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HOW ABOUT A COMMERCIAL CLUB?

It is time for the organization of a commercial body, to promote the development of Estacada. Heaven helps those who help themselves and, as heaven has already helped us in giving us ideal natural advantages, it is up to us to utilize them. When riding around the country on a pleasant day, we are forcibly reminded of the line in the well known missionary hymn, which runs "Where Every Prospect Pleases." We have traveled some in our youth, and as far as our recollection goes, we have seen no prettier location than right here in Estacada and vicinity.

With a little enterprise this place could be made so attractive that it would become in great demand as a residence section, being within easy commuting distance from Portland for those whose business calls them there. For salubrity Estacada is unsurpassed, as witness its comparative freedom from the epidemic which wrought such havoc elsewhere. Its commercial advantages are potentially of great value as being the site of great water power and the centre of timber and agricultural lands recently opened up for settlement. It is our opinion that just now no expense or effort could be more wisely and profitably expended than in developing our own resources which pertain to inward growth and the development of commercial strength. But until there is some kind of an organization to plan and initiate proceedings, time and opportunity will be wasted. Just at present, it is true, that in business a very uncertain condition prevails, which prevents planning far ahead, but as soon as peace is an actual fact, and the reconstruction work begun in earnest, an unprecedented era of commercial activity will ensue which will bring a golden harvest to those who are equipped and ready to use the occasion. We

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A Prayer of Washington's.

Almighty Being, Benign Parent of the human race, Who rules over the Universe, Who presides in the Councils of Nations, Whose providential aid can supply every human defect, We come to Thee in humble supplication that since it has pleased Thee to favor the American people in forming this Government, that Thy benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States, a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes, and every instrument employed in its administration may execute with success the functions allotted to his charge. We acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand, which conducts the affairs of men. We gratefully acknowledge that every step, by which we have advanced to the character of an independent nation, has been distinguished by some token of providential agency. Give us Thy divine blessing, and may it be conspicuous in the enlarged views, the temperate consultations, and the wise measures on which the success of the Government must depend. God save the United States!

(Adapted from his first Inaugural address.)

Change in Firm

J. W. Reed has sold a half interest in the Estacada Garage to G. W. Stenhouse of Camas, Wash., who has already arrived and assumed his duties. Mr. Reed reports business is promising, having sold two Ford touring cars and one Ford truck last week. The enlargement of the firm will enable them to do a more extended business than ever. They will have something interesting to say in the columns of this paper in the near future. Look out for it.

Mrs. Arabella Couse has moved over to Mrs. Mary Dubois, as she has to vacate the depot agent's house for the new agent Theo Ahlberg, who has been re-appointed to his former position, which he resigned to enter the army.

An Apology.

When a man is in the wrong, he should own up and apologize, so we offer our sincere apologies and regrets for having published last week an item concerning the Currenville school, which investigation and correspondence with County Supt. Calavan proves to be absolutely incorrect. In his reply he commended both the attractive appearance of the school and the fine work being done.

We understand that the directors have recently expended a considerable sum in improving and cleaning the building. We trust our error may stimulate community pride so that there will be hearty co-operation between board and parents which will insure further advances in the efficiency of the school and making it the model for other districts to follow.

A Retraction.

The article headed "Unsanitary Schoolhouse," in last week's News, was conveyed by someone who had been evidently misinformed. Upon investigation I have learned that the Currinville school is in good condition and pupils doing nicely. I gladly therefore retract the statements made in aforesaid article.

John Dunseath.

Junior Class Play

The Junior class play "Fascinating Fanny," will be presented in the High School auditorium on Friday evening, February 28th. The cast is a strong one and much pains have been taken in rehearsing, so that a good audience should be assured. Next week we will publish a full program and synopsis of the play.

Death of Mrs. Irwin Wright.

Mayor Bartlett has received word that Mrs. Irwin Wright well known here where her husband was formerly cashier at the Estocada State Bank, died last Friday at Dinio, Ore. She was a native of Union where her remains were taken for burial.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MET AT MILWAUKEE

When the above organization met at Milwaukee, last Saturday, Prof. McKinley of Portland, Mrs. Baker of Milwaukee, Miss Hayes of Portland and Supt. Churchill were the principal speakers.

The talk on English teaching by Katharine Hayes of Portland developed considerable discussion. Investigations show that schools are not getting results they should get in English. Miss Hays objects to the present method and also to the lack of time given the English teacher for proper study of papers handed in for correction. In method she believes that we should start with the sentence or composition and lead out by a study of these compositions to technical grammar and rules of speech. Others advocated technical grammar in the 5th and 6th grades and on through the 7th and 8th as better. Supt. Churchill in this connection said that the new course of study would not call for technical grammar below the 7th grade and that in both the 7th and 8th grades composition and technical grammar should both be taught.

At another time Supt. Churchill said that much constructive educational advancement was being lost, because the teachers fail to telegraph the representatives and senators their opinions. He mentioned especially the health inspection bill which failed to pass owing to active religious opposition.

Resolutions were adopted by the Association favoring the Hoke-Smith bill now before Congress which provides for the distribution pro ratio of \$100,000,000 annually to the states for educational purposes if matched by like appropriations from the states, and also favoring the increase of the compulsory age for school attendance to 18 unless one has finished the eighth grade before that time.

Mrs. B. O. Sarver is very ill at her home.