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#### BOOST, DON'T "KNOCK"

It has been wisely said that a man who does not care for or look after the interest of his family is worse than an infidel. Just how bad a man would be under those circumstances we do not know, but the same thing may be applied with equal force to the man who takes no interest in the town in which he lives. In a real sense the town is his home. To speak adversely of one's town, to say no word in its favor, to habitually go elsewhere to trade and be indifferent to home business, is far from being patriotic. If the same man went from home to home and found as much fault with his domestic relations as he does with his home town, he would be taken before an examining physician and committed to the home for the feeble minded.

Boost, don't "knock." Let this be the slogan of every man in Independence, and when the year comes to an end you will be amazed at the development.

#### ATTRACTED BY OTHER GEESE

If wild geese flying in a northerly direction is an indication of spring-time, spring has come. A large flock passed over the city Sunday flying toward the state capitol. Possibly they may have been attracted by other geese, and it will yet be well to heed the prognostication of the simple ground hog.

At any rate spring will soon arrive and there will necessarily have to be a general cleaning up to improve the sanitary conditions of the city. Too often this is neglected with the result that sickness comes and probably death. Under such circumstances people are likely to question the goodness of the Almighty and talk about the mysteries of divine providence. There is no mystery about it. Rotten apples, cabbages, and other such things reveal the cause as plainly as daylight, and it's up to property owners of Independence to do their part toward effecting a general cleaning up of the city.

#### OF COURSE IT IS

Frequently the inquiry is made, "Is the world getting better?" Most certainly it is. Every day makes improvements, and this is done in spite of the political corruption, business dishonesty and other evils which have long prevailed. One has but to contrast present conditions of the Legislature with those that existed years ago to be convinced of this truth. If the representatives could only be taught the valuable lesson of economy the Oregon Legislatures would be quite respectable.

There is yet much to be accomplished before the world reaches that ideal standard of morality, but that it is getting better is most certain.

#### FRANK BUT TRUE

Some people in the west seem to look upon life as a great game of 'grab.' They live for themselves only and care not whether the other fellow sinks or swims. In the lust for gain they show no scruples as to the method employed, their sole aim being to get the part of a hog. This is frank, but too true. If there existed in this country a higher standard of fraternity in business and social circles all would be more prosperous and happier.

Senator Miller's bill intended to place the state printer on a flat salary is probably for the purpose of placing the proposed printer commission on a fat salary. The taxpayers might as well give their money to the state printer as to a commission.

A stranger passing down Main street one day last week noticed a huge pile of mud in the middle of the street and inquired if that is a mark of the ancient mound builders. No answer can be given—no one knows what it is there for.

It seems as if the time is ripe for better streets in Independence, and if there isn't something done soon in this direction the agitators of paved streets will forget that they ever had any such desire.

If representatives of the House desired that the Legislature should close without a scandal they should have been careful not to open a way for a scandal to get out.

One thing can be said of the Oregon Legislature, and that is, there was a manifestation of generosity—or ignorance—in making appropriations.

#### NOTICE

Valley Lodge No. 42, I. O. O. F. has appointed Mr. W. Huntly, sexton of their I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mr. Huntly is prepared to keep your lot in good condition by the year, at a reasonable price. 36-39.

#### ANTIOCH

C. McCaleb and wife were Mon- th visitors last Thursday.

Grandma Marks of near Rickleall, visited relatives here last Sunday.

R. M. Bosley and wife spent Monday with their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Howsmon, of Monmouth.

Grant Heppley of Talmage, was seen in these parts last Thursday.

V. A. Fishback made a business trip to Carlton last Monday.

Mrs. Lafe Johnson and Miss Lettie Fishback visited at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Vernie Ogle, of near Independence Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Minnie Wunder who is attending school in Monmouth, visited at the home of Miss Fay Shipley last Sunday.

George Swearingen and Jesse Allen were traders in Monmouth last Friday.

George Bennett of Monmouth, brought out his gasoline wood saw to saw wood for Jesse Allen and George Swearingen this week.

Herman Wunder and wife visited at the home of their son Ed, on the Luckiamune last Sunday.

Noah Heppley visited his brother, Grant, at Talmage, last Sunday.

Ernest Tice of Independence, visited with his sister, Mrs. Grace Yeater, the first of the week.

Miss Ethel Lucas of Monmouth, attended the literary and debating society at our school house last Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. Clark accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Belle Sullivan of Monmouth, to Salem last Monday, where the latter will suffer an operation.

Tom Marks of near Rickleall, visited with John Walker last Monday.

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