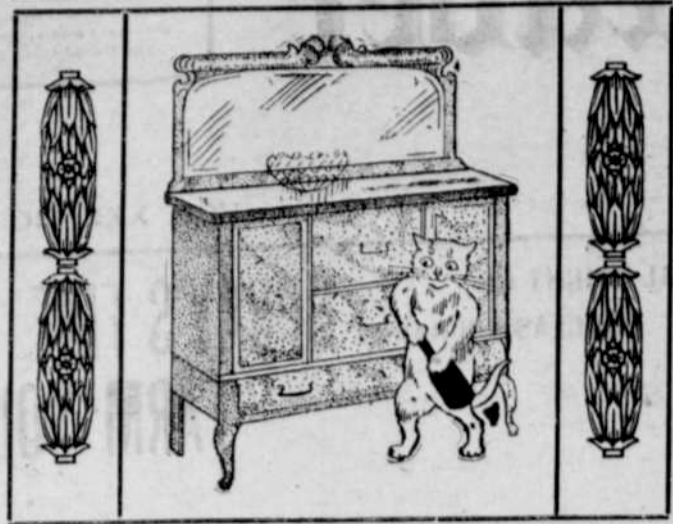


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PAVING ORDINANCE JOBBED.

Every step in a progressive town's development precipitates trouble and opposition. First, incorporation proceedings invariably creates a howl on the part of the fellows who would "let well enough alone." When next it is declared the town cow must go—there is a howl.
Later, when the county road through the town is declared a street and ordered to be graded—there is a howl. When the four-foot sidewalks are ordered replaced with six-foot walks—there is a howl. When it is proposed to put in a water, light and sewer system—my, what a howl, as it is sure to "bankrupt the town" and besides "we have lived here for twenty years without such new fangled things and guess we can get along a few years more without them." When the concrete period arrives and cement walks are ordered—the same howl. When the old rough, dusty in summer and sloppy in winter gravel streets have served their purpose and pavement is ordered—the same old howl and opposition. Thus, every step in a town's growth and development meets with opposition, yet these improvements are as sure to come as fate and you cannot stop the onward march of progress.
However, after each step in advance is taken there is no one, not even the howlers, who care to go back to the old order of things. This is the history of every important city.
Much local interest centered in the action of the city council Saturday evening when the street paving question came up for final

disposition. It was generally known that the mayor was hostile toward the proposed ordinance, and that the members of the council were nearly evenly divided on the question. However, owing to the fact that more than one hundred feet majority of the property on Main street and nine-tenths of the tenets were represented on the petition for the improvement it was hardly thought probable that the council would be governed by the minority in its actions, especially in a matter of such importance to the city at this particular time when the eyes of the whole state are upon Cottage Grove and its every movement, as it is generally conceded to be a prospective county seat, and its worthiness, its enterprise, its progressiveness and ability to meet such needs and requirements are being carefully noted.
If it is clearly demonstrated that Cottage Grove is imbued with the progressive booster spirit characteristic of all of Oregon's progressive towns and is second to none in its progress and upbuilding, the battle for the new county of Nesmith is already won, but if on the other hand, the word should be proclaimed that the town is non-progressive and indifferent toward civic and public improvements, our new county cause is lost, because the people will only help those who show a disposition to help themselves.
Therefore, this action of Mayor Job in deciding the tie vote in the council on the street paving question, in the negative, without as much as a courteous statement or explanation of his position, due his worthy opponents, was a most deplorable slap in the face of local progress and enterprise, a "black-eye" to the town, a direct slam at the proposed county division movement, and as if to add insult to injury the mayor in just as arrogant, high handed, pompous manner promptly vetoed the ordinance providing for the purchase of a rock crusher and road roller, unanimously passed by the city council in the same meeting, that the princely profits of contractors in the improvements of the city's many streets might be saved to the

city or by the property owners and tax payers. Is this to be a one man municipality? Is the dictations and rule of the minority to prevail? We guess not, judging from the fact that a new petition providing for the paving of Main street is being circulated and freely signed, which is headed by Councilman Bartels who voted against the former ordinance, but has since changed his attitude on the question as have many other former opponents, who are displeased with the dominant, arrogant attitude and actions of our dictatorial mayor. That Cottage Grove will keep up with the procession in the way of street and other improvements is a foregone conclusion, even if it is compelled to resort to invoking the recall and to hold a few special elections to bring the matter to a successful conclusion.

It is a theory with some people that most wild animals would like to be on friendly terms with men. This seems to be borne out up in Yellowstone Park. No one is permitted to carry or fire a gun in the park. This has been the rule for twenty years. The result is that antelopes pasture unafraid in the alfalfa fields, deer will hardly get out of the pedestrian's way; the birds unafraid fill the air with music and at the approach of men will hardly take wing and, sometimes, thirty bears in the best of humor come to the rear door of the hotel for the remnants thrown out from dinner.—Goodwin's.

