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Isn't it barely possible that some of our epidemics of mild contagious diseases are due to lack of a proper sewerage system in Estacada?

Today, there are dozens of cesspools within the city limits, which are not only running over and polluting the nearby ground, but are bubbling out of the ground with disease laden, filthy gases.

Estacada should not wait until it has a fatal epidemic before coming to its senses. We spend \$25,000 for a well ventilated and up-to-date high school for our children, but rather overlook their healthful environment when out

Too much credit cannot be given to those boys from this community, who have already answered the Country's Call to Arms.

These boys in many ways deserve more credit than those who may enlist later, when more serious conditions arise, for the boys who take up the colors now, do so from a strong sense of duty and patriotism, without that hysteria and frenzy which always comes when an emergency or actual fighting begins.

At a recent meeting of the Farmers' and Merchants' Club it was suggested that a "Knockers' Program" be held in the near future, at which meeting, the rural residents are to be invited to present their 'knocks' against Estacada and its business men.

The idea waa originally suggested as a joke, but may become a reality, for such a meeting of the farmers and business men might result in an interchange of good suggestions, which would be of value, and again, it might end up in a free-for-all-fight, all depending on whether the program was properly planned in advance and tactfully presented.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has placards on its walls inviting all members to offer "constructive criticism", which is what the Estacada business men would welcome, if the criticism was presented in the form of "beneficial knocks"

Estacada realizes that it has much room for improvement and is steadily striving to develop along closer and better business relations with the farmers, but much still remains to be done.

Again, there are two sides to the question and in order to make the program doubly interesting and fair, the merchants should be allowed to not only defend their actions and town, but should be allowed to present a few helpful criticisms of the farmers.

It is to be hoped that such a meeting will be held and that both sides will enter into the spirit of helpfulness intended.

Ye Editor got a little hot under the collar at a recent meeting of the Farmers, & Merchants' Club and possibly said a few things he had'nt oughter.

All was going along rather peacefully, with the subscriptions for stock in the cheese-factory at a standstill, when one or two outsiders insinuated that a few of their neighbors objected to Estacada business men being stockholders, for fear ultimately said business men would obtain control of the industry.

Ye Editor had heard similar insinuations before and felt it was time someone championed the cause of the business men that's how it happened.

For these insinuations are an insult to the business men of Estacada and are absolutely unwarranted.

If a cheese factory is established in Estacada, it will but indirectly benefit the local business men, for while it would help build up the community, it would carry no payroll.

So when the Estacada business men offered to subscribe for stock. provide a building site and otherwise furnish a bonus, they did so with a view of helping the farmers primarily. It is silly to accuse the merchants of wishing to dominate the business if established, for each and everyone has his hands full conducting his own business.

Our rural neighbors must remember that these are the same business men with whom they are daily having business and social transactions; the same men who in the past joined hands in the fight for Cascade County and who are continually working for better roads in this community.

These are the same men who are willingly contributing from their slender profits for every worthy cause, from financing an industry to aiding in charity.

These are the men who seldom refuse to buy tickets to the hundred and one local and community entertainments; contribute towards the churches or the relief funds; outfit the baseball team and each year charge off to profit and loss the amounts due from unfortunate customers who are unable to pay.

These are the men who practise their full share of unselfishness, who freely donate their automobiles with themselves as chauffeurs and who do more for this community at large in one minute, than all of the million dollar capitalized mail order houses in the world combined.

These are just a few of the rea-sons why Ye Editor flew off the handle a little bit.

# Your Credit Is Good

Just as long as you make it so. If you pay your bills in 30 days, it is O. K. If you don't-don't expect us to carry the account longer.

### It's Up To You

We still have another week of Special Sale on Sunkist Oranges-"Sweet Stuff" at

2 dozen for 25c

A. Chapman

Estacada, Oregon

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