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Display advertisements for publication in the Press must be in this office not later than Tuesday evening to insure appearance in current issue.

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If old Jup Pluvius will put a s'opper on his water can for a few days, the motorcycle races will certainly be pulled off.

Five more blocks of hard surface pavement is to be laid this spring. This speaks well for the spirit of progress and advancement of Forest Grove residents.

Some time ago notices were posted, signed by the city council, prohibiting roller skating or coasting upon certain of the city streets. It is politely suggested that notices now be posted prohibiting the playing of "shinny" and the use of profane and vulgar language by young boys upon the public streets.

This world is made up of people of numerous nationalities. Each nationality has its own particular religion. In some countries it is compulsory to profess one religious belief only. In other countries religious license prevails. The United States is numbered among the latter. Why, therefore, should one particular sect, or a combination of sects, seek to force upon others, against their inclination or belief, a compulsory acquiescence to its demands?

The readers of the Forest Grove Press, and others, are warned against the operations of a solicitor who has worked in several communities collecting data for an alleged pioneer history. The method of this party is to visit the old settlers and request information concerning the early days, finally requesting their signature to the so-called notes. Those who have been stung with this little scheme have found that, instead of affixing their signature to a narrative of Oregon historical matter, they have signed a bankable order in the sum of about \$20 to pay for a book.

When the grasshopper ceases to hop and the old cow quits her bawling; when the fishes no longer hop and the baby stops its squalling; when the dunners no longer dun—and the hoot owl quits its hooting; when the riders ever cease to run and the burglar stops his looting; when the vine no longer twines and the skylark stops its larking; when the sun no longer shines and the young man quits his sparking; when the heavens begin to drop and the old maids stop advising, then it is time to shut up shop and quit your advertising.

It seems rather peculiar that people will patronize some form of entertainment arranged for private profit and absolutely ignore one that is given for the benefit of the community as a whole. The boys of the Forest Grove Fire Department advertised an Easter dance, the proceeds from which was to be applied upon the purchase of a modern alarm system. The patronage was so small that a portion of the expense of giving the dance will have to be met by the members of the department. The Forest Grove fire fighters are continually working for the betterment and improvement of the department; they are ready at all hours of the day or night to respond to an alarm of fire;

**DEVOTED TO THE W. C. T. U.**

Edited by Mrs. Katherine R. Kerr

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a most enjoyable and profitable meeting at Herrick Hall which took the form of a reception to Mrs. Sarah Evans, the president of the clubs of Oregon for women. As Mrs. Evans was their guest the W. C. T. U. extended an invitation to the Women's Club of Forest Grove to be their guests on that occasion. After an address of welcome by Miss Mary Farnham, Mrs. Evans spoke on "Woman in Civic Life," being so at home with her subject, she was listened to with rapt attention.

The flower mission of the W. C. T. U. furnished flowers and Miss Farnham and Miss Thatcher, of Herrick Hall, did everything to make the afternoon one of great pleasure to all. Light refreshments were served by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. The president, Mrs. Wm. Kerr, presided. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Scheetz poured. The tables were decorated with white and blue hydrangeas. Mrs. Evans being presented with a beautiful bouquet on leaving for the car. Four lovely young girls assisted Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Carlyle in the tea room.

they work without one cent of compensation. Such unselfish service is surely deserving of recognition, and it would be but proper and right that such entertainments as they may arrange should be well attended—especially when the funds that are realized from the sale of admission tickets is used for the benefit of the community as a whole.

It is never policy to condemn unheard. Investigate before forming a decision.

Forest Grove citizens gladly availed themselves of the opportunity to assist in the succor of the sufferers from flood and fire in the middle western states. A carload of potatoes has been secured and shipped out this week.

Three months have passed and the work of auditing the city accounts has not yet been started. Suggested that the city council send out a search warrant for the expert who has been engaged.

The stores and shops are the real "advance agents" of the year's four seasons. Their offerings now herald the advent of spring—usually before that "coy season" has sent us more than hints and promises of her coming. The stores, as their ads show, enable you to be ready for Her Ladyship's arrival.

The "making" of a home is a serious, yet happy, occupation for a housewife. It keeps her interest alive in the new things—in the chances for renewing the home furnishings—in thriftings in connection with routine home expenses. Because she studies the ads she knows when she must "hurry to a store," and when she may profit by making a trip to an unfrequented shop.

Not a little interest was manifested throughout the country in the report that this would be a dry season at the White House. The president, the vice-president, and most of the cabinet, it was announced, would taboo the cup that cheers. But now comes the report that this was premature and too sweeping; that there would be an opportunity for thirsty diplomats and others who enjoy a glass of wine, to indulge that taste at formal dinners. The president is in favor of tem-

The business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Morgan on Third Ave. Friday afternoon at three o'clock prompt. We will have a short report from Mrs. Reynolds of her visit to the executive session of the state held at Oregon City and after business a short parliamentary drill by the President, Mrs. Kerr. Every white ribbon woman is urged to be present.

