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GOOD ROADS.

It requires no argument to convince any sane man that one of the imperative needs of Morrow county is better roads. Our people have so long accustomed themselves to the use of stock trails that the value of good wagon roads to the community has not been duly considered. A good, reliable public highway enhances the value of all adjacent real estate, and as an investment yields larger returns to the county and municipality than any other public enterprise. Morrow County roads have been sadly neglected in the past. We don't know whose fault it is, neither does it matter. We can safely charge it up to the account of general apathy and a lack of systematic road working. But the time is at hand when we should give this subject more careful consideration, take a broader view of the situation and plan and work for the future as well as the present. Our roads at the present are mostly mere makeshifts and fill the "tenderfoot," who has been accustomed all his life to well graded and macadamized pikes, with terror when he thinks of a drive over their uneven, rocky and crooked surfaces. Some of the principal thoroughfares should receive immediate attention.

Every one in the county must occasionally visit the county seat. They not only have business with the county officials, but it is the terminus of the Heppner branch of the O. R. & N. and the most important trading point in the county. These things duly considered, it would appear good business sense on the part of the citizens of Heppner to urge, and the people of the county at large to demand that the roads entering the county capital should be placed in the best possible condition for any kind of wagon traffic. The road entering the city from the south, over which passes all the travel to and from Hardman and Eight Mile and the regions beyond to the south and west, is especially deserving of attention. This is particularly true respecting that portion of it lying within the city limits from May street south.

It is our conviction that our best efforts should be concentrated upon this one piece of work until a good firm road bed of at least 39 feet in width and easy grade is built to the top of the hill on the road to Hardman.

THAT CHRONIC KICKER.

If there is one character more despicable than anybody else it is the chronic kicker and growler. There are men who seem to have been born with a grudge and appear to labor under the hallucination that they were especially endowed by Providence to snarl and kick at everything in their reach. They kick the country, its climate, its soil, its conformation and its products. There is nothing in it or about it that is as it should be. They kick the farmers as a lot of ignorant, thriftless and non-progressive boobies, except such as have amassed considerable wealth and are prosperous, and then they turn and kick them as a set of knaves and scoundrels because of their thrift. They kick the town and its people. Nothing is made right or done right. Its business men are back numbers; its public enterprises are unnecessary and uncalled for and are doomed to failure; its schools and churches and benevolent and charitable institutions are of the lowest order, and those connected with them are either mercenaries or hypocrites.

The kicker's business is to kick and he kicks. He is onto his job and he stays with it. He stands around upon the sidewalk, or sits on the curb, or lounges about the stores, the hotel lobby or the saloon and late and early toots his horn. He seldom has a good word for any-

thing or anybody. With him Uncle Sam is going to the bow wows; the State of Oregon is overestimated; Morrow County has no future and its towns are already dead—only waiting the offices of the undertaker to put them out of sight forever.

We have all seen some of these fellows, for they are with us, if they are not for us. They seem to be sorry they are here, they regard it as a great misfortune. In this at least, they are right. None of us would shed tears of sorrow at their departure and since there is such a unanimity of feeling on the subject we suggest that all such would confer a lasting benediction upon the community by packing their grip and taking the first train out. Meantime let every good citizen

not kick, but BOOST!

SOME PRIMARY NEEDS.

While working for a greater Morrow County, let us not forget the prime necessity of making the towns appear clean and attractive. The neat, tidy appearance of the streets, public buildings and residence property, is a sure index to the public spirit and thrift of its people. Mud-dy or dusty streets, broken, dilapidated board sidewalks and crossings, and out of date, ragged, old wooden awnings or porches in front of business houses, give the visitor the impression that he has wandered into an old deserted mining town, or a third rate country village. When you invite your friends to visit you in your home you give some special care to your personal appearance. You at least wash your face, put on a clean collar and carefully adjust your tie. Your personal appearance counts for hospitality. What is true in the case of the individual, is true of the community or city. Get to work. Do something. Don't kick but BOOST!

