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Loyally yours,
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Spare the Shade Trees

It is to be regretted that many property owners in Forest Grove, when making improvements about their holdings, and especially when building new sidewalks, should deem it necessary to cut down the beautiful shade trees which line our streets.

Since the founding of the town in pioneer days, it has been known to fame for its beautiful maples, and the late President Hayes, who visited the city when it was yet a village, gazing on the trees in all their leafy verdure called it "the prettiest town in Oregon." Instead of cutting down the trees we now have, more should be planted, until every street in town is a lane running between them. In the west where we have an abundance of timber, a tree is looked upon with more or less contempt, and its destruction is a matter of no particular moment either to the owner or the citizen at large, but the time is coming when the forests of the west will be depleted as they now are in the east, unless they are conserved, and when our cities lose their backgrounds of lofty pines, a tree in town will receive the consideration it deserves. An idea prevails among small towns just putting off their swaddling clothes and making metropolitan pretensions, that a shade tree is a mark of village ways, and has no place in a growing city. Wisdom will come with the years, and cities that now destroy with ruthless hand the trees that adorn their streets, will come to know that they are one of a municipality's most valuable assets. The centuries old cities of Europe are far more advanced in this respect than the cities in the United States, and Paris, France, is especially noted for its many and beautiful shade trees. If a city that has set the fashions in clothing and innumerable other things since a time long before any reader of the PRESS was born, should

consider the planting and proper care of shade trees as of vital moment, Forest Grove will have no occasion to be thought behind the times if it should do likewise.

Washington County Should Join the Movement

Washington county will do well to join the other western counties of the state that are to meet the expenses of an exhaustive road building test that is to be made by Professor H. M. Parks, of the Agricultural College.

We do not believe the roads of this county, taking them the entire country over, are in any worse condition than those of the majority of the counties of Oregon. Portland automobilists especially have made a great deal about the bad condition of our roads as against the fine shape in adjacent counties keep theirs, but the criticism is hardly just, for the reason that in the cases where good roads are found they are generally those that are main lines of travel, and for that reason more time and labor are spent upon them than on those in isolated districts. Most of the Washington county roads that have come under the censure of automobile riders in the past few weeks are those but little traveled. However, neither the roads in this nor other counties of the state, as a general rule, are in a condition to be a source of pride to the citizens of the state, and any move for the betterment of our highways that has a scientific basis back of it should receive the hearty co-operation of the voters. The campaign by the subscribers of the good roads fund to secure the adoption of the constitutional amendment at the next election allowing counties to issue road building bonds should receive the hearty support and help of every property owner in the state. There is no one thing that will advance the prosperity and well-being of a county or state more than good highways. It is estimated that the loss in wear and tear on teams, harness and vehicles, through bad roads in the United States, amounts to over a billion dollars annually. Were this sum spent in scientifically improving the condition of our roads, they would be in such shape in a very few years that a less sum than the loss now occasioned would keep them in perfect repair, adding immeasurably to the comfort and happiness of the people of the country, and to that of the faithful animals that draw their burdens.

Good Language

A very valuable habit for a family to acquire is that of using pure and precise language. As a matter of art, such an acquisition is desirable. There are beauty and grace in the very form of language correctly and concisely spoken. There is a charm in the speaker who is careful of his manner of his speech. But far more important than the beauty of correct speech is the intellectual vigor which it simulates and promotes. The use of good language encourages the habit of clear thinking. Speaking well and thinking well naturally go together. The intellectual process largely controls the manner of expression. This does not commend the use of stilted and pompous language, for that can be, and sometimes is used, to conceal the lack of thought. Our object is to discourage mussy, incoherent, scrappy and slangy speech, because it tends to ruin the mind and morals, too. People who use

such language have confused ideas and lack an appreciation of what is true and beautiful. There is nothing more servicable in making good clean men and women out of the children, than a household habit of clear and concise expression. It promotes not only thinking, but thoughtfulness, and thoughtfulness is one of the greatest virtues of a home. But make exact and proper speech one of the institutions of the home and it will remove from the heart many anxieties for the future of the child.

Little Value in Rumors

There is but little news value in rumors, and especially true is this in the case of railroad building stories. Within the past two years there has been great activity among the Hill and Harriman railroad interests in Oregon, in building both steam and electric lines, and Washington county has received a full share of such activity. It may occasion our citizens no surprise to hear rumors of little feeder lines being in project in all sections of the country, and in fact such stories are afloat constantly, but it is better to wait until active work has commenced before placing too much credence in them. When the electric line from Portland to this city was first projected, the people of Washington county expected that immediate construction would begin, and the road pushed to completion. The papers of the county kept up this idea by publishing long articles in regard to the activity of this or that promoter, who had plenty of money back of him to carry on the work, and who was going to see that the road was built without loss of time. Years passed, and through hope long deferred, the people finally would not believe the electric railroad would be built to this city even after the line was under actual construction and had reached the boundary of the county. We will wait until surveys have begun or rights of way are under negotiation at least, before making any wild predictions.

Knocking Down of Bogy-Men

The metropolitan papers are fond of publishing stories having for their theme threatened disaster to the smaller towns, and especially the closing down of business enterprises. Such so called news make a bit of sensationalism and helps to fill space. A story of this kind concerning the closing down of one of the Washington county milk condensers, should the company extend their field of operation into Tillamook county, appeared recently in a Portland paper, but the PRESS considered it better to make no mention of the item, as we believed it was nothing but a bogey-man conceived by the fertile brain of a newspaper reporter to throw a scare into the patrons of the company. Should a business enterprise be reported as on the eve of failure, or as about to close down for any reason, it is better for the community more nearly affected to keep cool in the matter and hope for the best. Should a business house contemplate closing its affairs, denials by the papers will help not at all, but will only tend to make the people uneasy. When the event actually occurs will be time enough to mention the occurrence as an item of actual news. Otherwise, time spent in knocking down bogey-men is time wasted.

A man that would blow out his brains hasn't any.

A girl with perfect feet is not always a poem.

New England holdups are just as bad as those born in the west.

A man on trial for his life naturally hangs on the words of the judge.

A fat man never seems to realize how much room he takes up in a street car.

Hugging up those new tube women must be something like embracing a stove pipe.

Two men in a New York town made their escape from jail by means of a safety razor. But it was a close shave.

Two or three knockers in a community can do more harm in a shorter time than a hundred boosters can undo in double the time.

The man who took time to figure out that the people of this country spend nearly a million dollars a year for shoe laces must be what the papers call a string fiend.

Old age and youth are both working to the same end, trying to cover up their age; the one attempting to hide his lack of years and the other attempting to cover up his supply of years.

HILDA THE HELPER

IX.—Becomes a Partner For Life

Hilda the Helper wedded Brown, her faithful young Philander, the richest merchant in the town, who thus proposed with candor:



"You're such a helper, Hilda dear—you're such a business heartener—it seems to me 'tis very clear you ought to be my partner."

So read the moral, maidens all: DON'T STOOP TO KNOCK AND SLANDER, BUT BOOST YOUR TOWN, HELP ROLL THE BALL: THERE'S MORE THAN ONE PHILANDER.

(The End.)

Oregon Electric Time Card

LEAVES Forest Grove	ARRIVES 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 Portland	ARRIVES 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

Saturday Only
Lvs Portland 11:30 p m --Ar. F.G. 12:35 a m
Sunday only
Lvs F.G. 3:30 p m --Ar. at Portland 4:40 p m

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