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EDITORIAL

THE INFLUENCE OF THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

The Dufur Dispatch, the local paper of one of the best towns in the state, reached us this week for the first time in many months. Its local columns brought to mind many tender recollections of bygone days. In fancy we again see ourself a stranger in a strange land, an overgrown lad of fifteen summers, just arrived in the country where the sun would shine the brightest and all the world seem glad, where the money didn't make the man nor society frown down the youthful attempt to reach higher things.

How well we remember the day, June 15, 1885, a beautiful summer morning, when after twenty days of almost continuous travel we arrived at The Dalles, and then the ride to Dufur with Abe Mowry behind a spanking good team. Abe was none too careful in those days how he drove, and several times going down the then steep but shorter grades on Five Mile, Eight Mile, etc., did the youthful capillary substance arise and touch the crown of the felt. But we arrived at Dufur all right. There were 'nt very many there. Geo. and H. Johnson had just taken over the old Williams stock. Ed. Bohna was running a blacksmith shop and across the creek was the Fifteen-Mile House run by A. J. Dufur and his wife. These with two or three residences, the Heister store and the schoolhouse made up the sum total of Dufur. A trip up the creek brought us to our destination at Mrs. Ingraham's, adjoining the W. H. H. Dufur place.

It didn't take long to get acquainted in those days and soon we knew nearly everybody in the country. Hence when we read the old names in the items in the Dispatch from Ramsey, Rail Hollow, Tamarack, Center Ridge, Tygh Ridge, Tygh, The Flat, Wamic, Boyd, Eight Mile, Kingsley, Friend, Nansene, and other places too numerous to mention, we couldn't help saying with others, "How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood, When fond recollection presents them to view. The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood. And every loved spot which my infancy knew."

We remember also very distinctly when, nearly thirteen years ago now, the first copy of the Dispatch arrived. How proud we were of it. It told about all of the doings in the neighborhoods around, the dances, the socials, sleigh rides and fishing parties, the trips to the mountains, and the trips to the county

seat for the little document that meant so much to the blushing but loving couple who, after many happy times together, had decided that it would be easier to travel life's road together. Then, too, there were the words of love and sympathy, upon the death of some dear one, from the pen of the man who was in touch with community life as only a country editor can be. How touchingly and sweetly he spake words of consolation and sympathy for the bereaved ones of those who had gone before.

And so the Dispatch came to be a part of the vital life of the community. It shared in its joys and its sorrows, ever loyal, ever ready to share its burdens, ever watchful of its interests. The writer left as it were the home nest, wandered around some it is true, but was always interested in the old home life and the paper that meant and still means so much to the community it has served so well.

Now we are trying to do for others, through the columns of our own paper, what the Dispatch has done for us. The same feelings we have had doubtless fill the heart and mind of some wanderer who now reads The Herald.

Thus it happens that the country weekly becomes a part of us, even when we least think of it, and at last we find ourselves looking, longing for the dear old home weekly that shall bring to us the news of the friends who are still near and dear to us.

Editor Reed is giving his people a splendid paper and one that is doubtless appreciated.

A WORD OF WARNING

If a mother persist on eating the crusts, building the fires, taking the butt end of every household responsibility and wearing old clothes, she may keep on doing it to the end, with little thanks and probably, finally, the realization that she has fostered selfish and unlovely traits in her family. Her daughters will in their turn make poorer wives and mothers, her sons more selfish and thoughtless husbands for never having been taught to consider her comfort sometimes before their own. She should train her children, boys as well as girls, to be helpful and handy; and let even father take an occasional turn at the household mill, then he will learn which bearings are stiff and need oiling with some new conveniences and not allow the family to get the idea that she is so wedded to the daily round of household tasks that she is never willing to lay down the broom and dishcloth.—The Housewife.

Consult "Want Column" for bargains.

THE NORMAL QUESTION.

No good and useful purpose is served at this time by quarreling over who was responsible for the defeat of the Monmouth and Drain Normal School appropriations. One thing is certain, the Ashland and Weston schools were handsomely provided for, and the Monmouth and Drain institutions were left out in the cold. This result was all brought about by the scheming of a lot of cheap politicians at Salem, without particular regard to the wishes of the people or interest in the educational needs of the state. The proper way to settle the Normal school question is to put the four schools squarely upon their merits before the people and let the voters decide which shall be retained and which abolished. This course will take the Normal schools out of politics and settle the question for all time to come.—Polk County Observer.

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Just a word to the real estate men of Oregon. Give the homeseeker the glad hand and show him what you have for sale. But for the sake of the good name of Oregon, don't assume the roll of the detestable knocker if you fail to make a sale, and he falls into the hands of your competitor. This grouchy attitude, which seems to have an abnormal growth among real estate dealers, only tends to bring the business into disrepute and to disgust the homeseeker as well, and it is little wonder that so many people fight shy of the real estate office.—Newberg Graphic.

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We hope our folks will not forget when meeting a stranger on the street, or on the car, that he may be from the East. At any rate give him a cordial welcome to Oregon. Tell him of the good things to be found here, how we are growing, the beautiful climate, the water, and, well, tell him that this is God's own country and he will do well to stay here. But above all, don't discourage him.

The death of the laborer at Troutdale last week, hastened doubtless by lack of proper care, which could only have been secured at a hospital and which was denied because of the red tape of our present County Court system, causes one to think that the quicker these annoying and sometimes disastrous delays are removed in such cases the better for a community claiming to be civilized.

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