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EDITORIAL COMMENT

ANOTHER movement is about to be tried out at Lents looking to incorporation. There has always been an element down there that had more lungs than judgment. Lents can't even get up a respectable push club and keep it alive more than one or two meetings and how would she ever elect a council that would stick to its job? They would get tired of it, or neglect the routine work or some one of the head guys would use such poor financeering skill that the town would either go bankrupt, die or neglect or prove too much of a burden for the fellows who usually get to the front down there.

THIS is the busiest day of a busy season, but can we not spare one half day that we may meet and compare our products. We have here a wonderful fruit country, and what we need above everything else is to convince ourselves of our possibilities, get to work developing the fruit-growing opportunities that surround us and the fortune of this section of the state is made. Come out to the Cherry Festival Saturday and see what your neighbor can do, what you could do if you half tried and what might be done on every acre of ground in the Sandy Valley. Crops are all looking fine and a day spent talking over our fruit and other interests will more than recompense you for all that you lose by having so spent your time.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Fair Association has been called for Saturday at 2 p. m. in the exhibit building. Come in and tell the directors how you think the Fair should be conducted this year and give them any other advice that you can. Don't fail to come.

THERE has been considerable talk of local normal instruction to take the place of the state normal schools. The main idea that would underlie such a theory would be that the local school would be supported at local expense and if some districts did not care to encourage such a luxury they can leave it out and let their neighbors bear the burden of producing the teachers for the state. In the first place the plan of state support for schools of this nature is by far the most economical in that the expense of teachers is reduced to a minimum. No one teacher in a local normal could cover all the necessary branches that would need to be taught. A half dozen teachers in every high school, devoting themselves to pedagogical instruction, would be impossible and any less than that would mean insufficient instruction. The expense of supplying sufficient reference libraries in local normals is out of the question. It costs money to furnish libraries and they are absolute necessities to the developing teacher. A graduate teacher without the expansion of mind produced by extensive reading might as well be a plaster cast. Our limitations are bad enough at best and when we try to give a liberal education and confine our pupils to text books would be an error that time only would be able to disclose. We have too many "graduates" now that prove themselves to be no better qualified to dignify the positions they are supposed to have attained than if they had not attempted it. Besides that the producing of normal graduates from local schools would lower the standard of all educational effort. The holding of a diploma would become a trivial matter and the quality of teachers produced would justify the view. Then there is an advantage comes from separating the student from home surroundings, placing him in a new locality, meeting new acquaintances, obtaining ideas of life that would never be obtained at home, and the securing of an educational standard that gives them some assurance when they enter the field of education themselves. Above all this, we have had too many normals already. Everyone knows that. The proposed plan of creating normal departments in local schools would only increase the number. Let us do away with this nonsense and get down to sense and economy in expense and results.

The Herald acknowledges the opportunity offered by H. L. St. Clair to sample a couple of boxes of his fine homegrown raspberries. St. Clair is not only a good printer (in every way) but he is getting to be quite a gardener.

If anyone doubts that we can grow potatoes in this corner of creation, let him come out and see for himself. They never looked better anywhere.

ARE you a Democrat? How do you know you are a Democrat? Perhaps you are a Republican, but are you sure you are a Republican? In former years a man had little trouble in deciding for he was either for or against something and that something was usually embodied in a party platform and was established doctrine. But the Civil War decided that some of the old school doctrines were false. On the other hand the opponents of local sovereignty have so often sustained the principle of state sovereignty that the first great distinction between the Democrat and Republican has disappeared. Then the old outcry against national expenditure for local public improvements is forgotten. There remains, at least presumably, one distinction—the tariff distinction; tariff for revenue for the Democrats; protective rates for the manufacturing lords, by the Republicans. But we find our Democratic senator from Oregon favoring a high tax on imported woollens, to protect the Oregon sheepgrower while Ben Tillman of South Carolina is talking up a tax on tea. These are fast fading destructionists. Perhaps it is well. In a few decades, let us hope, party will be forgotten and we will vote for good men, men who are at least competent.

When anyone says that he has been overcharged in Seattle for rooms or meals, it is just as well to inquire for particulars. Where did he sleep and where did he eat? For months the Chamber of Commerce Bureau has been listing rooms in various parts of the city and is prepared to give directions and to place visitors according to their tastes. Of course one may go to the downtown hotels and pay the downtown prices. These have not been increased since the opening of the Exposition. But many visitors do not want to live in the business district, preferring to get up on the hills where hotels are just as good and in many ways more moderate in terms. Given the high, fresh of Queen Anne Hill, for instance, with its widespread view over the harbor and Puget Sound and beautiful Kinnear Park at the door, and such places as the Chelsea and others in the neighborhood will attract and hold many visitors. The people coming to Seattle want to see the Exposition, but at the same time they want to be comfortably and reasonably taken care of and to be within easy distance of the grounds. There are ample accommodations for all such, and anyone who has been a guest at one of these residence district hotels will confirm the assertion that the visitor will find modest prices with the best sort of surroundings and service.

Special arrangements have been made whereby all the exhibits in the livestock show at the Seattle fair will be displayed in Portland the third week in September during the show of the Portland Fair and Livestock Association. This will mean a show of pure bred stock in horse, cattle, sheep and swine divisions greater by far than has ever been seen in the state. The exhibit will show the great strides of the livestock industry in the Pacific Northwest during recent years. The annual show of the Portland Fair and Livestock Association will last from September 20 to 25th and the State Fair entries will be on display as well as the cream from the show at Seattle. "We had at least \$1,000,000 worth of stock here last year," said Secretary Wisdom of the association, "but applications from stock farms of the Coast, Middle West and Canada already received make it certain we shall have more than \$1,500,000 worth of the finest stock the breeders of America produce. It will be possible to arrange for a great deal more comprehensive display this year for the expense of shipping exhibits from a distance will be minimized and distributed between Portland, Salem and Seattle."

There never was a town that advanced very rapidly along the line of material growth in which its citizens did not pull together. It takes a harmonious effort to accomplish anything in town-building, and whenever this is lacking there is small chance of that locality developing to its full size.

Gresham's Cherry Festival is already being talked about and discussed by newspapers over the state. Don't get it into your head that it is an insignificant affair that will never amount to much. The Gresham Annual Cherry Festival has come to stay. It is your duty to join those who are pushing this movement along.

Little Earl Anderson snuffed a coffee bean up his nose yesterday, causing a lot of trouble for himself and family. Folger's Golden Gate Coffee is enjoyed more when used as a beverage.

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THAT WATCH OF YOURS has needs just as much as you have. You need cleaning and fixing up once in a while, and so does your watch. About once a year the proposition of cleaning and oiling that watch comes up. It's then that you want to think of me. The treatment accorded a watch is just the same whether it is the best or the poorest make—that is, the best attention is given it. FLOEA is an expert in handling watches. Let him fix up your timepiece.

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