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### On The Assembly

This paper has been asked to give its views on the Assembly proposition, and as we will say nothing, when in a serious mood, but what we believe, our opinion is that the assembly, when the members of such are acting wholly as an advisory board, so to speak, for the purpose of suggesting candidates for office to be ratified at the primary election, is a good thing for the Democratic, Republican and all other parties that may be a moving force in the affairs of government, so long as such assemblies act openly and in good faith.

We believe that where men who have never before held office offer themselves as candidates before a party, delegates carefully chosen for the purpose may better gain a knowledge of their fitness than the members of the party as a whole. In the case of those who have held or are holding office, whose qualifications are known, who have proved efficient, and who again offer their names to their party for re-election, we think it immaterial whether they are endorsed by any assembly or not, as the people will know them, and will return them to office if they so desire.

There is a fear expressed that if the candidates endorsed by the Republican party assemblies are elected, it will be the beginning of the end for the direct primary law. We think not. The primary law was born when most needed, and will remain as a deterrent force against party corruption, unless the people become careless and indifferent, when they will have only themselves to blame. Eternal vigilance on the part of the people as a whole must be the price of good government, and if the leaders of a party attempt the old "slate" method of nominating its candidates, it will be a simple matter for those of the party opposed to such methods to put a spoke in their wheel by candidates coming before the party by the direct primary.

We believe in political parties, as we believe that the interests of good government will best be served by having opposition parties, the day of the non-partisan party being not yet at hand.

We do not believe that any party will ever try to "knife" the direct primary law. This law will remain, because the people as a whole will see to it, and it will act as a safeguard when political parties attempt to return to old methods.

### Repair Your Walks

In all sections of the city are to be found loose boards in sidewalks. The riding of bicycles on the boards causes them to become loosened from the stringers, and while the walk may be in good order otherwise, the very appearance of a sound condition, when the boards are not fastened

to the stringers leads the pedestrian to a feeling of security, and may be the cause of serious injury.

Recently the writer saw an elderly man thrown heavily to the ground, having been tripped by a loose board. Fortunately, no bones were broken, but his trembling lips and shaking form showed plainly the shock to his nervous system. The failure of a property owner to repair his sidewalk is, in most cases, due to carelessness, rather than to willful neglect. He fully intends to give the matter attention when he has time, but puts it off from day to day, and the result is, the days grow into weeks and months, and still the loose boards remain.

If your sidewalks need repairing, get a hammer and nails, and a new board or two, if necessary, and repair them. Do it now. Sidewalks are for the use of the public, and it is a civic duty each property owner owes to the community to keep those in front of his holdings in good condition. Neglect may occasion serious injury, and in the case of elderly people who are victims of your carelessness, the shock may hasten their death.

### A Vote Should be Taken

When the citizens of Forest Grove come to investigate thoroughly the offer made by the University officials to unite in building and maintaining the new library, we believe that a majority will be in favor of the move. There can be no question, in our view, of the great advantages that will accrue to the city by uniting with the college in the proposition. With a thirty-thousand-dollar (more or less) building, stocked with the magnificent library owned by the college, and the interest from the endowment fund and the money contributed by the city for the upkeep of the new institution, we will have something that will not only be of incalculable benefit to those now living in the city and their posterity, but as an advertisement to the town its value will be very great. We believe the citizens should vote on the matter.

### Beautify The Church Square

A business man of this city approves our editorial in regard to the townspeople supporting a band organization, and states it as his opinion that the business men and citizens should also get together and beautify the Congregational church square, with the consent of those having it in charge. Some improvements that he suggested were to build cement walks diagonally across the square, to intersect near the center. Install a fountain where the paths intersect. Sow the square to lawn grass, and hire a man to water and trim the lawn. Place settees under the large trees, where people may rest, and make other such improvements as may seem needed from time to time.

We believe his suggestion to be a good one, and the only thing required for its accomplishment is concerted action.

### Newspaper Rights

There are some men who have peculiar ideas about a newspaper and regard it not as a business, but as a convenience. If the paper reaches them late or fails to give every item of news, or its conduct toward them is in a manner they do not like they then

very properly make a business matter of it because they bargained for something they are not getting. They make these issues every day in the year except the first day, when the business idea is forgotten, and the only thing uppermost is a plea to get out of paying what they honestly owe the paper.

