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PLEA FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

A park or public plaza is something every town or city should have, no matter how large or how small the place, as in this question rests the comfort, the happiness, the pleasure of thousands of people, as well as the beauty and general attractiveness of the town. The LEADER is a strong advocate of anything that will tend toward the public good, and its support for any measure along this line is always guaranteed. We do not want to stand still in the matter of making things pleasant for the general public and especially the class of people from the country, the wage-earning class, and the visiting stranger as well. It will be conceded that it is from these three classes that the backbone of the business center derives its greatest subsistence. This question may seem a little premature, but it is not, from the fact that property values are constantly increasing in this vicinity, and the beautiful and natural park site located in the Long & Bingham addition to Cottage Grove can be purchased cheaper today for park purposes than it ever can be again, while comparatively little expense would be incurred to improve and beautify the place at this time. Water pipes have already been laid under this beautiful grove, and little additional expense would construct a few public fountains on the tract where the cold water and the natural verdant sun protecting canopy would be a boon to the present generation as well as the generations to follow. These long and delightful summer evenings could be enjoyed by those who are living in such places as hotels, bricks and cottages, and who have little access to the enjoyment of the evening atmosphere. We only make this as a suggestion.

Let the city trustees discuss the question and it may be possible that some assistance can be lent. In any event keep the park question before the people. This may seem hard to do, as, on the eve of a prosperous advancement, both in city and country, everybody is turning their attention to the "almighty dollar," believing the comforts of life will come anyway. Now is just the time to lay the foundation for such comfort. Lay out a park now and when you are ready for it it will be ready for you. A little money will come nearer establishing a beautiful park here in a minute, without the slow process of aid from mother earth, than any place in the state, owing to the fact that nature has already done so much to render the tract picturesque and beautiful, consequently the movement that is now on foot should receive the hearty support of every good citizen who is endowed with a conscientious and businesslike principle.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEETING.

The regular monthly good citizenship meeting was held at the M. E. church Sunday evening and as usual, it was largely attended. These meetings seem productive of considerable good, from the fact that more care is being observed in the open violation of municipal and state laws; a higher local standard of morals is being established; evil-doing is more quickly discerned and placed under the ban and a better moral atmosphere prevades throughout our progressive town. It does not require a great deal of investigation to reach the fact that there is too much of a growing disposition manifested toward the disobedience of the law and irreverence in our times, and without some vigorous moral restraint this evil will constantly grow. It is not much of an exaggeration to say also that this is "an age of obedient parents." "The rights of children" are construed to mean that children are to do just about as they please, and contempt for parental laws almost invariably leads to contempt for the laws of morality and state. It is therefore not in defeasance of the great idea of human progress to dwell upon the imperfections of mankind and expose lawlessness and social abominations. Let the good work go on.

OVERPLUS OF LODGES.

Owing to the constantly increasing number of secret orders in the towns of the country, which robs many a home of the society of the "head of the family" or at least an excuse for his absence from the home evenings; the housewife frequently of pin money, all of which is contributed to enable a lot of lodge promoters to live in luxury and oriental splendor, Uncle Jim Sterling is somewhat justified in presenting the following kick in his home paper, the Drain Nonpariel: "Now for another growl. This time it is the overplus of fraternal societies. If a person belongs to one that is enough, as there are not nights enough in the week to attend all. A child said at my house the other day, "Pa and Ma used to have pie and cake but now they take it to the lodge and we don't get any. And they sell all the butter and eggs to pay their dues." Most any little community pays the grand officers $50, some $500, and more every year. Quite a tax on a community and very little return. Best have a good home building and loan association and use the money for electrical energy to turn some wheel of industry. We have the raw material and power to beat the world. Why not get the same into a commercial commodity.

This is a decidedly busy year throughout the whole country. John D. Rockfeller, worth $300,000,000, announces that he is too busy to take his annual vacation this season. Geo. J. Gould's increased business will prevent his taking his usual outing, but his stenographers, who get from $12 to $20 per week, will spend two weeks in the Catskills. John W. Gates, the free lance of Wall Street (not Cottage Grove) cannot spare time to rest this year. Jim Keen, the rival of Harriman, does not feel that he can spare time from his $25,000,000 fortune to breathe the country air for a week. J. P. Morgan, with his sixty millions, will confine himself to his growing business this year and will dock his clerks for the time occupied in a two weeks vacation, and, by the-way, the editor of the LEADER finds business too strenuous—satisfying paper and ink creditors—this season to enjoy his annual vacation down by the deep heaving sea. However, the extreme of wealth is as pitiful as the extreme of poverty, and at last the two representatives lie down side by side, the turf is rounded over them and the world rolls round and round. The man on medium ground is the happy man after all.

An enterprising evangelist in an eastern Oregon town secured a pot of red paint and proceeded to decorate the fences with Bible texts. Many of them were rather startling. Some distance up the river he discovered a huge rock with a smooth surface, facing a much used road. Across this he painted in large letters: "What are you going to do after death?" It was only a week however, that the rock displayed this inscription alone, for an enterprising advertisement writer came along and painted just below: "Use Delta Oil. Good for burns."

There will be keen competition between the different counties in this state making county exhibits at the state fair this fall. There will be no less than eight counties competing for the different prizes, which will make the greatest show of agricultural products ever seen in the state. Most of these exhibits will be taken to St. Louis in 1904 to advertise Oregon's resources and we predict that the state will have the finest display she has ever made at any exposition.

A yellow-backed novel boy of Coburg has been committed to the asylum, says the Albany Democrat. His mind runs entirely into detective affairs crammed there by the infamous literature he has stuffed his head with. It is difficult to tell which is the most dangerous—the yellow novel or the cigarette.

