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No Spring poems have been received as yet, the editor is almost tempted to woo the Muse, mew the Woos or what ever it is called, how would this one sound?

Spring has come—Oh! gentle Spring,
Mud's on the road and everything.
The snow has went to swell the streams,
Exposing rotted planks and beams.

Spring has come—the sun is gleaming,
The weeds are sprouting—the town needs cleaning.
Skates are stored—so are sleds,
An' the Progress's hollering for hitching sheds.

Spring has come—the birds are here,
The farmer's working far and near.

Taxes are due, for the statement's sent,
An' Broadway's waiting for its new pavement.

(Verses 4 to 44 got stuck in the press.)

The attendance of women at Saturday's political meeting makes it necessary that the Progress retract any asperations it may have cast recently at the fallacies of Women's Suffrage.

One of the surest signs of spring, is the noticeable patronage of the sidewalk benches, on the sunny side of the street.

Unless one of the county seat papers stops copying the news word for word from the Estacada Progress, without showing the usual courtesies, the Progress will be forced to take up a column of its valuable space and reprint all of the news from the county seat paper.

Apropos of the excellent dinner served last Saturday night at the Estacada M. E. Church, the question arises, is a man entitled to any credit in heaven for having contributed 25c to the cause of the church, when he received a six bit meal in exchange?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

While it is not likely the result of last Saturday's political meeting in Estacada will be binding upon all of the voters of this part of the county, in standing together at the coming primary and general election, in supporting the candidates chosen at that meeting; there is no doubt but that the selection of Messrs. Reed and Stephens is a fair indication of the wishes of the community and the support given these candidates at the general election will probably at least be in as good proportion, as the balloting at Saturday's meeting indicated.

Owing to the announced withdrawal of F. J. Harkenrider from the race for the commissionership and the reported withdrawal of John Ely, added support should be given to the meetings' choice.

As is true in the case of any man who has taken a prominent part in a community's development, it is but natural that strong favoritism and strong enmity should exist in the case of Mr. Reed, but many voters have risen above their personal feelings, in their decision to support him for his known qualities, which qualify him for the responsibilities of the office.

Every candidate whose name had been suggested for the commissionership was well qualified in many ways to handle the job and the probable reason for the final selection of J. W. Reed, was the common recognition of his being a good business man; a heavy taxpayer, having been closely identified with the development of this country for years past; a hard worker; a man little given to speech-making or talking; a good fighter and a man who will yield when the occasion demands. Mr. Reed's present business as an automobile agent, with his knowledge of the condition of the local roads, coupled with a fair amount of road building experience, would make him a valuable adjunct to the county court.

In the case of Mr. Stephens, while not as well known throughout the county, his record as an honest, hard working citizen, with especial willingness to assume his full share of civic and community responsibilities, in connection with the George Commercial & Social Club, the East Clackamas County Fair and other movements, commends him to the local voters and taxpayers. Modesty with Mr. Stephens is almost a fault, but the voters are beginning to realize that at least as much good can be accomplished in the State Legislature by a member who refrains from speechmaking, as by one of a more oratorical turn, for too large a part of the state's legislation is

transacted away from the regular sessions, in committee and private gatherings.

If the selections of Saturday's meeting, do not exactly agree with the choice of all voters, it is hoped that for the good of Eastern Clackamas County, all voters will stand together by these men, for cooperation is the only way in which this section will succeed in getting its due share of representation.

If the past snow with its sleighing did no other good, it at least furnished food for some of Estacada's livestock, which in several instances succeeded in eating all of the straw and hay bedding from the bottoms of the vehicles, before the owners returned from their marketing.

Hogs To Be Shipped Friday

Buyer Lucke is a welcome visitor among the farmers at this time, as he is this week paying \$7.50 per hundred weight for hogs, f. o. b. Estacada Stock Yards.

The next carload will be shipped next Friday noon, February 18th. Parties having stock for sale, should notify W. Givens of Estacada at once.

Pastor's Ideas On Community Church

A week ago Sunday, Rev. Spiess of the M. E. Church, preached on the subject of "A Community Church" and the following are some of the vital points, furnished the Progress by him.

"The community church is not a communistic church, having all things in common. It is composed of all Christian people, who make an open confession of Christ, who are vitally united to Christ, bound to observe the laws of Christ and the doctrines as taught by Him and His apostles.

Therefore it is founded upon the Bible and more especially on the New Testament and 'Whatsoever is not found therein nor proved thereby is not to be expected of any man.'

Such a church must recognize as Christians all who have faith in Christ and follow his commandments, as found in the Bible.

It must accept members of all evangelical churches, regardless of any peculiarities or diversities of administering the Sacraments; and when leaving, give such members letters admitting them to any society of Christian people.

Such a church must not abrogate any right of individual conscience but must leave each free to serve God according to the dictates of their conscience.

The people, called Methodists, are always ready for a more vital union with all other peoples to better advance the cause of Christ, if essentials to salvation are adhered to and in non-essentials the liberty is given, upon which the Reformation was based. 'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ.' Signed—Henry Spiess.

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