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BE A BOOSTER

Do you know there's lots of people
Settin' 'round in every town,
Growin' like a broody chicken,
Knockin' every good thing down?
Don't you be that kind of cattle,
'Cause they ain't no use on earth,
You just be a booster rooster.
Crow and boost for all you're worth
If your town needs boostin', boost 'er;
Don't hold back and wait to see
If some other fellow's winnin'—
Sail right in, this country's free.
No one's got a mortgage on it,
It's just yours as much as his,
If your town is shy on boosters,
You get in the boostin' biz.
If things don't just seem to suit you,
And the world seems kinder wrong,
What's the matter with a boostin'
Just to help the thing along?
'Cause if things should stop agoin'
We'd be in a sorry plight;
You just keep that horn a blowin'—
Boost 'er up with all your might.
If you know some feller's fallin',
Just forget 'em, 'cause you know
That same feller's got some good
points.
Them's the one's you want to show.
'Cast your leaves out on the water,
They'll come back' is a saying true
Mebby, too, they'll come back
"battered."
When some feller boosts for you.
—Selected.

PROGRESS OF A YEAR

Father Time has completed another page in the world's history. The old year, with all its joys and all its sorrows and with all its progress, has gone into oblivion and the world is looking forward to the end of 1912 with the same bright hopes and great anticipations as in the past.

Without attempting to elaborate on the progress of Independence during the year just closed, we are comprehensive of the fact that greater and more lasting achievements have successfully been accomplished in the matter of building the foundation to a greater Independence than during any previous year in the city's history. The outlook for the future of this city and its tributary country is certainly most gratifying. Independence, perhaps more than any other city of its size on the west side of the Willamette river, combines elements tending to make its growth and prosperity surpass other sections of Oregon; and that the year 1912 will add to the wealth, population and popularity of the town is self evident.

But in our scramble for wealth, position, rank and recognition, let us not lose sight of the more important courtesies of life. The future of our city and of our families, and incidentally, the well-being of our old age depend more upon our home existence than upon any advancement we may make in the different enterprises that occupy the minds of men.

If some are indifferent enough to popular opinion to devote more time to the civilities of life and of their homes than is the general custom, let us recognize the fact that their judgment is nearer right than that of people who are more prominent. While we must acknowledge the great social good accomplished by those who strive in the interests of the public, we must admit that the most useful sphere of better Independence is the home.

Let us include in our resolutions for the new year, the recapitulation of troubles of the shop, of the store, of the kitchen; and the petty grievances of the neighborhood. Let us resolve to take human nature as we find it, and, at the same time, search for the brightest and best qualities in those with whom our lot is cast. Good will to our fellow men and sincere motives should be the underlying principles which govern our intercourse with mankind. It is no hard task to cultivate a kindly feeling for others. There is no veneer that will stand the test of time. Our shallow courtesies may please for a while, even if but occasionally assumed; but, in an unguarded moment our rougher selves are revealed. The only solid basis of true politeness is the possession of right principles and virtuous character—the leading of a true life. And this cultivated in our people, will develop into Independence's greatest asset.

DISCRIMINATION

While the inter-state commerce commission has been able to discourage gross wrongs such as the merger of competitive roads so as to control traffic, it has been unable to redress many of these wrongs, or to provide against their recurrence, because of the weakness and inadequacy of the law under which they operate.

About the only thing that has been done is to ask the Attorney General of the United States to begin numerous actions in equity directed against the railroads for violating the inter-state and anti-trust laws, but to get right down to the real desires of the people throughout the different towns and cities of the United States, scarcely no achievements have been realized.

Speaking from a more personal standpoint, Independence, according to information received, has been getting the worst of it from the railroad company for a long time, in regard to freight rates, and there is no reform in sight. Hillsboro, Newberg, Forest Grove, McMinnville and other like cities are said to be receiving a cheaper rate from Portland, in proportion to distance, than Independence receives. And even Corvallis, 20 miles further south, pays no more a hundred feet freight delivered there than we do. Why such conditions, if true, should be continued is beyond our comprehension.

While the commercial club is looking for the city's good would it not be well to investigate this matter?

The law provides that all rates shall be just and reasonable and that there shall be no discrimination in the favor of large shippers. From what can be learned there has been rank discrimination in freight rates in this part of Oregon, at least.

MORE LIGHTS

That there is need of more arc lights in the city is decidedly evident. Especially is this true in the localities where there is danger of accident.

If Matthew Casady was not murdered on Christmas night his death was probably due to the fact that there was not sufficient light on the bridge from which he fell to his death. People have for some time complained of the dark condition of that part of the city, and it has long been known that there is grave danger of traveling in that vicinity after dark especially on the bridge where there is no sidewalk.

The foot bridge on the block west of the steel bridge is also dark and dangerous after night. It would seem that the city council ought to take immediate steps to remove the conditions in this and other dangerous districts of the city before any more serious accidents happen.

PRISON POLICY

Governor West seems to think that the people of Oregon will sanction his prison policy when the question of capital punishment is submitted to the electors this year. Probably if his prison policy had not been established he would come nearer abolishing the capital punishment, but as long as the power rests with the state's chief executive to pardon murderers after a few months or years of confinement, there seems to be but little hope of reform and practically no protection against wrongs.

We believe in the anti-capital punishment law, and believe, too, that it should be in vogue in Oregon, but when a person commits a crime which demands life imprisonment, he should pass through those doors with no hope of pardon.

