baker, aged 9, are dying in a hospital at The Dalles from burns received in a wreck on the Oregon Trunk railroad near Sherar's Bridge Monday. Mrs. C. H. Baker, mother of the children, died from injuries received in the wreck Tuesday night. C. H. Baker, the father, will recover.

The Baker family was on its way to Redmond, Or., where Mr. Baker had recently purchased a new home. Following the auctioning of their household goods last Saturday, friends in Sheridan attempted to persuade the Bakers to remain there until Tuesday, but they were eager to go to their new home in Redmond and left Sheridan on the ill-fated train Monday.

Claude and Leo Baker, sons of C. H. Baker, received word of the accident Tuesday, and left immediately for The Dalles, Oregonian.

### A CIVIC LEAGUE.

Meeting Called for Organization Next Tuesday.

That the good work done by a cleanup day is not going to be allowed to lapse is evidenced by the calling of a meeting for the organization of a civic improvement league at the home of Mrs. J. G. VanOrsdel, next Tuesday afternoon. This, we suppose, is to be a lady organization, and we would that it were such. They can do more in such work than all the men and organizations in the town put together. Let the good work go on.

### PROGRAM OF SERVICES

Of Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday, July 16, 1911:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m., Preaching by the pastor; topic, "Old Testament Church."  
7:00 p. m., Epworth League.  
8:00 p. m., Preaching by the pastor; topic, "The School of Life."

Thursday evening prayer services are of increasing interest. Music of a high order at the Sunday services. Everybody welcome and invited to attend.  
GEO. F. HOPKINS,  
Pastor.

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## THE BRAIN-----THE NERVES-----THE FOOT

The nerves are the most delicate and least understood part of the human system.

They telegraph to the brain every trifling irritation.

You touch your finger to a red-hot stove—the nerves telegraph to the brain that it hurts, and the brain telegraphs back, "take your finger off the stove."

The brain telegraphs this answer because it has been educated to know what to telegraph.

You have noticed how utterly miserable you have felt after wearing a tight-fitting or poorly made boot for only an hour.

The entire nervous system was at a high tension, sending a continuous message to the brain, crying for relief.

A trifling irritation on the foot is intensified many fold, because your whole weight bears down upon it.

This is a serious matter, because the nerves concentrate on that point. It disquiets the nerves, makes the body ache all over, and you cannot do good thinking or good work.

It is the same principle of nerve shattering that created a favorite means of torture during the days of the inquisition—water, allowed to drip slowly upon a small spot on the head, drove men violently insane in an incredibly short time.

It may be a lump of wax, a wrinkle in the lining, or the almost invisible point of a tack, or a ridge of raised stitches.

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In QUEEN QUALITY SHOES the inner soles are smooth, the stitches are all underneath and outside, instead of right through the sole, as in machine sewed shoes.

They fit better, because made on finer shapes—in more sizes and many widths—and are lasted better, with the "stretch" taken out of the leather.

If your feet are telegraphing now—this minute—that they want relief—come to us and let us start you right.

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