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BULL DOG COURAGE

Bull dog courage may be one of the essential requisites in successful politics, but unless served with brains it is a dangerous commodity to possess. A safe place for the kind of political nerve that feeds on riot and rebellion, and hangers for fights between meals is in the powder magazine.

One may have reason to judge from current reports regarding the presidential campaign that some of the aspirants for the executive chair are richly gifted with this sort of capacity for trouble. The present attitude of Ex-president Roosevelt is making a magnificent display of his courage, and bids fair to leave a good on the hands of the republican party that cannot very well be lived down in the course of a lifetime.

The personal quarrel between President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt has already resulted in a factional fight in the party, and national conditions were never so unsettled as now. Such conditions cannot promote success to the party or to the country.

There are some politicians—and some strong ones too—who would rather stand pat in a wrong cause and face down a righteous majority in a convention, or a House, than to be right from the very first start without a fight at all. And these are the men who, in a day, manage to infect the party with more sores than all the salves of diplomacy can heal in a quarter of a century. Colonel Roosevelt's apparent fear is that he may be thought capable of being afraid. The manner in which he presents himself at the Chicago meeting indicates his vanity is that of proving himself recklessly indifferent to the rights and opinions of others the one vulnerable spot in his imperturbability.

Any man with enough "give" in his make-up to be thoroughly human is less liable to stir up eternal enmities than the man who will not allow an emotion to show itself upon his countenance.

CRUSADE AGAINST FLY

Dr. Calvin A. White is making a tour through the state in a crusade against the common house fly. The

object of this expedition seems to be for the preservation of humanity.

The house fly has been in existence ever since the creation of the world, and probably no more numerous now than they were centuries ago, but of only recent date it has been learned by scientists that the musca is a dangerous insect to have around the house. If Dr. White and others making a raid on the long believed to be harmless fly, would devote the same efforts in trying to locate evils of greater importance in the state, and in the entire world, there would be less sickness, less misery and less demand for state insane asylums and reformatories. Probably the little fly does carry a few germs into the home on his feet, but there are other things going into homes daily with a more serious result than the house fly, and nothing is said of the consequence.

FIRST IN EVERYTHING

Many visitors to Independence this week have expressed great surprise at the wonderful development of this city during the past few months, or since the last spring meet of the Independence Driving Club.

To those who have lived here continuously it is not so apparent without a moment's pause and a glance backward to the days of muddy or dusty streets, dilapidated walks and rusty looking buildings, but to those who have not visited this now beautiful home town for a year a vast improvement is decidedly noticeable. The business houses, new residences, new pavement, and the improved appearance of progress that has overtaken Independence.

By the time another meeting of the Club is called there will be still more improvements to greet the visitors.

Independence is destined to be the first city in Polk county and is now making rapid strides in that direction.

It is now first in schools, first in society first in industry, and will soon be first in population, and first in everything.

BE A REAL BOOSTER

The man who says a good word for his town and then puts the sentiment of the utterance into practice is a power in the upbuilding of the city and community. It too often happens that residents of a city speak derogatorily of their home town, fight every effort to improve it, find fault with the merchants and business enterprises; all of which has a tendency to eulogize outside interests and retard the progress of home industries. If your home town isn't worth a "well-word" from you it is not worth living in and the sooner the creamery howler retires the sooner will be an improvement of financial and social conditions.

Join the Independence Commercial Club and be a booster.

PERFORM THAT DUTY

At the annual school meeting Monday evening one member of the board of directors dropped a remark that should sink deeply into the heart of every patron of the Independence schools, and we should all profit by past experience. People are more or less inclined in all districts to find fault with the board and make unkind remarks which often times have a tendency to hinder the progress of the schools. We should remember that the men elected to conduct the school work are giving their time and attention without compensation, instead of condemning them for some action that may not exactly meet our fancy we should be thankful for their efforts.

Above all, there should be a specific inculcation of patriotism in the school district. Patriotism is something that is native to the mind. By some law of being, the spot where we were born is the dearest in all the world. Let us work in unity to make the school where our children are fitted and prepared for manhood and womanhood, the dearest spot on earth to them. There is no better way to do this than to sanction the efforts of directors and not let every little personality enter school affairs. Words of encouragement will help in this, and it seems to be a duty we owe our children to work in harmony with the teachers and school directors. Every school patron has a duty to perform as much as every school director. Let us perform that duty.

GOOD EXHIBITS

This week probably more than any other time of the year, the Farmer of Independence becomes prominent in the minds of city people because of the handsome exhibits from the farm in the nature of blooded stock; and the exhibits are such as to suggest favorable comment from all sources.

Independence has just reason to be proud of the stock exhibits made this week at the stock show, which convened in the forenoon of the first two days of the spring meet of the Independence Driving Association.

Stock horses are not all the farmers and Independence people are introducing this week, but there are some beautiful and valuable drivers and they are making good on the track. There is probably no other town in Oregon where more fast horses are owned than in Independence.



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