The Eugene Register remarks that it is gratifying to note with what alacrity Oregon cities and towns are going after public parks while the land can be had at reasonable prices. It is a stroke of wisdom that will be fully demonstrated in after years.

Since the movement for the paving of Main street has been inaugurated, numerous applications for Main street property are coming in, such an application from a Hood River man having been received by Manager Couley of the Commercial Club Monday. An eastern man, now in this city looking for an investment said: "Well, if you are going to pave and fix up Main street I am in the market for a quarter of a block, otherwise I don't want it."

"Ma, said a newspaper man's son, "I know why editors call themselves 'we.' " "Why?" "So's the man that doesn't like the article will think there are too many people for him to tackle."

"There goes a man who once offered to make me independently rich." "But he didn't appear to know you. At least he gave you no sign of recognition." "You see, I refused to buy the stock."

Scientists say that camels originated in America, which serves to explain how they happened to get a hump on themselves.

It is strange, remarks the Salem Journal, that a blind pig can see clearly enough to dodge the officers in a dry town.

Child stealing is bad enough, but what must be thought of the conscienceless scoundrel who takes a dozen good hens?

A cow in Minnesota ate into a bag of concrete. That may explain some of the steak we get.

Whenever a compromise is made with wrong it has to be paid for, with compound interest added.

A big convention of lumbermen and loggers of the United States is in progress at Seattle.

Texas Saloons Closed.

Austin, Texas, July 10.—At midnight tonight more than 100 saloons in Texas closed operations because of the coming into effect the law invalidating all liquor licenses issued after February 20, 1909, limiting the number of saloons in each county to one for every 500 of population, and barring new licenses in conjunction with a hotel.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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Lessons for Sunday, July 18th, 1909—Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Thessalonica and Berea. Acts xvii: 1-15.

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Golden Text—Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I may not sin against thee. Ps. cxix: 11.

Verses 1-2—Is church going a good habit, and what do they lose who have not formed it?

How many times a day should a person attend church?

What is the value of a good habit, and how are good habits formed?

Verses 3.—Did Paul mean to say that it was necessary for the Jews to have put Jesus to death, and if not what did he mean? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

(The position taken by the present writer is, that the Jews ought to have accepted Jesus, and, that their putting him to death is the colossal crime of history, and the calamity of calamities that has befallen the Jews. That there are two distinct lines of contingent prophecy in the Old Testament, either one of which being fulfilled, would cancel the other; and that the prophecies concerning the perpetuation of the Jewish nation and the throne of David with unparalleled splendor, were cancelled by the fulfillment of those concerning the rejection of Christ. God sent Jesus in good faith, and they voluntarily rejected him, when God's first and best plan was that they should accept him. God then proceeded to do through the death of Christ, that which would have been done more speedily by his life.)

Is it necessary for us to adopt all Paul's opinions, in order to be well-pleasing to God?

Were all Paul's opinions correct concerning the time of the second coming of Christ?

In what sense was it true, "that Christ must needs have suffered?" (See Luke xxiv: 26, Jer. xlii: 5-6, Mich. v: 2, Matt. ii: 4-6.)

In what way do the Old Testament Scriptures bear testimony that Jesus is the Christ?

Verses 4-5—How do you account for it that the same facts and reasoning which converts some only serves to harden others?

How is it that women are generally in the majority in Christ's converts?

Why were the Jews moved with jealousy?

Can a jealous man, at the time, either be a true man or a correct reasoner?

How do you characterize a person who is jealous of another in doing good works?

Have we any modern example of the way these people acted?

Verses 6—Is the world, to-day, upside down, or right side-up?

Is the world getting better or worse?

Verses 7—When people oppose the work of God do they generally confine themselves to the truth in their objections, or do they ever confine themselves to the truth?

Do objectors to the truth knowingly falsely or do they do it in blind ignorance, or through prejudice?

Verses 10-12—Is there ever any virtue in exposing ourselves to danger, when it is not necessary in the interests of the truth?

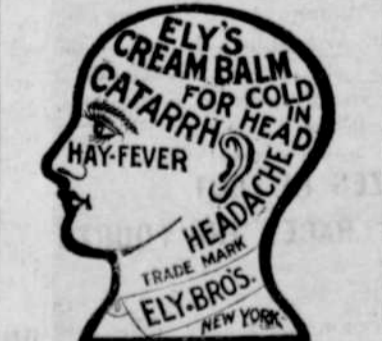
What was the difference between the religious people of Thessalonica and those of Berea?

Is a truth seeker sure to find it?

Is it ever right to suppress the truth in the interests of the Kingdom of God?

Verses 13-15—What is it which prompts men to work so hard, and zealously, in spreading what they believe to be the truth?

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