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In running their race, men of birth look back too much, which is the mark of a bad runner.-Bacon.

Let Us Face This Issue.

In the development of any community it takes as much common sense as it does hot air. Every locality has its distinct characteristics, and what may be a tonic for one city, often proves disastrous for another.

Forest Grove is a city of homes and schools and churches, and the better class of citizens. It is a trading center for a great productive territory. It also is a manufacturing or industrial center. It has several good plants that help boost the payroll. That is the principal benefit of any factory to a city. Poyrolls mean people and people mean business. We should all be willing to help boost the payroll.

We have an industry here at present that is employing something over 150 people. Lately it has been proposed to increase the number of employees from that figure to about 500. The success of this movement will depend largely upon the citizens of Forest Grove, for we are speaking of a peculiar industry and the number on its payroll will depend solely upon the good will of the employed, for the extent of the market will increase with the output.

Now the mere fact that these employees come here to spend money does not materially make matters any different than if they received their money here to spend. It is also true that, where a few occupied in this industry is of no great benefit to this city, three times the present number, or about 500, would be a great business factor. As a purely commercial proposition the business men and property owners of Forest Grove should encourage the development of this aspiring industry.

You have undoubtedly read between the lines. We will change the word industry to institution. We are writing about Pacific University.

Under present conditions of course this college is not yielding the dividends to the citizens of this community that it should. An institution with such buildings located almost ideally, and with a good start toward a substantial endowment, with an excellent alumni working for its future, it certainly has great chances for growth.

ard. Let us forget the past. Let us study the cise, but in a great producing section like Washpresent and work for the future. It is the de- ington county, it seems that sufficient employvelopment of those factors particularly bene- ment could be found in the home fields, the orthe substantial benefits.

At any rate, it is a pity to raise a boy or girl, isolated from all communication with the rest of mankind. This is the one great rural problem. City folks and country folks are both alike. agine a difference.

Better schools, more churches, more grange meetings, more trips to the city are needed. For the poor farmer's children, and there are ome, it would not be an unworthy cause for the city's well to do, and there are some, to give them an outing in the city. Country life is rapidly being enriched; but also city life is being improved. A little reciprocity among the rich for the poor and exchange of visits among themselves will make fuller and better citizens out of our children, whether urban or rural, rich or poor.

For the remainder of the present month the Washington-Oregon company is furnishing the city with free electricity, as a practical test whether or not they can do so cheaper than the city can generate it. We can not see but that, if they can demonstrate that they can furnish a reliable service, at the same time extending the service to the full twenty four hours, and can sell it to the city cheaper than they can make it themselves, it would be nothing but a business plan to enter such a contract for a number vears.

Of course methods of generating electricity may be revolutionized. What might look like an exceedingly low rate now, may in a number of years be actually excessive. The manufacture of denatured alcohol may assume commercial importance and the city might be able to generate its entire heat from what is now considered merely refuge. Again we are close to the ocean, and the unlimited power of the surf may be harnessed, which would greatly diminish operating expenses.

It does not appear that it would be a wise thing to do away with the municipal plant; but if it can be demonstrated that it is cheaper to buy the current than to make it, it is simply a business matter to contract to do so. Only it will be well to remember the future and not do away with the city plant, nor to grant a too long term franchise.

Undoubtedly there are many little improvements that the citizens of Forest Grove would gladly make if they were only suggested to them. If by any chance or other some happy thought for the betterment of the community finds a receptive place in your mind notify the rest of your neighbors through the columns of the PRESS and you may soon 'see your dreams coming true, for many are working for future betterment.

A good many of the young men in this county leave every summer for the Eastern Oregon Too many remember only the past few years harvest fields. It certainly is a great priviledge since Pacific has fallen below its proper stand- to spend a few weeks in healthy outdoor exerficial to a community that in the long run prove chards, and the hopyards, and figuring the transportation charges it ought to prove more profitable.



Groceries and Provisions

Let us give the new president, and the new class, a reception of a new and confidential cooperative spirit, and work for a new and greater Pacific University situated at Forest Grove, the city of homes and schools.

The Country Youth.

Forest Grove is surely a well pleased host to the many Portland children. Their pleasure, so frankly expressed, and so evident from their actions, well awards the slight inconvenience they cause. It is a great work to give these little city prisoners a glimpse of God's out of doors, and we hope to be able to return the favor again next year.

But education should consist of a knowledge of fellow beings, as well as of nature; and while the city tots have too little of the latter, many country children are as completely destitute of the first. The only difference is that the parents of the urban children cannot afford to send them to the country, while most rural people exacting work of manager and produce a little are well enough to do to occasionally bring their more inside ball-that is, better team work.

There is one thing in which the American farmer must take a stand for improvement. That is a better classified and more uniform packing policy. In the long run the consumer will not pay for more than he gets, and if all the big potatoes are put on the top, he will get in the habit of reversing the sack before opening.

Before you kick at the way your representatives in congress are behaving, it might be proper to write to them giving your views and asking for information in return. They will gladly give and take on this basis for it is difficult for them to keep in touch with their home conditions.

Billy Sunday said in Portland last Sunday that a hard hitting preacher knocks the devil out of the box. We wish to comment that it seems to us that the preacher should pre form the



A Tightwad's Penalty

The following clipping from wad.

neighbor's paper.

"One evening he sent his son ing the green corn. Hearing them. over to borrow the paper, and the racket the stingy man's wife "The moral is that every man ran into a large stand of bees, a four-gallon churn full of cream home newspaper."

and in a few minutes his face into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole flock. She slipped looked like a summer squash. "Hearing the agonized cries of on the cream and fell down cel-

an exchange tells about the dire the son, the father ran to his as- lar, breaking her leg and a \$19 things that happened to a tight- sistance and in doing so ran into set of false teeth. The baby, a barbed wire fence, cutting a left alone, crawled through the

"We once knew a man who handful of flesh off his anatomy spilled cream into the parlor and was too stingy to take the news- and ruining a \$4 pair of trousers. ruined a \$40 carpet. During the paper in his home town and al- "The old cow took advantage excitement the daughter ran ways went over to borrow his of the hole in fence, got into the away with the hired man, taking cornfield and killed herself eat- the family savings bank with

while the son was on the way he ran out of the house, upsetting should be a subscriber to his

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