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when you can get plenty of hot water, but when the plumbing is out of order, that's a different story. It is a good plan to have your plumbing looked after every now and then, to see that it is in proper condition.

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In the current issue of the Oregon City Enterprise there appears a strong editorial, regarding the duty and rights of the newspapers to print the truth about all local conditions, to thoroughly enlighten the public as to real conditions, regardless of the adverse advertising which it may give that particular city or county.

"Light is the best policeman", is the key note of the editorial and the county seat paper justifies its stand in having placed before its readers a true statement of conditions as they existed, regarding some of the evils of that city, such as the deplorable conditions which culminated in the typhoid epidemic a year or so ago. More recently they have been severely criticised for enlightening the people as to the true condition of the city's finances.

Many merchants and townspeople even went to the extreme of stopping their subscriptions to the paper, believing that a chronicle of the city's weaknesses, should not be advertised to the state or country at large, as it would hurt the fair reputation of the city.

The Enterprise is right in its contention. A remedy for existing evils cannot be found until the truth is made known to every resident and person, who should be interested in rectifying the evil. A mere chronicle of the virtues of a community is a good thing, but moral and physical growth will not occur, until the evils are bettered and the faults remedied. A city is merely a collection of individuals and a good "scouring" is a benefit for city or individual alike.

The Progress would like to chronicle nothing but the virtues of Estacada and surrounding country,

for by so doing, no enemies would be made. A true statement of the conditions of Estacada's streets and sidewalks and a few other disparaging aspects of the city, even while they may hurt the fair name of the community to outsiders, must be kept constantly before the people, in order to eventually better these conditions.

The Progress, like the Enterprise, has lost a few subscribers for printing such matter, and its recent stand on the enforcement of the fruit inspection has not increased its popularity.

The press and the pulpit are the only mediums for such dissemination of the truth, and as the latter has its hands full trying to handle the moral issues, the Progress will continue to work for the good of the community but hopes that the proportion of bouquets handed to the community, may be in a large excess to the number of brick-bats.

Ninety-nine per cent. of the residents of Estacada know that there is to be a Clean Up Day held soon. It is a safe assumption that ninety per cent. of the residents knew that there was to be a mass meeting held last Friday night at the Family Theatre, to lay out a campaign to systematise the work on Clean Up Day.

About thirty people attended this important meeting, but these loyal citizens more than made up for lack of numbers by their enthusiasm.

Probably a municipal psychologist could explain why a crowd will attend a school or road meeting and will not be present at a Clean Up Day meeting. Possibly the danger of not being represented at a tax voting affair may bring out the populace, although a Clean Up Day meeting is to consider accomplishing a free benefit, that should be handled by a tax. Sometimes the fear of a collection being taken up keeps down the attendance.

The only answer to the condition that prevailed at Friday's meeting is LACK OF CIVIC PRIDE. Maybe selfishness or laziness might be the underlying reasons, but the fact remains that the people of Estacada, as a whole, lack vital interest in the welfare of their home city.

This denunciation does not apply to the ladies of the Civic Improvement Club, for they are doubly imbued with civic loyalty and many of the men are equally loyal, but the big majority of the residents must wake up to a keener interest in municipal welfare.

Estacada should have a larger proportion of such pride than the average larger city, for a large majority of the residents of this city, are property owners, and work that benefits the city at large or that hurts the home town, reflects directly on the realty values and causes a fluctuation of their pocket books.

Stop and consider this condition. Are you at fault? Did you have any good and sufficient reason for not having been present at last Friday's meeting? Lastly, Resolved that hereafter I will take a more active interest in the civic welfare of my home town, and I will work CLEAN UP DAY.

Our neighboring county town of Canby is to have a library, and has already made the preliminary arrangements. It is the purpose of their library association to get in touch with the state library at Salem and have a shipment of books sent to that place to be used in their library. The chief purpose for which the state library is maintained is to supply the small town library with books, which the average small town cannot afford to purchase.

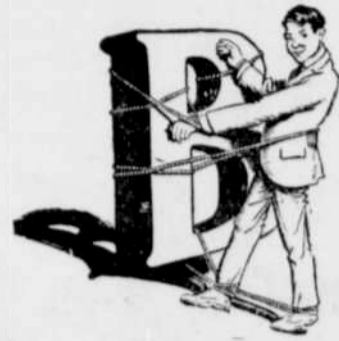
As a suggestion, the C. I. C. Estacada library might avail themselves of the state's supply of books, or if they are now used at the Estacada School, they might be moved into the more centrally located, C. I. C. rooms.

"DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION" is the scare line in the last issue of the Courier, in further harping on the recent Lower Garfield tragedy. For the enlightenment of the people, who are trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill, and consequently cause a lot of unnecessary worry to the immediate family of the deceased, let it hereby be known that the coroner's jury comprised the following men: Archie Vocum, Dick Githens, Herman Duus, Fred Crawford, Charley Linn, with the editor, R. M. Standish, as chairman.

If the Courier or anyone else interested in this affair will interview anyone of the above mentioned men, all of whom live in this vicinity, or will talk with the parents of the deceased, they will obtain sufficient information and truth, to put a quietus on these repeated insinuations of foul play and an investigation.

To date, the Hill murder mystery at Ardenwald has cost Clackamas county a large sum of money, the exact amount probably figuring into the four column mark, besides a claim for \$2,000, now being sned for against the County Court.

Crime should be investigated and mysteries solved, where a mystery exists, but no money should be wasted trying to ferret out a mystery where none exists and a little careful inquiry would satisfy the proper authorities and the press of this fact.



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