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SHALL I BOOST OR KNOCK?

Beautiful homes are the result of thought, toil and care, and the same is true of towns. To build a nice town requires care and energy. That which is thrown together without proper consideration reflects carelessness on the part of the builder, and stands a condemning witness of his, or her carelessness as the case may be.

On the other hand that which is neat, well arranged, constructed with care, and kept in good order stands a commending advertisement of the person in whose possession the thing is.

Now, we read of "Boosters" and "Knockers," and our general understanding of the word "Booster," is that it represents an individual who proposes schemes for the advancement of a town or locality, or a person who gets behind such scheme, gives it the best support possible and helps push it to a realization.

"Knocker" is the reverse of the above defined word, and is applied to a person who has the unhappy faculty of getting in front of whatever is advanced for the betterment of a town or community, and using his, or her whole force to hinder or thwart the forward movement of those who desire to advance.

So much for the Booster and the Knocker, but by the way, did it ever occur to you that you can be a booster or a knocker without making any special effort or giving any particular thought along these lines? We are largely judged by our works, and they stand as witnesses for or against us in the estimation of those who size us up. Now homes kept in good order, with thought and care taken for the surroundings go far toward advertising a town, while dilapidated houses, yards strewn with all sorts of litter, presenting a general appearance of disorder, do not witness very complimentary for the possessor.

As a rule anything worth possessing is gathered and retained by diligence and care, and without these qualities there is no advancement, neither is there any station where we can discharge them without disadvantage to ourselves, as they are just as necessary to retention as they are to advancement.

Now, while we cannot all do the things we should like to do, and while some are able to make more and better showing than others, still we can all move forward and not leave a tell-tale of carelessness to testify and point us out as "Knockers." Let us labor for higher development and better conditions.

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Does The World Grow Better?

That the world grows better, is a position taken by many while the opposite stand is assumed by other persons who bring the full force of their reasoning faculties to bear to prove their position.

When we take into consideration the vast progress that is being made, the many great inventions that are being sought out, the rapid and general increase in knowledge, which is becoming universal, we think the world is growing better. If not better it is growing wiser and humanity is gaining that point where they will the more readily be able to discern that which is for the best, turn from the wrong and espouse the right.

On the other hand, when we take up individuals and examine the course they have pursued, we will find some amongst those living, or who have lived during the last half century, who have reached heights of iniquity, or depths of hellishness, that will equal if not surpass the deeds of the worst characters of past ages.

Individuals are not alone in evil works, but today you can find combinations of them who are banded together and their purposes are to profit sometimes at the expense of the virtue of young womanhood and manhood, while at other times the welfare of the nation has no consideration at their hands.

In former ages the work of the Brigand was coarse, he profited by murder and plunder, but in the present age it is not so. Take Wall Street; its victims none can tell, and the amount of suffering it has entailed cannot be measured. Lincoln, our loved Lincoln, said almost a half century ago of its operators that, "Every one of them ought to have their devilish heads shot off."

Is the world growing better? We don't know.

Falls City means business and its citizens are workers as well. They wanted to advertise their section and needed funds for the commercial club to work with, and called a meeting for that purpose, with the result that twelve hundred dollars has been raised to place the merits of land in that vicinity before the public, especially eastern people. They have also enlisted the O. R. & N. people in their cause and the result is that they will give their section a handsome showing in eastern states and in the old countries. Printers' ink works wonders. If you have anything to sell you must let it be known; otherwise it remains on your hands.

Spray For Antracnose.

County Fruit Inspector Cooper, who has been out through the county, report a general interest in the coming apple fair, and there will be a fine display from this county, as well as from several others, particularly Lane, Marion, Benton, Polk and Yamhill, insuring a representative lot of fine fruit here—an apple booster for the entire valley.

Mr. Cooper discovered some appletree antracnose, or dead spot, destructive to apple orchards when it gets control. Now is the time to spray for it, and apple people should get busy. Use the Bordeaux mixture. If you have not got it ask the fruit inspector or any apple grower.—Albany Democrat.

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