The same men will meet the newspaper man with a smile, offer him a drink or cigar and then ask him to say in his paper that he is the most enterprising and progressive citizen in the state. That's their idea of business.

Now, the newspaper is a business. It is not a glory making machine. It can no more live on sentiment than its employees. It may surprise you but typesetters don't work for nothing, and no amount of persuasion will make them do it. It's true you may owe \$1 for a year's back subscription, yet if 3,000 or 4,000 subscribers reason like you—that we collect news for the fun of it, printers work all night just to print it for you, the paper will give us our paper just because it wants to see us do well, the machinery men give us machinery for the same reason—then it becomes a different matter. Instead of \$1 worth of glory it is \$96 cash each week for help and supplies.—News, Montgomery, W. Va.

Dirt, flies, disease, death; each follows the other.

The early worm often gets used for fish bait.

Politics are quiet but the slate factories are running day and night.

The cream from the milk of human kindness makes butter for the bread of the needy.

If you stand by your town, the town will stay by you. A few may knock but it is only a knocker's knock and don't count much.

A Pittsburg sculptor arrested on a Paris street wore nothing but a pair of socks. He probably thought he was at home and sufficiently clothed in smoke.

Man gets five years in prison for putting dynamite on car tracks "just for fun." It's horrible to think what would have happened to him if he'd been in earnest.

A New Jersey man received \$200 for a tooth he lost in a fight with a street car conductor. This is one of the crudest as well as most expensive cases of dentistry on record.

John D. Rockefeller now asks for a universal religion, by a fusion of all churches. It would take all of them to keep J. D. out of hades, if half what's said about him be true.

When you hear a man or woman talking about his neighbor and your neighbor too, look at him and ask yourself who he is before you take for granted what he says. Usually such persons are telling their own stories and charging others with their own shortcomings.

A French astronomer announces that the comet which was visible recently is not Halley's, and he promises that the genuine comet will appear in August. Can't get us excited over any more comet announcements, Prof. It's too late now to get anything

into the magazines about an August comet, anyhow.

Ingenuity worthy of a better cause was that of a couple of Jersey robbers who, on calling at a house and being admitted, bound and gagged the inmates, after which one jovously played the piano to deceive the neighbors while the other gathered up the loot. This is the whistler at the plow with a vengeance.

In the good old days they used to have signboards at the crossroads in the country region to point the pilgrim on his way. It was a cheery sign. It spoke a welcome to the stranger. It indicated a disposition to be helpful. But these signboards are nearly all gone. Only now and then you see one, and then it seems like the relic of a bygone friendship. It seems to say to the stranger: "We once took an interest in you, but we do so no longer; if you don't know the way, what do we care?" That is the situation today; a forlorn one indeed; a cheerless one. No little sign thrown out, saying: "We are thinking of you, we care for you, we want you to go right." Now, this ought not to be. There should be little signboards to greet him, and to tell him the way he ought to go. This thought is getting some headway in Massachusetts, where there is an effort to restore the signboards, and give to the stranger the help of knowing where he is.

## HILDA THE HELPER

### VII.—Her Magic Touch

Hilda the Helper went along about her daily duty, singing a helpful, cheery song and radiating beauty.



The town beneath her magic touch became A PLACE ATTRACTIVE. New folks poured in to beat the Dutch, and realty was active.

The merchants all wore sunny smiles, which showed increase of business. Why, SHOPPERS CAME FROM MILES AND MILES. The rush was quite a dizziness.

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LEAVES	ARRIVES
Forest Grove	at Portland
6:50 a m	8:00 a m
8:40 a m	9:50 a m
10:30 a m	11:40 a m
12:20 p m	1:30 p m
1:40 p m	2:50 p m
4:10 p m	5:20 p m
7:00 p m	8:10 p m
9:45 p m	10:50 p m
LEAVES	ARRIVES
Portland	Forest Grove
7:05 a m	8:15 a m
8:30 a m	9:40 a m
10:20 a m	11:30 a m
12:10 p m	1:20 p m
2:10 p m	3:20 p m
3:30 p m	4:40 p m
5:30 p m	6:40 p m
8:25 p m	9:35 p m

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Lvs Portland 11:30 p m—Ar. F.G. 12:35 a m  
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Lvs F.G. 2:30 p m—Ar. at Portland 4:40 p m

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