The advertiser wants to advertise in a paper that contains the latest news, a paper that is read by the home people, and which covers the field thoroughly. This, combined with reasonable advertising rates, is what the advertiser wants, and this is just what he gets in the LEADER. Does it appeal to you?

The gist of criticisms on the Rev. Mr. Hill's declaration that most men go to the devil on $50,000 a year, is that the limit is to high. Many men get there on less money.

Some of the members of the peace society think that the second letter in the name of the torpedo boat destroyer, Hull, is wrong.

It is reported that 20 cents has been offered in Salem within the last few days for contracts for hops of the crop of 1903.

It is well to stand up for principal but don't do it in an offensive way.

Fine Books Given Away.

When you trade to the extent of $25 at the Cash grocery you get free of charge your choice of one of three large valuable books, as follows: "The World's Sweetest Songs;" "The Library of South Africa;" "A Physician in the Home" and "Twentieth Century Etiquet."

KILLED BY GRAVEL TRAIN.

Jesse E. Todd's Head Cut Off by the Wheels—A Cottage Grove Boy.

Jesse E Todd, 25 years old, of 468 East Ninth street, Portland was instantly killed in the darkness of early Sunday morning by being run over by gravel cars used for grading for the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, on the East Side, Portland, opposite Ross Island.

When the fatality happened, only Todd and the engineer of the train were present, and it was Todd's duty to give a signal to the engineer to start the train by flashing a lighted lantern. The signal was given but from a direction that was unexpected and suddenly the engineer saw the lighted lamp between the cars. On stopping the train he found that Todd had dissappeared, and the lamp dangled from a coupling pin. A short distance away, Todd's body was found, with the head severed from the body. The latter was badly cut. It is supposed that Todd missed his footing and either fell from a car, or between the cars.

His father is a surveyor in Cuba and his home in this country is Cottage Grove. Coroner Finley of Multnomah county, made an investigation into the case and found that the facts did not call for an inquest.

The young man was raised in and about Cottage Grove, but left this city several years ago and has since resided in Portland. He was a very exemplary young man and has many friends at this place, who were greatly shocked and greived to hear of his terrible death. The remains were received at this place for burial Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Uncle and Aunt of the deceased. Mrs. Todd, grandmother of the unfortunate young man also resides in this city. Deceased also has a sister residing in Arizona and another in Douglas county. The funeral services were conducted at the C. P. church Tuesday by Rev. I. M. Boyles, interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

Black Tongue in Valley.

Black tongue, the disease which was reported a few weeks ago as troubling the cattle of the South Willamette Valley, has made its appearance in Lane County and considerable concern is felt over the same, as Lane County possesses not only some of the finest stock in the state, but a large number of herds. A spread of the disease would cause serious damage.

George Hines, of Lorane, gave the information at Eugene, that Mr. Gray, of that place, lost eight head of cattle last week as a result of black tongue.

"Last of the Calapooias."

Chas. W. Evans, of Eugene, who has gained quite a reputation as a contributor to literary journals, is now working on another story, "The Last of the Calapooias." The Calapooias were an Indian tribe inhabiting this portion of Oregon in the early days, but the tribe is now extinct, excepting one member, Enoch, who now lives in Cottage Grove.

Mr. Evans' story promises to be quite interesting. He desires to obtain further information concerning the Calapooias, and he would like to have any old settler who is throughly acquainted with the tribe to communicate with him. Mr. Evans was in Cottage Grove Saturday interviewing all old pioneers and gleaning data for his work which will comprise 200 pages bound in cloth. The first edition will be limited to 600 copies. The work to all intent and purpose will be an historical novel.

Stricken with Appendicitis.

Late last week Mrs. Corpron, wife of Cottage Grove's new physician, Dr. Alexander Corpron, was stricken with a severe attack of appendicitis and the doctor decided to at once take his wife to a Portland hospital for treatment and they took their departure for that place Saturday. It has not yet been learned whether an operation was decided on or not. The many friends of the family here hope to learn of Mrs. Corpron's early recovery.

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Pointed Paragraphs.

Poverty is the mother of economy; economy is the mother of wealth; but wealth forgets its grandmother.

Many people don't believe in a Hereafter—but they still hesitate to die. They don't like to take chances on their theory.

We take no stock in the disheartening assertion that hoop skirts are coming back. Imagine a girl in a hoop skirt playing golf.

The fellow who aimed at aphoristic wisdom and said that talk is cheap evidently never tried the experiment on a long distant telephone.

Mrs Bouney of Utica, whose corset deflected a bullet and so saved her life, has decided that corsets are healthful, no matter what the doctors say.

A Portland man who went to Chicago to answer an advertisement for a husband and had $300 taken away from him was pretty lucky after all. He escaped without getting a wife.

A man will loose twenty-five dollars in one night playing poker and never bat an eye. But if his wife takes a plugged nickle by mistake he doesn't forget it for a year and it leaves a scar on his heart that time can never efface.

It may be of interest to the ladies to know that the style of hosiery is to change this fall, and that radically. There will be as many colors to the fall hosiery as those displayed in Joseph's coat. It is needless to remark that the long skirt of the present will be perceptibly shortened.

A noted scientist says "if the earth be flattened the sea would be two miles deep all over the world. If any man is caught flattening out the earth, shoot him on the spot—and don't be too particular what spot; there's a whole blamed lot of us here can't swim.

QUERIES

Which travels the faster, heat or cold? Heat, because you can catch cold.

Why did the lobster blush? Because he saw the salad dressing.

Why is a mouse like a hay stack? Because a cat'll eat it.

What is it the child receives free, the young man steals and the old man buys? A kiss.

Why did the fly fly? Because the spider spider.

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