The Washington state papers are rejoicing over the fact that the population of the Evergreen state has risen to 1,141,000, which will entitle them to two additional representatives in the National Congress. The official figures issued by the census bureau show an increase of 623,887 since 1900. In 1900 the population was only 519,103. This is certainly a wonderful growth, being over 120 per cent. Washington now ranks as the thirtieth in population of the states of the Union, and its development has only begun. In the last decade Washington has forged ahead of Maine, Connecticut, Colorado and Florida.

Oregon will shortly exploit its great caves in Josephine county, which have recently been set aside as a national reservation. Moreover, the Government will place these caves in charge of a caretaker who will put a stop to the practice of careless tourists who invade the caves and destroy the beauty of some of the rock formations in their search for curios. These caves are said to be far superior to the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky.

If there is a lawyer in Oregon who knows just what the constitution of the state now is we have not heard from him—in print. But those who formulated the late amendments can settle the matter by giving us a few more of the same sort at the next election. "Every man his own constitution maker," is the axiom under our present laws.—The Dalles Optimist.

A Woman's Great Idea

is how to make herself attractive. But, without health, it is hard for her to be lovely in face, form or temper. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation and Kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion, good health. Try them. 50c. at all druggists.

Announcement.

Minor & Co announce the closing of the UPTON PIANO CONTEST, Saturday Evening, Dec. 24th. All votes must be in by 9 o'clock p. m. Just a few more days in which to secure votes.

As a special inducement to holiday shoppers they are giving double the amount of tickets on every purchase.

You Must Read This if You Want the Benefit.

J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago. "The pains were so intense I was forced to hypodermic injections for relief. These attacks started with a pain in the small of my back which gradually became fairly paralyzing. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say after using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old enemy lumbago."

Glee Club Boys Joymakers

Leave it to college boys to furnish something funny and original.

The feature stunt of the University of Oregon Glee Club this year is entitled "The Glee Club in Dope Center." It scintillates with funny song and good humor.

The principals in this are Melvin P. Oaden, of Portland, president of the Club; Tom Burk, of Baker City; and Vernon Vawter, of Medford. All three are old men and won no little credit for their work on the club last year. In this act are introduced Messrs. Curtis and Geisler, the "Fratel Twins," in song and dance, Frazier in solo, and the "Hungry Six," a German band, which renders several familiar ditties in characteristic German style.

The popularity of Oregon students will insure the club an enthusiastic and cordial reception when they appear here at Roberts Hall, December, 20.

J. A. Brown has disposed of his Black Horse ranch to J. D. Moyer, the latter has taken charge of the farm. Mr. Brown has moved to Heppner with his family for the present, and is somewhat undecided as to what he will do in the immediate future. Mr. Moyer has made success of farming on a small scale, and we trust he will succeed on this farm as it is one of the best in the county.

Saturday Dec 24th is the closing day for the Upton Piano contest, at Minor & Co's.

Buy Carving Sets for Christmas at Gilliam & Bisbees.

Prof. Roberts, instructor of music in Heppner High School, departed yesterday morning for his home at Salem. It is reported he will no return.

Aluminum Percolators and Ball Tea Pots at Gilliam & Bisbees.

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Furnished Rooms.

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Who'll be the lucky one? Minor & Co. will close their Piano contest Saturday evening Dec 24th. Be sure your name is on every ticket.

COMING!

University of Oregon GLEE and MANDOLIN CLUBS

Fourteenth Annual Tour—Under Direction of Prof. I. M. Glen, Dean of the U. of O. School of Music.

40 College Men 40

Roberts Hall

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 20th

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS

for backache, rheumatism, kidney or bladder trouble, and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills purify the blood, restore lost vitality and vigor. Refuse substitutes.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 5th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that RESSIE G. DYKSTRA, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on June 30th, 1909, made Homestead Application, No. 06702, for 8 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 28th day of January, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: George W. Dykstra, J. H. Carmichael, Louis Groshens, and A. W. Dykstra, all of Heppner, Oregon. ds j12. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 1st, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM B. TUCKER, of Heppner, Oregon, who on December 3rd, 1904 made Homestead, No 14024, Serial, No. 03405, for 8 1/2 S. E. 1/4, Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, U. S. Commissioner at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 17th day of January, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: Henry Stowers and T. M. Scott of Lexington, Oregon, and Frank Wilkins and R. J. Snyder of Heppner, Oregon. ds j12. C. W. MOORE, Register.