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Prefatory And Personal

In making his initial bow to his readers, as Editor of the News, the writer is reminded of a story about Mark Twain. On one occasion there being no one to introduce him to his audience, the humorist had to do it himself. He said: "Ladies and gentlemen, on the whole when there is any introducing to do, I prefer to do it myself, as then I am sure the facts will be correctly given. There are two that I know about myself and these are, first, I have never been in states prison and secondly, I have never been able to see the reason why."

The writer can truthfully say, that during all the years he has used the pen, he has never been in it. And this, considering all that he has left undone what he ought to have done, and done what he ought not to have done, must be due to a merciful Providence.

Being both a stranger in the community and new to the work of editing and publishing a paper, he must beg the patience and indulgence of his readers, until he becomes more familiar with the routine and business details.

The paper will be conducted mainly on the same lines as heretofore. A partisan paper is not needed here, so in politics, it will be independent. In fact political matters will be dealt with only as they affect local interests.

This is a home paper, to keep the members of this community and vicinity in touch with one another, for their mutual profit and welfare. Local news, social, school, religious and civic will therefore constitute its principal features, and for this purpose he asks the cooperation of all.

It is surprising how much transpires in a community, which to elicit and record for the enlightenment of its readers, a newspaper, as its name implies, exists.

That the Eastern Clackamas News may accomplish this end is both the hope and intention of the writer, and for which he will put forth his best efforts.

In spite of the fact it has been necessary to issue a warrant for

the arrest of Claude W. Devore, on account of a shortage in the water fund, of which he had charge, and a strange silence on his part concerning his whereabouts, his friends of whom he has many here, still have faith in his honesty. They cannot believe that he was intentionally dishonest, and think that the deficit is due to carelessness in collecting and bookkeeping. But as the deficit amounts to only a few hundred dollars, they claim that he is able to and will make it good. Until it is definitely proved otherwise they will retain their reliance in his integrity. If unfortunately they are forced to revise their opinion, it will be with extreme regret and more in sorrow than in anger.

To celebrate appropriately the change in the management of the News, a new head line has been adopted and some other slight alterations made in the make up. These may or may not be an improvement, but every editor has his own ideas, and it is no good disputing about tastes. In the words of a revered and learned professor, under whom the writer formerly studied, each man has his own particular idiosyncratic schema, which accounts for the variations manifested among individuals. So let it go at that.

A man never knows how much he owns, in the line of household goods, until he packs them up, ships and pays the freight on them.

The Editor feels very grateful for the extremely kind words his predecessor wrote of him. But he fears he will not be able to live up to the reputation thus accorded him. He therefore hopes that his readers will not set their expectations too high, lest they be disappointed. How often a speaker who has been loudly heralded, fails because he did not come up to the mark expected of him.

WHY WE ARE HERE!

1st. Course of events necessitated a change in occupation and location.

2nd. Literary inclination suggested newspaper work.

3rd. An advertisement in the Oregonian called attention to the Eastern Clackamas News being for sale.

4th. Investigation showed that it was worth acquiring.

5th. The picturesqueness of Estacada and vicinity proved inviting.

6th. Faith in the future and people of Estacada made the final determination.

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