Will Increase Pensions

Congressmen Rucker of Colorado, and Hawley of Oregon are making determined efforts to secure favorable action on bills each of them have introduced, increasing the pensions of Indian war veterans. These veterans only receive \$8 per month pension, except where increased to \$15 a month by special act of Congress. Mr. Hawley having secured a number of increases last year in this way, and during the present session of Congress having favorable reports on seven other bills special bills pending. As a son of pioneer parents, congressman Hawley knows of the valuable services rendered in Oregon by the Indian war veterans and believes that they should be given a larger pension as many of them are very aged and infirm, and but few of them are living now so that the pension paid them would amount to but little. The only material difference between the Hawley and Rucker bills is, the former requires but 30 days while the Rucker bill provides for ninety days service. Mr. Hawley thinks the Rucker bill would not cover all meritorious cases because of service required.

The following is Mr. Hawley's bill: Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled, That the secretary of the Interior, and he is hereby authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the names of the officers and sol-

diers of the Indian wars of the United States which occurred prior to the year eighteen hundred and eighty at the rate of sixteen dollars per month, upon making proof of the fact of such service, according to such rules and regulations as the secretary and the Interior may provide.

That where there is no record of enlistment or muster into the service of the United States in any of the wars covered by the provisions of this act the record of pay by the United States or the record of such service, enlistment, or muster in the war department of the United States or on file in the office of any adjutant general of any of the states or territories, shall be accepted as full satisfactory proof of such enlistment and service; and further, where there is no record of enlistment or muster into the service of the United States or in the office of the adjutant general of any state or territory where the service was performed, then other adequate proof may be made of the performance of such service: Provide That each such officer or soldier shall have served at least thirty days in such Indian wars: Provided further, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to effect a reduction in the amount of pension now received by any such officer or soldier.

Committee on Agriculture Meets

The committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives is now engaged in holding hearings, the various chiefs of bureaus of the department of Agriculture appearing before the committee where they report the progress made during the past year, ask appropriations for future work, and answer questions directed at them by members of the committee. Congressman Hawley of the first district, a member of this committee, is taking an active part in its meetings.

Veterans of the war with Spain, because of their service being recent, experience much difficulty in securing a pension under the rigid requirements of the commissioner of pension Congressman W. C. Hawley has just been successful in securing a pension at the rate of \$8 per month for Mack Wheat, late an employee for the Oregon State Insane Asylum, but now confined to a hospital in San Jose, California. This pension dates from April 8, 1898, the date of filing the claim, so Mr. Wheat will have a neat little sum of \$1200 back pension to aid him during his present adversity. Mr. Hawley has secured favorable action in a number of obstinate cases of this kind and is at all times glad to aid the veterans of our wars.

Eastern Stars Install Officers

The installation of the officers-elect of Adah Chapter, order of the Eastern Stars, was held in the Masonic Temple on the evening of Dec. 27th. By invitation of the chapter, the members of Lyon lodge, No. 29, A. F. and A. M., were present, and a most enjoyable time was had. Mrs. Hayter of Dallas, associate Grand Matron for the state of Oregon, was the installing officer. After the regular business of the evening, the company adjourned to the banquet room, where a bountiful supper was spread, the members of Lyon lodge being the hosts.

Early in the evening the entire company attended the "Round-Up" in the opera house, being the guests of the Independence chapter.

The principal officers for the ensuing year are:

Worthy Matron, Mrs. P. M. Kirkland; Worthy Patron, P. M. Kirkland Associate Matron, Mrs. Nellie Macleod; Conductress, Mrs. C. W. Irvine; Associate Conductress, Mrs. K. C. Eldridge; Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Swape; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Mix; Organist, Mrs. O. D. Butler; Sentinel, C. W. Butler; Inside Guardian, Mrs. C. W. Butler.

No Demonstration

The incoming of the year 1911 was greeted by the ringing of bells in Independence, and the more patriotic persons gave it a glad welcome. This year there was no demonstration at all. The old year went into history without much enthusiasm and no one suffered from the want of sleep as has been the case in former years.

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WIN TWO FAST GAMES

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Two very interesting basket ball games were played in the auditorium last week. The only bad feature of the games was that few people attended. Both of the Independence teams are doing fine work this season and they ought to be encouraged.

The first game was played by the Dallas and Independence first teams, and it was team work from start to finish, especially on the part of the local tossers. The boys entered the game with apparent determination to win and win they did, as the score was 14 to 11 at the close of the game with Independence in the lead.

Shortly after the juniors handed one to the Dallas boys the first teams from the same cities went on and a warm contest was engaged in. Dallas had the best of it all through the game so far as decisions was concerned, but for team work the Independence boys out-classed the visitors in every particular. The score was 11 to 9 making Independence's total 23 and Dallas 20.

Discard the Sock

Judging from the number of post cards that have passed through the Independence post office during the past week people had an all absorbing desire to show their Santa Claus spirit by imposing upon Uncle Sam. There never was a time in the history of this city when so many joy-bearing messages were received through the mail. The late day of substituting the mail box for the sock seems to be growing.

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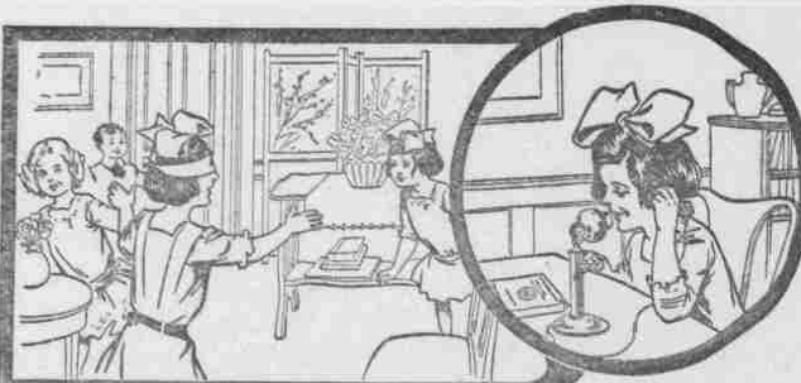
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