Two prominent persons have visited the town of Forest Grove during the past week, both talking on moral reforms. One came under the care of the women, the other under the guidance of the ministers, both talking for the betterment of humanity in town and city. Mrs. Evans urged upon the women of Forest Grove to provide play grounds for the children. Mr. McGaw urged upon the men the necessity of not having weak back bone influence from Christian citizens, but that all men and women should unite in helping to better conditions. Rally, Christian men and women to the call; see to the "blind pigs;" see to the enforcement of our tobacco laws. See to it that our boys and girls are given good play grounds.

perance, but he is not going to try to make the representatives of foreign governments conform to his ideas in this respect, and even his fellow countrymen—not excepting his private secretary, the faithful Tumulty—will be permitted a great deal of leeway in the choice of food and drink.

There are some people who profess to dislike the policy of this paper, as expressed through the editorial columns. Every man is entitled to his own opinions and although those to which we give publicity through the columns of the Press may not seem right to some, they are printed with the belief that they are eminently just and fair. The Press stands for the square deal at all times.

**THE DEITY.**

It is not possible for us to set God before our eyes or to lay hold of him with our hands, which is the broadest way of persuasion that leads into the heart of man. For he is not furnished with a human head on his body; two branches do not sprout from his shoulders; he has no feet nor swift knees, but he is only a sacred and unutterable Mind, flashing the whole world with rapid thoughts. — Emile-doctes.

While there may be exceptions in two or three states, in a majority if one person chops down a tree on the premises of another he is liable to prosecution for trespass to the extent of the value of the tree.

**WHEN WE WERE KIDS.**

How these warm days remind us Of the time when we were kids— Barefooted, freckled, hollow! And spry as katydids!  
My, didn't we raise a cloud of dust When we got those mud pies made You bet we all looked sweet.  
We got bunged by big bumblebees, Ate snits and swelled up fat. We tied the cat to Towser's tail And got well licked for that.  
And cherries! Didn't we hook a lot? Green apples—oh, what pain! We held our little tummies tight And yelled with might and main.  
My, didn't we have a mouth for pie And cake and 'lasses bread And play at circus every night When we were put to bed!  
Yes, preacher, you look dignified In that white tie and coat. But don't forget that summer day When you stole Billy's goat  
And quick got bottled in the creek, Splashed clear in overhead, And then got smacked for bein' mean And had to go to bed.  
And you, great judge upon the bench, My golly, you look stern! But you're the kid that put the toad In gran'ma's butter churn.  
How oft we laid on mother's knee And got our pants well dusted! But if we couldn't have had that fun We surely would have busted.  
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Bad housing consists in houses that are poorly lighted, unventilated, damp, imperfectly drained, exposed to undue fire peril, in bad repair, vermin infested, disease infected, with uncleanly surroundings, with insufficient water supply, without toilet accommodations adequate for comfort, cleanliness and privacy; with defective plumbing, with overcrowded rooms and with cellar tenements.

Such houses are "dangerous to moral and physical health, social and personal," and increase industrial inefficiency, inebriety, dependence, poverty, disease, death, juvenile delinquency, debased citizenship, vice and crime, degeneracy of race.

The prevention and cure of bad housing conditions must proceed along three lines:

First.—Every new dwelling and tenement must be constructed so as to afford suitable living accommodations.  
Second.—Every old house not now fit for habitation must either be demolished or improved so as to be fit.

Third.—All habitations, new and old, must be maintained in good repair and sanitary condition.

Standards for new houses depend upon the application of physical laws and hygienic principles. Standards for window design and courts upon which windows open depend upon the physical laws which govern the transmission and absorption of light and our observation of the actual illumination produced.

The time has come when provisions now in effect with respect to tenements should be applied also to habitable rooms in other classes of buildings. The health officer should be able to demonstrate the advantages which result from standards of this nature. He may be sure that no effort in housing advance is so sure of lasting reward as the successful expression of worthy standards in new habitations.

Slovenly shacks, ramshackle shanties, tumbledown sheds and tottering



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stables, dwellings in disreputable disrepair, "shame stained and bearing the nauseous odors of decay," deface our cities to an unnecessary extent. The health authorities who realize the nuisances that must result from the existence of such structures may and must take the initiative in community movement for their destruction.

The improvement of a house unfit for habitation mainly consists in structural changes in the building and its plumbing and drainage equipment. Such changes will often be resisted by the owner. To enforce laws against such opposition the converging efforts of building, legal and health authorities are required.

The co-operation of health officials is required in the keeping of both old and new houses fit for habitation. Their function is the practice of practical sanitation and instruction to tenant, owner and agent. This means careful, tireless enforcement of laws which prohibit overcrowding, unclean accumulations, the presence of horses, pigs and goats, the occupation of unfit cellars and attics as well as the affirmative requirements that the house and appurtenances, especially plumbing and drainage, shall be kept clean and in good repair. The means for accomplishing these results consist in an adequate inspection service acting upon its own initiative as well as upon complaints, a sufficient office force and an individual record for each house.

These tools of administration must be supported by prompt court action upheld in turn by sympathetic public opinion.—Charles B. Ball in American City.

**Present a Good Front.**

In addition to making and keeping one's premises ornate and tidy every property owner should see that his street front presents the best possible appearance. A neat fence or border plantation, uniform, well planted and cared for street trees of the right sort and a green carpeted parkway make a street frontage look decidedly "classy." If, as has often been said, the appearance of a place is an index to the character of the inmates it pays to present a good external appearance.

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