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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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We Refuse to Be Muzzled.

We have been informed that the attitude of the Press on the question of Sunday racing and some other matters, has caused certain lines of commercial printing, which formerly came to this shop, to be taken elsewhere. Once and for all, let it be distinctly understood that the editorial columns of this paper cannot be subsidized as long as the present editor is in control. Rather than wear a muzzle or lock up the typewriter in order to secure a few dollars in commercial printing, or advertising, we will close up shop. A "square deal" all the time.

Fair Play, Please.

The editor of this paper has consistently and persistently advocated the "square deal" toward every person and enterprise in Forest Grove and Washington county. He believes in an "even break" for every man, woman and child, and a fair hearing upon any project or business proposition that may be started. He does not believe in the "in sight, unseen, unheard" method of reaching a decision. In other words, no person, no project, should be condemned without an investigation.

A new and valuable enterprise has recently been inaugurated in Washington county. An enterprise which means much to the county as a whole and to Forest Grove in particular—we refer to the Forest Grove Training and Breeding Park, established by Capt. C. P. McCan on the grounds of the Washington County Fair Association. This is an enterprise that should be made doubly welcome by every citizen of this city, and by the business men especially. It means, when reduced to cold dollars and cents, a probable increase in trade of from \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually. For approximately ten months of every year there will be close to 100 horses in training each month. It costs in conservative figures \$50 per month for each horse, or a total of \$5,000. Of this sum, about one-third should go into the coffers of local business houses, and undoubtedly will, if the proper spirit is shown and a welcoming hand extended.

At present a spirit of animosity is being made manifest by elements opposed to this enterprise because of the fear that Sunday racing, which will certainly be held, will have an effect detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of the young people of the county. Why this conclusion should be arrived at, without investigation into the question or the giving of those directly interested an opportunity to be heard, is beyond our comprehension.

The several church organizations, the Sunday school league, and other Christian societies, have proceeded to pass resolutions decrying the opening of the track as a step backward instead of forward. This without even the pretense of an investigation, without giving those directly concerned an opportunity to be heard, or the making of an examination into conditions as they exist, or as they will exist.

The Forest Grove Training and Breeding Park, with its attend-

ant racing, should not cause the church people of this city, or of the county, for that matter, one iota of worry. They have not been requested, by resolution, or otherwise, to close the doors of their houses of worship on Sunday in order that the congregations might attend the races, and there is no danger of such action being taken. The young men of the congregations will not be inveigled into attending the races, Sunday or any other day, and no attempt will be made to wheedle the people as a whole into patronizing the track.

Personally we fail to see where the harm is to be found in watching well matched horses in trials of speed. There are other things of greater detriment to the young people of the city, the county and state, to which the various church societies might turn their attention with profit. We believe in the "square deal." In "Doing Unto Others as You Would Be Done By."

"Store competition" is a very real matter to those who watch the store ads. Every merchant knows that "purse interest" influences the "educated shopper"—and that the "bargains" he advertises must be real ones, and of the sort which will stand the "light" of publicity.

Why Not Resolute?

Why have not the congregations of the city prepared resolutions for presentation to Rev. Dora Barber extending felicitations upon the good accomplished through her individual efforts in securing the conviction of Dr. Ernest Everest? This was an act to be commended by every clean minded man and woman in the city, and yet we have heard no comment of a congratulatory nature. It is such characters as the man just sentenced who do more in actual harm to young people than all the Sunday base ball games, horse racing, or other out door sports which can be named. Dr. Everest was a moral leper of the lowest order, a wolf masquerading in sheep's clothing, according to the evidence submitted at the trial, and which, judging from the seathing arraignment of the presiding judge, was of a most conclusive and condemning nature. It is work of the kind performed by Mrs. Barber in gathering evidence and securing a conviction of a man of Dr. Everest's calibre which counts, when it comes to actual protection of the moral and spiritual welfare of the young people. A little more of the same "hot stuff" will be appreciated by the editor, if by no one else.

Very often the desire, or the need, to buy some particular article at the lowest possible price will lead a man or a woman to a close study of the store ads. And almost always, anyone who makes a close study of the ads in one particular "bargain quest," becomes interested in the money-saving possibilities which they open up in all lines.

Back to the Soil.

The health of the American people as a nation would be vastly improved by an increase in the rural population, for like the mythical giant who in the fight could not be overcome because his strength was renewed each time his feet touched the earth, so the human race is regenerated by the outdoor life, the fresh air and the vigorous exercise that are concomitants of rural residence.

Mankind has periodically throughout history alternated between country and city life, and the customary short summer vacation in the country apparently is nothing less than a temporary concession or surrender to an instinctive longing for outdoor life.

