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CRITICISM.

Just now the Mayor and city council, at least those members who seek to improve the streets of this city by hard surface pavement, are victims of criticism—perhaps unjust criticism. It seems to us that no man should claim the right to be a competent critic on this or any other subject who does not possess a universality of mind on the points at issue, and it is clearly evident in this particular case that all are not conversant with the conditions.

We sometimes see numbers of men, and even whole nations, so much fettered by habits of their education and modes of living that they cannot shake themselves from them even in the enjoyment of fine arts. Nothing to them seems to appear natural, proper or beautiful, which is foreign to their ideas. In this exclusive mode of seeing, of feeling and of living, it is no doubt possible by means of cultivation, to attain a great nicety of discrimination in the narrow circle within which they are limited and circumscribed. But we repeat, no man can be a true critic or connoisseur who does not possess a universality of mind.

Observing the progress of Independence during the past two years, since the subject of civic improvement was first heard from the council chambers, it is astounding that one objection should be raised to furthering the improvements of our streets.

Property has almost doubled in valuation, including the cost of paving. Not only is this true in the paved districts, but it is true in all parts of the city and even out into the immediate tributary country. And yet we find numberless citizens who seem to be progressive in many respects, ready to remonstrate against further improvement of streets.

HIS POLICY AGAIN

The pistol measure before the Oregon legislature last week intended to abolish the use and maintenance of guns in homes for self-protection is, in our opinion, a rank injustice to people of Oregon under the present conditions. The intention of the measure is probably all good, but under Governor West's prison policy, with criminals and professional yegg men on parole, what protection can the homes of Oregon have? The law says someone, but the law does not act quick enough to prevent the murder of an entire family when these men are at work.

At Silverton a few days ago someone entered a home in the night and stabbed a young lady thirteen times with a sharp instrument of some kind. It is said that the sheriff of Marion county was called upon to run down the assailant, but on account of so much work in the office, occasioned by tax collections, he could not find time to leave, and requested that the city marshal look into the case. This being the case it is seen that the law acts slow compared to the criminal, and we need protection in our homes other than an officer who cannot do his duty on account of tax collections.

This measure again calls to mind the necessity of removing the governors power of pardon. With criminals and yegg men behind the bars it might be well to take the gun from the home.

WANTED—A good milch cow and one span of work horses. See O. T. Murphy or Phone me at Independence

HOME INDUSTRY

We owe it to the community in which we live to do everything possible that will be to its advantage. Our neighbor's prosperity means a great deal more to us than someone's who lives elsewhere and of whom we know little or nothing. We should bear this in mind at all times, and especially when buying necessities for the household.

We can afford to pay our merchant a firm price for his wares rather than to send our money, knowing as we do, every dollar our citizens make will help sustain our schools, churches and all public institutions and on the other hand the merchant will help the case by keeping in stock such goods as the public demands.

Every dollar sent to Salem, Portland or elsewhere builds up these towns and retards the progress of your home city.

A GAME OF GRAB

Some people in Independence seem to look upon business life as a great game of "grab." They live for themselves only and care not whether the other fellow sinks or swims. In their lust for gain they show no scruples as to the method employed, their sole aim being to act the part of a hog.

This is frank, but true. If there existed in this city a higher standard of fraternity in business and social circles all would be more prosperous and happier.

The First Hinge.

The first hinge was probably that of the oyster. The thorny oyster of the Pacific coast has its two shells joined together by a hinge as good as any found in any hardware shop of the country. There are other hinges found in nature, but that of the oyster reaches the highest perfection. We have made little advance upon this device in all of our years of patenting and inventing.—St. Nicholas.

An Expert.

"I never have any trouble with my gowns." "How is that?" "You see, my husband belongs to the fire department." "Well?" "And he can hook me up in forty-five seconds."—Washington Herald.

She Had.

"Have you any unmarried daughters, Mrs. De W'longhby?" asked the visitor. "Oh, yes, Mr. Vandertbloom. My daughter Minnie was unmarried last week by Judge Cuttem," replied the lady.—Harper's.

A Query.

Fair Patron—The papers say you handle mail here by the ton. Postmaster—Yes, indeed. Fair Patron—Well, my fiancée is going away for a couple of days. What kind of a special rate will you give me per ton?—Woman's Home-Companion.

