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Reach After What You Want.

Eugene is looking toward direct connection with the coast with the purpose in view of becoming a distributing center and securing the benefits arising from coast traffic and travel. Coos Bay is exerting herself to deepen and otherwise improve her harbor in order to secure the greater profits that will necessarily result from such improvement.

Other cities and towns in Oregon are reaching out to secure benefits, and why should they not reach after what they want? It is said, "The early bird catches the worm," and it is because the bird is a hustler. Of course it is hard on the worm, but no difference about that, the point we wish to emphasize is this: If Monmouth wishes to grow and prosper she must reach after industry. A town that affords no payroll, nor other inducement to invite settlement, cannot expect to grow, while on the other hand, a town that offers inducement to labor and increases its opportunities cannot help but grow.

Monmouth has been reaching out and the result is shown in the Canning and Evaporating plant, the Creamery and Ice plant, and the Gristmill now building. These industries have been secured because of the energy used in reaching after business. They are factors in town building, besides the advantage and convenience to the surrounding country. Manufacturing interests increase the value of town property and make it desirable. This is a natural result because the employee must have a place to live, and most men desire to have a home of their own.

There are other industries to be secured, so let us plan and work for them and build up our town and advance its interests. Other towns are reaching out and why not us? That which is not worth striving for is not worth having, and those who will not strive lawfully and worthily are not deserving, so let us awaken to the opportunities that lie around us, use our energy to secure what we can get and success will crown our efforts. Adjust your thinking apparatus and see who can come to the fore with the best proposition to reach after next.

Monmouth has a beautiful location and is situated in the heart of a rich farming, fruit and dairying country and there is no reason why she should not expand.

More Road Talk

Talk is cheap and good roads cost labor and we have never heard of a community succeeding in getting good roads or any-

thing else of value without labor.

Through the press just now we notice some revival of the road subject, but think there will not be much stir made to better the highways at this time of the year as it is getting too late in the season for practical construction, and is a little early to talk of "good roads" because the road beds are solid and dry yet. There will be plenty of time to talk when the bottom has seemingly dropped out of the roads after the winter rains set in.

When spring opens up, then is the time to make roads but they should be constructed on the earth, where the surveying has been done and not on paper.

How delightful it is to get on solid footing, where one can walk without slaving, after a person has toiled onward for a long time through mud or heavy sand! How buoyant the step soon becomes, and how the courage rises and determination grows strong to accomplish whatever of distance remains to be completed to finish the task in hand. This is true of the person, and we have often observed the same conditions, or alertness in the horse when it had toiled long through disheartening conditions and then came to solid roadbed, where it could easily advance with the burden it bore, or draw the vehicle to which it was attached.

Good roads cost money and labor but they are worth all they cost and more too, but we believe that bad roads are more costly than good ones. Bad roads cost you in loss of time, in broken harness, broken vehicles of all kinds, in wornout and over worked stock, in worry and discomfort, and many other ways besides retarding the growth and development of a country, and there is no way to realize interest on the money invested in them, while on the other hand the investment brings in the interest by cutting down expenses in saving stock and implements and permitting you to market whatever you have for sale when you wish to do so and when you can get highest prices for your product. Build roads when the spring opens and enjoy them in all seasons. Every dollar spent on building good highways adds value to the land through which the improved roads pass. Polk county is alive on the road subject.

Spokane has taken steps to establish a home for boys, called a parental home, which will shortly be opened. This home is to reclaim boys who are beyond the control of their parents, but who are not deserving of the reform school. This is certainly a step toward a higher regard for humanity and points in the right direction.

The Arctic Club at least believe in the genuineness of Dr. Cook's discovery of the North Pole, as news is given out that the Arctic Club will present to Dr. Cook a gold medal, two and a half inches in diameter, showing in bas relief Dr. Cook standing on top of the globe, waving the stars and stripes.

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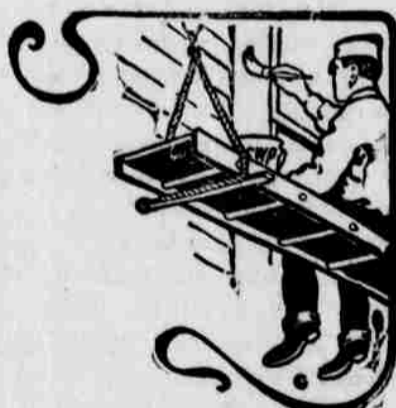
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