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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

To the editor of the Tidings:
 I have lived in Ashland nearly fifteen years and have heard all kinds of knocking against the improvements being made in our city, from the extension of the sewerage system out the Boulevard (which some people said would ruin the town) down to the last improvements that have been made; but the argument put forth in an article appearing in the columns of your paper, that a "tourists' hotel" would endanger the morals of the young people of Ashland, caps the climax.
 About two centuries after the writing of "Esop's Fables," lived a great and good philosopher, Socrates. His special work was to break down prejudices, to show people their ignorance, to expose fallacies. He believed in the good, the beautiful, and the true. His writings contain food for thought at the present time; but he was given the fatal cup of hemlock because his teachings were thought by the people in those days to corrupt the youth.
 Then shall Ashland commercialize her mineral waters, exploit the beautiful scenery and luscious fruit? Shall the Civic Improvement club continue to try and make Ashland the best home town in Southern Oregon? Or shall her people be so afraid of coming into contact with some one not morally as good as we profess to be? (Ashland does not have monopoly of all the morality in the world.) Crawl into our shell and give Ashland the fatal cup of hemlock?
 We have had the tourists here for the past few years, and I know the young people have not suffered morally for having come in contact with people from the outside world.
 A few years ago the representatives of a canning company came to Ashland for the purpose of establishing a cannery; but some of our citizens said, "O, no, we have a cannery (which was a small affair). This company established a cannery elsewhere. Today Ashland has no cannery, and one has only to take a stroll through the fruit districts to see the thousands of dollars worth of fruit going to waste on the ground. I am the wife of an orchardist and would like to see a cannery or dehydrating plant established, but I would not knock any move being made for a "Greater Ashland."
 This lady mentions several health resorts where she has been and speaks of "the few undesirables who

came there, but she failed to mention the thousands of desirable people who live there, and other thousands of desirable people who come there yearly. Christ's mission on earth was to SEEK and save that which was lost, and he mingled with the publican and sinner. Then shall his disciples build a wall around themselves and hold aloof from the sinner? Alas! that is the trouble with some of the churches today.
 Evangeline Booth has stated that a large per cent of the unfortunates brought to the "Rescue Home" in New York City were girls reared in the small towns. Perhaps the reason for this is that every small town invariably has its quota of "village gossips" and many an innocent girl is branded by their fiery tongues and started on the downward path. "God made the country, man made the city and the devil has the small town."
 Then let Ashland awake from her Rip Van Winkle sleep, and grow and grow until the beautiful hills and valley are dotted with homes of happy, contented people. Let Ashland have a "tourist hotel," not for the dollars and cents it will bring, but for the benefit her people will receive from coming in contact with people who will broaden their vision and enlarge their ideas. Although a few undesirables may come, there will be thousands of the desirables.
 AN ASHLAND MOTHER.
 (Mrs. James H. Doran.)

High School News

The girls of the freshman cooking class are now studying eggs.
 The delinquent slips for this week have just been posted. These slips are to show the students if their work is below 75 per cent.
 The Junior English classes will have a test Thursday. This test will cover the lives and writings of Poe, Emerson, and Whitman.
 Every noon when the weather will permit, students play baseball. Some days they have quite exciting games.
 The afternoon Junior English class will be given a test December 14. Part of the class are reading "The Making of an American" by Jacob Riis. The rest are reading "The Promised Land" by Mary Antin.
 There are three pianos at the high school. One of these is in the assembly, one in the gymnasium, and the third is used in the music room.

Junior High Notes

By FLORENCE WILSON
 Frank Bentley, while going home Monday noon, was injured and had his bicycle broken. He was holding on to a truck going down North Main street. The truck turned down Water street, but Frank thought it was going on to the Plaza. He rode in front of the truck and was thrown off on the sidewalk. Both wheels of his bicycle were broken. He was not seriously injured, but might have been.
 A new rule has been made by several of the teachers, that if a pupil talks to the teacher without permission, he will be sent out of the room and will receive zero for the recitation. Some pupils have already suffered from this penalty.
 Miss Marsters has organized a glee club for the Junior high school. She has tried out several voices from the Sixth A, Seventh B and Eighth A music classes. Miss Marsters ex-

pects about thirty-two to be in the glee club.
 Twenty-seven health posters were handed to Miss Reid yesterday forenoon. She expects more, as there was ninety-five sheets of paper distributed. All posters are to be in Tuesday night.
 The Misses Allen, Beaver, Reid, Spencer and Blume have been appointed as a committee to arrange for the Christmas program.

MORE WATER IN DEMAND AT GOLD HILL; IRRIGATION

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 7.—There is a movement on foot to re-water Sardine Creek valley on an extensive scale and bring a larger acreage under irrigation. The present system diverted from this stream is inadequate to supply the growing demand. This area is the richest in natural resources of any part of the Gold Hill district. Sardine creek has its confluence with Rogue river just a mile below Gold Hill.
 The plans under survey are to construct diverting works on Rogue river, several miles above Gold Hill, and pump the water into a high-line

canal on the plan of the Grants Pass Irrigation district recently completed. This would effect a gravity ditch to cover the lowlands below Gold Hill on the north side of the river. It also would be practical to extend these two systems into the Evans and Ward creek districts below Gold Hill.
 If the project is consummated the

right of way cleared and graded for the old Gold Hill high line ditch twenty years ago will be part of the new system. The old construction work is about 300 feet above the river bed at Gold Hill.
 Mr. Roselle, the tailor at Orres, is an artist as a tailor. He recently came here from Minneapolis. 69tf

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SOME THINGS OF INTEREST

The Poultry Producers' association of Medford shipped 26,457 pounds of dressed turkeys for the Thanksgiving market, this being the largest shipment ever made from this valley. The quality of these birds were so fine, that on their arrival at San Francisco, the government took 15,000 pounds of this lot.

FARMERS BENEFIT IN MARKETING

Some time ago, the directors of the Poultry Producers' Association started working on a plan through which the growers of turkeys would, like the producers of eggs, receive all the profits derived from their sale, with the exception of the actual cost of putting their product on the market. Their plan was to guarantee the growers as much as any local dealer would pay and after the turkeys were sold and the cost of handling deducted, return all the excess profit to the growers. At this time, we are pleased to announce that we are returning to the growers \$1190.56 excess profit on this shipment, which will make the turkeys sold through the Poultry Producers' Association net the growers, free of all charges, 33c per pound net.
 (Signed)
 E. C. LOCKWOOD,
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