HE DENIES IT

Editor Independence Enterprise:—

Dear Sir: It has been seldom, in the past that I have noted that the Enterprise was guilty of misrepresentation, but in your issue of present date you are guilty of this crime. Your statement on front page that I stated at the meeting of the city council, last Wednesday evening, that I would circulate a petition of remonstrance against extension of pavement in the city, is unqualifiedly false.

The facts are these: A motion was put before the council instructing the city recorder to bring in an ordinance placing the curb line on all streets of the city, except first and second, at nineteen feet from the property line, thus reducing the width of all streets except those two mentioned to 28 feet between the curbs. I stated to the council that if such an ordinance was passed that I would head a referendum petition against this ordinance, and I certainly will stand by my guns on that statement. The statements of our honorable mayor, councilmen and city engineer that other towns had cut many of their streets down to twenty-two feet in width, are not pertinent to the situation with us as I view it. All those towns that have wide streets and have voluntarily cut their width to less than half, if such their are, have done so on comparatively little used streets and have many of their main streets as wide as it is possible to have them under existing conditions, and for this council or any other to voluntarily cut all our streets except first street to twenty-eight feet with nineteen feet for walk and parking, would be destroying one of our city's chief assets. In fact, I can conceive of no probable action that could be taken by it that would prove a greater calamity to the permanent welfare of the town. For instance, as proof of the folly of such action,

Take E. street with a railroad, Sixth street with a franchise granted for a railroad, and more than likely other streets will some time be called on to furnish room for rails and it needs no argument to show how impracticable this will be on twenty-eight foot streets. Very truly, W. T. HOFFMAN.

Monmouth Column

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL CITY

J. L. Murdock, who recently moved his family to Portland, was here Saturday on business. The purpose of his moving to Portland was to act as salesman for the Monmouth creamery, as the company wishes to ex-communicate all middle men.

The students of the Sophomore and Junior classes of the high school were entertained at the home of Harold Haley, north of town, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Arant and son, Manly, went to Newberg Saturday and visited with the family of W. L. Arant, returning home Monday.

A number of the boys of Monmouth are preparing the ground east of the confectionery store of Morland & Son, for a tennis court.

The Monmouth hotel changed owners last Wednesday. Antone Schauer of Portland, traded property in the metropolis to W. E. Strong for the business here. The management of the hotel here has been changed many times during the last few years.

Principal J. W. Livingston of the Monmouth High School, suggested to the student body of the school that a meeting of the parents of this district be held to discuss the school garden proposition for this year, but it was decided to postpone the meeting indefinitely.

The tennis grounds west of the grove on the Normal campus have been plowed and two smooth courts will be prepared for use of the Normal students this summer.

Luther Grounds, who is in Portland visiting relatives and friends, is steadily recovering from his recent attack of paralytic rheumatism with which he was afflicted.

Plans are being made for a school garden for the boys of the seventh grade in Monmouth Training School, and a piece of ground for the purpose will be secured soon, if possible. Professor A. B. Beaumont, instructor of Agriculture in the Normal school will direct the work of planting by the boys.

Rev. J. M. Orrick, pastor of the Christian church of this city, has moved his family from their temporary home on Railroad Avenue, opposite the depot, to the Luther Grounds house in the southern part of this city.

The Doughty property west of town has been cleared of prune trees and prepared for planting of seed crops by L. P. and F. M. Arant.

A number of our young people have attended the revival meetings at the Christian church in Independence, being conducted by Rev. C. H. Hilton, the noted evangelist.

Cement walk work in Monmouth was continued the first of the week and a machine secured for the purpose of rapid laying of walks has been brought into use.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville White have moved from over the Liberal store to the Meeker residence in the western part of town.

G. W. Sullivan has resigned his place as city marshal and superintendent of the water works and is employed on the large farm of J. B. Stump west of town, to which place he moved last week.

Miss Anna Wood, one of the mid-year graduates of the Normal, has accepted a position at Beaver, Tillamook county, and left for her school Monday.

The Polk County Teacher's Institute will be held at the Central school building in Monmouth, Saturday, March 1, and county school superintendent H. C. Seymour, who will have charge of the meeting has asked the Normal school to have school on that day and thereby give the visiting teachers the privilege of seeing the Normal in session. The observation will be in lieu of the ordinary teachers' meeting, and the faculty of the school has complied with the request. Since the Normal school and training school will be in regular session on that day, there will be no school the following Monday, March 3. Miss Butler, Head of the Department of Domestic Science, will have charge of the entertainment of the visitors.

