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Loyally yours,

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Don't Knock; Get Out

Some people of the present day are as hard to satisfy as their ancestor, Adam, in the garden of Eden. In conversation with the writer the other day, an old moss-back who has lived in this community since probably the year one, broke out into a wail that would have been pathetic had it not been amusing. The burden of his plaint was that Forest Grove was behind the times, or, to quote his language "There aint nothin' doin' here; the town's too slow. I guess this is about the the dullest town I ever struck."

It is a strange feature of human nature that a man will live in a town or community for a life time, and still have nothing but hard words for his section. The reason why people of this character always have their little hammer out, and can see nothing good to talk about, is that the slowness and dullness of which they complain is to be found in their own personalities, and not in the region where they may chance to live. Let a locality be never so fair and full of promise, yet one of these men placed there in will drag along, wasting opportunities and bewailing the times and conditions, while those blessed with an optimistic view of life and the talent to take hold and shape adverse conditions to their ends, will prosper and make their fields blossom as the rose. As against the occasional grouch, Forest Grove has quite a large number of citizens who have lived in a number of communities in various sections of the country, who have elected to make this their permanent home, and who are ready at all times to declare it to be as progressive and wide-awake as the average, and with as many opportunities to succeed. The thing for the chronic pessimist to do when life in any given locality has become one long dreary, cloudy day, is to hunt for pastures new.

Again: Repair Your Walks

The PRESS has no disposition to knock. That which for the best interests of the town would better be left unsaid, we won't say. The object of this paper is to work always for the up-building of the town, community and county, and to that end we will lend the aid and influence of our columns. We do not consider it as knocking when we call attention to any needed improvement, but on the contrary think that where there is a disposition on the part of the citizens or officials to be careless in any matter touching the civic welfare, the proper word spoken at the proper time, and repeated if necessary, will do much to enhance the growth of the town or community.

Therefore we again call the attention of the property owners and the city officials of Forest Grove to the fact that the sidewalks need repairing. If it were only that the walks in a few specific cases in the town needed attention, it would not matter so much, but the truth of the matter is that in all sections within the corporate limits there are walks that are a disgrace to the city. Loose, rotten and broken boards are the rule, not the exception. It is a duty that each property owner owes to the town, that he should keep his walks in front of his holdings in good condition, but if he remains careless and negligent in the matter, it then becomes the bounden duty of the city officials to take cognizance of the matter, and act in a manner as becomes their official positions. Many towns in the state with no larger population than Forest Grove are paving their streets and building cement sidewalks to replace those made of wood, and quite a large number of our citizens are advocating that we do likewise, holding that it will not only be cheaper in the end, but that the advantages that will accrue thru using the superior material will be incalculable. We believe this, and favor the building of hard surface sidewalks, but the cost must be taken into consideration. If the property owners are not at this time able financially to build cement walks, as the town grows and property becomes more valuable, better ones may be constructed. In the mean time, for the sake of civic pride and the welfare of the residents of the town, let us keep our wooden walks in good condition.

Press Editorial Bears Fruit

The editorial in the PRESS some weeks ago, urging the business men of Forest Grove to lend their moral and financial support to the organization of a town band, is bearing fruit, as is evidenced by the fact that a petition having that object in view, has been circulated and freely signed by the business people.

This is a move in the right direction, and we feel sure that if the business houses and townspeople in general will not only work for the musical organization but will remain loyal to the band after it is organized, that the boys will always be more than willing to do their part. Forest Grove has enough amateur and professional musicians to give us one of the strongest bands in the state, and they only need the interest and encouragement of the citizens to make of it a reality and success. There is scarcely a town in the state but what has a musical band organization, and there is nothing that will give the citizens of the town more enjoy-

ment, and the town itself better advertisement for the amount invested. We hope the interest in the matter aroused by the PRESS will continue until it comes to full fruition.

Road Building in Iowa

A remarkable thing has been accomplished in road work in Iowa. A good highway has been established at an estimated cost of building and maintenance of \$3 a mile for the first year. This road extends from Council Bluffs to Davenport and is 380 miles in length.

The work was practically all done by volunteer labor, on the "township unit" plan. There were commissioners for each county thru which the road passed, all without pay, and all classes of people, including farmers, automobile owners, bankers, clergymen, merchants, teachers and editors were pressed into service. The townships were also organized, and like a great military machine, the whole line was put into action under the direction of the "dragged road secretary." The road was divided among the various squads and persistently dragged into good condition. Drags were attached to autos, which proved very valuable for the purpose. The good road was very speedily evolved from what had been a mud road. One of the results was the encouragement of the use of more motor cars, and it is said that 8000 of them were sold in that state this season.

On a smaller scale something of a similar character was recently done in Idaho. Last Sunday a large number of auto owners of Wallace made an excursion to Fourth of July canyon. Each one took an extra man along and carried picks and shovels. All worked hard all day on the road between Wallace and Coeur d'Alene for the purpose of making it a good thoroughfare for motor vehicles, and incidentally for all other vehicles.

The moral of these incidents is that cooperative effort goes a long way in road improvement. The building of good roads does not necessarily involve the collection of heavy taxes or subscriptions and the spending of a large sum of money. The contribution of a small amount of labor by many individuals under a systematized plan of work, will often accomplish wonders in road improvement.—Lewiston Teller.

Make the most of yourself or you will not amount to much.

The greatest tragedy in the life of a boy is rain on circus day.

Every man engaged in a lawsuit claims he was forced into it.

The good merchant is usually the best advertiser and vice versa.

The milk of human kindness raises the finest kind of cream.

Now that aviation has become a craze all the time is fly time.

There are some folk wise enough to keep it to themselves.

Most self-made men act like they had been in a hurry with their job.

It begins to look as if Senator Gore, for a blind man, saw a great deal of corruption in that Indian lands deal that many public men who never complained of poor eyesight overlooked.

Occasionally you find an old widower who doesn't like the marrying joke.

A young husband who will eat his wife's hash without shying, has the perfect faith.

The women say that unless you are very careful, it is easy to get an ugly carpet on your floor.

A bug that will try to get sustenance from an imitation palm, certainly has the wrong hunch.

One never fully appreciates a boy until one sleeps with a lad who has been eating crackers in bed.

The most uncommon thing in this world, despite its universal application, seems to be common sense.

It's easy to say lots of bright, original things if your auditors never heard them before you stole them.

A true wife, says an old grouch, is one that loves her husband and her country and doesn't try to run either.

Some lose their heads in emergencies, others stick theirs out of car windows. It appears to be a matter of taste.

Doing as one pleases sounds good, but there is an old saying that one should believe only about half what they hear.

As soon as a man's hat is taken from him at a reception, he whispers to his wife, "How soon can we get out of here?"

Would a bride rather have a half dozen heavy silver spoons as a wedding present than a dozen light silver spoons?

Some young men seem to think that a college diploma is a daily order on the universe for three square meals and flub-dubs.

An Iowa woman found a darn- ing needle in the yolk of a boiled egg. The old hen was probably trying to imitate a ball of yarn.

It makes a man mad to get a light bill when his wife is away on a vacation and the juice has not been turned on for six weeks.

There is something strange about it, but no matter how poor a complexion a girl may have, she is always afraid it will be spoiled by the sun.

Some women claim nothing makes them so tired as for a man to tell them what a Devil he has been. It takes some a long time to get tired, however.

Oregon Electric Time Card

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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