It would seem to typify an arc in the cycle through which the race periodically passes, a stage that the people of the United

DEVOTED TO THE W. C. T. U.
Edited by Mrs. Katherine R. Kerr.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Friday at the Free Methodist church; it is the regular monthly Mothers' meeting. Subject, "Cigarettes and Their Moral Effects." As so much is being written by educators and professional men along these lines, every mother interested in the welfare of her boys should try and be present to add interest and suggestions to the meeting. Mothers, this is your meeting. Come and bring a young mother. Mrs. Morgan, Supt. of Narcotics, has the meeting in charge. Her last meeting along this same line was very interesting, so let us, as white ribbon women, not simply wear our white ribbon, pure and white, but rally to the meeting. We need every worker and the white ribbon woman has never faltered when the duty call came.

Listen, boys, to this advertisement Wanted—single man to tend bar; no drinker or cigarette smoker need apply. This advertisement appeared in a daily paper. If liquor and tobacco are not allowed a bartender, an occupation requiring so little skill, they surely are unsuitable for one engaged in any of the higher vocations of life. Think of using those things which would unfit one for even a bartender. Oh! boys, be wise before it is too late.

Which is wisest, to vote what your conscience says, or to sear conscience and vote for which you know to be wrong? Which, friend, which? Hear what Old Deacon Strong has to say. "I

States appear to have reached, when an increased value is set upon country life as promotive of all that is best and most robust in the physical, moral and intellectual life of man.

For these reasons, if for no other, the time doubtless will soon come when considerations of public policy will demand a reversal of the current migration from the country to the city. The tendency of the wisest legislators, both federal and state, is to look far into the future in all matters effecting the physical and moral welfare of the people; and they see that city life at best is not conducive to the perpetuity of a nation.

Imports Increasing.

According to the Government's figures, the imports of this country are increasing and the exports are falling off. This may be due merely to the fact that in the face of tariff revision merchants have been reducing stocks of imported goods to a minimum for fear that the reduction of duties would depress the values of stock on hand and that they have reached a stage where they are compelled to "stock up." Much as the people of the United States would like to see their country self supporting, they are obliged to buy some things abroad. However, it is true that more things could be produced at home if there were a will to meet demands in certain lines. With the improvement of transportation facilities we find it much easier than it was a few years ago to bring things from the farthest parts of the earth. Even grapes are shipped to us from Argentina, apples from Tasmania, and peaches from South Africa. In like manner our apples from Oregon go to Hamburg, our oranges from California go to London and St. Petersburg, our raisins and prunes fight for the markets of Europe with the products of Spain and France.

Ladies' calling cards, 50 for 75 cents, at the Press. tf

never once thought," cried the deacon afrighted, "That religion and politics were so closely united. I will vote right today and pray right tomorrow, thus open our prisons and drive away sorrow, so rouse up the Christians, go wake up the sleepers, for thou truly art thy brother's keeper.

I would like the W. C. T. U. to be as faithful to their organization as a soldier is to an army when once he becomes a member. If we had sixty members, each of whom at the call of the president of the organization, would attend every meeting or perform any duty requested, what would our organization not stand for. The weapons of our white ribbon warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God for the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan. Our liquor enemy must be defeated.

I must maintain that the temperance problem is now and must remain a parents' problem. It puts to the father and mother the task of temperance training during the years of their boys' and girls' growth. Then how to build a temperate womanhood and manhood; Develop the habit of obedience; train in industry; let the boys and girls become proficient in at least one of the world's great industries such as agriculture, horticulture, mechanics, housekeeping. Teach your boys and girls to use their hands. Avoid youthful dissipation, it spoils young people to run the streets every night. Now parents work for a system of prevention.

Regarding Rome.

Rome once upon her seven hills
Sent out her troops and spanked
the world,
Put other lands between the thrills,
On ev'ry sea her flag unfurled,
And I'm for Julius Caesar now,
Although that gentleman is dead,
Because of such a life he led,
That copped the prize in every row.
Julius Caesar put Rome on the map.
He advertised it near and far,
He mixed in ev'ry kind of scrap—
At boosting Julius was a star.
He talked about it when at home,
He bragged about it when away,
Until from Britain to Cathay
They heard about the town of Rome.
I wish we had some Romans here,
The regular, stem-winder kind
Who'd whoop it up through all the year
And leave the other towns behind.
I wish we had some Caesar, too,
This good old town to advertise
Until it grew to twice the size
With brotherhood as thick as glue.
Let's get together, you and I;
We've got a town that's worth the while;
Let's open up, emit a cry
That other folks can hear a mile.
Let's talk about this burg so dear
Until it gets so big a thing
They'll run excursion trains to bring
The folks who want to settle here.

WOMEN.

Has a woman obeyed the impulse of unerring nature, society declares war against her—pitiless and eternal war. She must be the tame slave. She must make no reprisals. There is the right of endurance.—Percy Bysshe Shelley.

A timorous woman drops into her grave before she is done deliberating.—Joseph Addison.

There are women so hard to please that it seems as if nothing less than an angel will suit them; hence it comes that they often meet with devils.—Marguerite de Valois.

Woman is a charming creature who changes her heart as easily as her gloves.—Honore de Balzac.

Without the smile from partial beauty won,
Oh, what were man? A world without a sun.
—Thomas Campbell.

Women who have lost their faith
Are angels who have lost their wings.
—Dr. Walter Smith.

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