City Engineer, L. C. Kelsey, of Portland was in Monmouth Thursday testing the water system.

At the last regular session of the city council, J. A. Sturkin was chosen for city marshal and superintendent of the water system to succeed G. W. Sullivan.

New Spring MERCHANDISE JUST ARRIVED

We are now displaying our new line of Dress Goods for spring and summer, both in wool and cotton suitings, Lorita Striped Ratine, Remyere Voiles, Pongee Silks, Brocaded Charmeuse, Jaquard Madras Cloth, Crepe Chiffons, Crinkled Crepes, Flaxons, Piques, Ginghams and Percales, New Waists and Waistings. We have never shown a more beautiful Spring and Summer line than we are showing this Spring.

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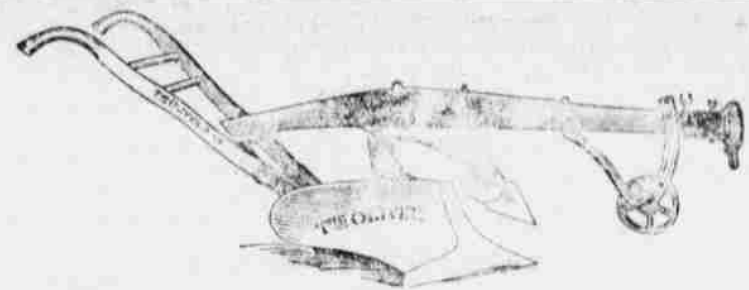
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Oregon

An attempt will be made this month to secure a suitable place for a baseball diamond for the Monmouth high school team, the organization of which was effected at a meeting last week.

George Boothby, the ex-goat buyer, has made noted improvements about his property on Clay street, in the form of new cement walks, etc.

J. M. Westfall is seriously ill at the home of his son at Hopewell, where he went for a visit a few weeks ago.

The filbert and walnut trees on the Stump farm, west of town, have made a remarkable growth during the last two years, notwithstanding some damage done them by jack rabbits.

Misses Mary Haines and Eleanor Portwood are recovering from typhoid fever. There have been no new cases reported.

Charles Smith, one of the prosperous farmers of the Luckiamute valley, is the owner of a new Ford touring car.

Mrs. Clary, mother of C. P. Cornwall in South Monmouth, suffered another fall and is again in a serious condition.

Owing to a large amount of plumbing in connection with the new water system, C. G. Griffa has purchased a new pipe cutting machine for use in his business.

The Christian Endeavor society of

the Christian church presented a splendid program in the church Sunday evening as a result of several weeks careful preparation.

Louis Murdock and Earl White have resumed their concrete work and are making sidewalks and crosswalks. They have purchased a concrete mixer at a cost of \$125 which will lay 35 yards of gravel per day.

A business meeting of the Golden Rule bible class was held at the home of Mrs. K. H. Scafoose last Wednesday afternoon and the ladies present were Mesdames Wolverton, Prime, Shore, Ostrom, Haley, Walter, Stone, Daniel, Force, Whitney, Scafoose and Miss Maggie Butler.

Andrew Aynes is the proprietor of the new hardware store opened in the Bank block in the room owned by H. E. Guthrie.

William Riddell, Sr., and James Riddell, in company with U. S. Grant of Dallas, president of the Northwest Angora Goat Association, went to Colorado where they are attending a goat association meeting.

Miss Sara Hazeltine, of the Normal school, has gone to Dallas where she has organized a class of students in folk dancing in the Woodman hall.

Since the interior of the Bank is being re-arranged there was not enough room for the fine large palm

which has set in the lobby for many years, and Ira C. Powell contributed it to the high school.

he rooms are rapidly taking form in the girls' new dormitory for the Oregon State Normal School, and the building in general shows up at a good distance.

President J. H. Ackerman went to Oregon City the latter part of last week where he delivered an address to the students of the high school.

A pile of wood consisting of over 100 cords is being sawed at the wood yard near the depot after which it will be delivered to its many consumers in the city.

Rip Van Winkle was given at the Star theatre Thursday and Friday evenings and was very much enjoyed.

The members of the Monmouth Cox (Continued on Fourth Page.)

Advertisement for Lung Disease treatment, featuring Dr. King's New Discovery. Text: 'LUNG DISEASE After four in our family had died of consumption I was taken with a frightful cough and lung trouble, but my life was saved and I gained 87 pounds through using DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex. PRICE 50c and \$1.00 at ALL DRUGGISTS.'