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COMMERCIAL CLUB MUST REORGANIZE

Are We Going To Let The Ladies Do All The Work

Until the City of Estacada has a commercial organization of some kind among its men, it will continue like a ship without a rudder, only worse, as a rudderless ship has a captain and crew which work in harmony, while Estacada has a tendency towards mutiny and cliques, which condition is seriously retarding the growth of the city and community.

Many people may laugh at the idea of reorganization again, as the past ten years has seen organized and allowed to die, not less than a half dozen such organizations. Yet each one of them, while it lasted, accomplished some good.

With prosperity now invading Oregon and reports every day current of industries looking for locations, a commercial or development club is of the utmost importance here. There are a number of municipal improvements which can only be furthered and accomplished by the backing of an association of Estacada men.

To date, the women of the Civic Improvement Club are doing it all, but there are a lot of jobs they cannot accomplish alone, such as the construction of HITCHING SHEDS for Estacada; obtaining the cooperation of the property owners on Broadway to assure a CONCRETE PAVEMENT between 2nd and 3rd Streets; to take charge of and work with the C. I. C. in the handling of a successful CLEAN UP DAY; to work for a permanent LIBRARY and a tax for the support of same; to work for an INCLINE SIDEWALK on Broadway between 3rd and 5th Streets; to install a suitable DRINKING FOUNTAIN in Estacada, for man and beast; to interest INDUSTRIES to locate here; to work with and advise the Estacada CITY COUNCIL; to interest capital in the community RESOURCES; to stir up more CIVIC PRIDE and so forth.

Of course, it is easy enough for a newspaper to make out a list of improvements needed, but another thing to get them. But there is not an improvement mentioned in the above list that cannot become a reality within the next year or two and at little expense, if the men will band together.

Angling For Big Saw Mill

With the finances of the Willamette Valley Southern Railway satisfactorily arranged last week, the directors of that new railroad, which is opening up the country between Molalla and Oregon City, are trying to switch the contemplated location of a big sawmill from Silverton, onto their line at Mt Angel.

If there is a big sawmill that is undecided as to a location, where it can ship thirty carloads of lumber every day and pay out a big payroll every month, Estacada and the P. R. L. & P. Co., might modestly hold out a little bait to attract such an industry.

Still, little can be expected from a community that has no commercial organization to look after such opportunities and a transportation line that makes little effort to secure industries.

Frazier Out Of Danger

Charles Frazier of Estacada, who last week was discovered in his barn in an unconscious and dying condition and who was reported to have sustained a fracture of the skull, was taken to Portland last Monday afternoon, where an operation was performed by Dr. Whiting, resulting in the removal of a 22 caliber bullet from the base of the brain. At last reports the patient was expected to recover.

Community Church

Meeting Sunday

Every person in this community, who is directly or indirectly interested in the contemplated formation of a Community Church in this district, is urged to be present next Sunday afternoon, April 2d, at a meeting to be held in the Estacada C. I. C. room, at 3 o'clock sharp.

This will not be a secular meeting, but is called by a number of local church members and laymen, to informally talk over the movement and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Signed—John Ely

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In the evening, at the Estacada Christian Church, Rev. Williams will preach upon the subject "A Plea for Christian Union."

Estacada Boy Marries

Announcement was made last week of the marriage at Vancouver of Elvin Morrow of Estacada and Miss Blanch Foy of Portland, the young couple are this week visiting the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morrow in Estacada.

Elvin is in the U. S. Naval Dept., being stationed permanently in Portland, on the U. S. S. Boston.

George Undergoing Building Boom

If the record of improvement and new building in a community, is an index of prosperity and hustle, then the George section is coming into its own with a vengeance.

Leo Rath is now erecting an up-to-date rustic barn and similar improvements will soon be under way on the Wiederhold and Janssen farms; while Fred Lins, Robert and Adolph Miller are contemplating building additions to their barns.

H. C. Stephens is reported to have already received architect's plans for the enlargement of his home and other signs of development are present, including much new wire fencing, on the Fred Lins', A. H. Miller' and other properties.

Sunday School Officers

At the annual election of officers of the Springwater Sunday School last Sunday, the following officers were elected:—Supt., W. A. Bard; Asst. Supt., J. C. Peterson; Secy., Miss Florence Schenk; Treas., John Moger; Librarian, E. Shibley; Organist, Miss Elva Shibley.

Garfield Grange Meets

Under the able leadership of Worthy Master W. H. Holder, ably supported by his enthusiastic subordinate officers and members, things are moving briskly with the Garfield Grange, which held its regular meeting last Saturday. The ladies were in charge of the lecture hour.

\$55,000 Post Office

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, reporting on the Oregon City post office bill, says a one story building covering 4,800 square feet, will be sufficient, costing \$55,000, and \$10,000, additional for the site.

ARGUMENT FOR TILE DRAINED ROADS

Portland Expert Submits Views

The people of Clackamas County have for many years been complaining that although they have been paying large sums in road taxes, they still have wretched roads. The same method of construction is still persisted in and the money is still thrown into the mud. It is amazing that the old system should be continued for these many years as though the height of scientific road building had been attained, and no better could be imagined.

Clackamas County is one of the most picturesque in the state or nation. There are a great many fine views and beautiful trossachs. If its roads were good it would be noted for the beauty of its scenery, even by its own inhabitants. When the roads are good the other advantages and beauties are noted and admired; but when they are bad they are about the only part of the landscape seen by the anxious traveler or homeseeker.

The construction of good roads has the same effect as a woman putting on fine clothes. Her appearance is much improved, no matter how beautiful, she was before. Clackamas County, even though now beautiful, should "dress up."

The best dress is the hard surface roads. But that dressing will be slow because so expensive; so that while we are indulging in that meritorious improvement, we must find a better way to improve the dirt roads so as to make them more sightly and serviceable so the traveler will not feel so apprehensive of discomfort and disaster when traveling over them.

Roads, to remain good, must have good foundations, and these foundations cannot be good unless they are kept well drained. This cannot be by ditches at the sides. They are too far away and not deep enough; for the foundation should be at least two feet deep, and, in most cases, three feet deep, or more, in order to absorb the water from the surface.

To do this, the foundation must be underdrained.

If two three-inch tile drains were laid, say ten feet apart, and one of them should ever have to

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