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For goodness sake, dear friends, awake
From dreams and feeble wishes:—
E'en now, Miss Opportunity
Awaits with blessing kisses.
It's now the time to lead the line,
And plow the wake of progress.
What shall it be for you and me?
We'll surely not choose regress!
But rise in might, and strike out right
By helping one another.
The world will hear, if we but cheer
The deeds of each good brother.
Then waste no time, not yours nor mine,
In knocking or in crowing;
But with a vim go out to win
The profit of good sowing.
And sow by thoughts and deeds of all
The seeds of lasting blessing—
And THEN the world will gladly help
To foster our progressing.
—JIST HUNT.

AN EARNEST APPEAL TO ALL

There are times when a community must take the lead and make rapid and substantial progress or recede as rapidly; when it is not a question of merely leading or following, but an actual question of retrogression or progression, a question of leadership or death, the demand for a sacrificing and sincere co-operation of all its citizens for development, for advancement, for leadership, a marathon race in which the contestant must win or die. Forest Grove is now facing such a critical situation, and as a test of her ability to meet it with success the call has been issued for all to attend a meeting on the last day of this month to discuss and formulate plans for a great future campaign of progress and industry.

Not only is this a critical time in the making of local history, but it is a most opportune time for the success of an extensive publicity program. During the next six or seven years great changes will take place on the Pacific Coast. Immigration and emigration will greatly add to the population of Oregon. The tourist travel thru this state will undoubtedly be increased many fold. Thru the Panama Canal, from the Far East, and from our own East, will come many nationalities, many classes and many kinds of citizens. Nor will these classes possess the same degree of desirability, nor will they be scientifically diffused with each other. Rather they will settle in colonies, or naturally will drift into communities of largely their same class. Washington County will undoubtedly receive her share in numbers, but to secure the right kind of thrifty, intelligent newcomers, it will be necessary for us to do our part and to see that we not only get our share in numbers

but that we receive the proper class. The country tributary to Forest Grove is capable of supporting ten times as many families as it now does. Many of our best prospective settlers will be men of small means, men of great activity and virtue, but who will need the advice and assistance of some reliable and capable information bureau. We want to see the newly organized commercial club take up this work of guaranteeing to the prospective settler in this county a not excessive purchase price in the beginning, a cordial welcome in the start, encouragement, and financial help if need be, to stock and equip his forty or twenty acres with the necessary animals and implements to produce a living. No greater work for the future benefit of this community can be accomplished than the proper care of the newcomer.

Forest Grove is in dire need of a good lumber mill, and the millions of feet of first-class timber standing on the nearby hills is ample guarantee of the feasibility of such an industry. Forest Grove and its great surrounding territory could well support a creamery, a great grape juice factory, a suburban railway up Gales Creek, over to Banks and down the Tualatin River to the city of that name. Forest Grove needs some things along civic improvements. It needs a more united endeavor among its citizens for these things, and that is what the meeting on Friday, October 31, is to bring about.

The chief value of a good wide awake commercial club is to generate vitality within the community. To do that successfully a permanent headquarters should be established and so fitted up as to be a brooding place of ideas for a greater Forest Grove and Washington County.

All work must begin at home, and the first task is to bring ourselves to the realization of our many advantages. The second is to generate within ourselves a ceaseless energy and enthusiasm for development and progress, and the unity of action necessary to accomplish definite results. The next great accomplishment is to gain the respect and co-operation of our nearby friends and neighbors and to prove our worthiness of their support and assistance in working for greater things. Then it is time to begin shouting to the world that the Garden of Eden is waiting for all to walk in.

And in the meantime positively the best work that can be done is by personal letters to your friends and others in less favored localities, accompanied by a subscription to a local paper. The local paper tells of the life, and is a true index of the activity of a community. If your local paper is a faithful representative of its community there cannot be a more effective piece of boosting literature produced; for it tells of the actual conditions, and when the truth is as favorable to a community as it is to Forest Grove and Washington County, no colored ink is necessary.

May all attend the coming meeting and help formulate the best plan of future action possible.

George Huntington Currey

Beaverton Will Have Water

Beaverton, one of the most thriving towns in Washington County, is now preparing to bring water to its citizens. The work of digging the ditch in the town will be completed this week, ready to connect with the main ditch from Hillsboro as soon as it is finished. About eighteen months ago the town installed electric lights, and now with the addition of the water it shows that Beaverton is progressing as all Willamette Valley towns are doing.

Carefully Drawn Law

The Workmen's Compensation Act, which the voters will have an opportunity to pass on at the special referendum election November 4, was framed by a commission representing the Grange, the employers and workers. The law provides automatic compensation for injured workmen and their widows and children in case of death, and is designed to do away with actions at law against employers for damages in cases where workmen are injured or killed. It is claimed by friends of the new system that it will have a tendency to reduce the number of accidents. Unquestionably it will greatly reduce the number of paupers and public charges resulting from fatal accidents, as statistics show that only about 12 per cent of those injured have actionable claims for damages under present laws. It is claimed that the referendum on this bill was invoked by the agents of employers' liability insurance companies, and by personal injury lawyers, of which both classes will lose heavily if the bill becomes a law.

Has no Criticism

CORVALLIS, Oregon,
October 13, 1913.

My Dear Editor:—Enclosed you are remitted \$1.50 in money order to renew my subscription to the FOREST GROVE PRESS for another year. I have no criticisms. The paper has improved in character since you took it.

Yours truly,
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Knowing Sympathy

The up-state newspaper men have been in session in Portland. Much is asked of them, and little bestowed. The man who wants free publicity, and gives nothing back in advertising, besieges all newspapers, but none more than the up-state publications.

The mail overwhelms them with all kinds of copy with a request that it be inserted free and marked copies of the paper be sent. Stock shows, horse shows, county fairs, church fairs, state fairs, world's fairs, charity balls, June festivals, health committees, charity committees, development committees, promotion committees, publicity committees, general welfare committee and every other kind of fair, show, exposition and committee-showers the publication office with requests for free space, always holding out as remuneration the assurance that it is for the good of the community, never realizing that white paper must be paid for in dollars, that printers must have money for food, clothing and shelter, and that publication offices cannot subsist on warm wind.

Along with the fairs and other free publicity folk, is the real estate agent who doesn't advertise but wants his name mentioned in every sale, the doctor who doesn't advertise, because he says it isn't professional, but wants his name as the surgeon in a case of accident, and the merchant who doesn't advertise because he says it doesn't pay, but wants the reporter to drop around and write up for the paper a description of a newly arranged show window.

In addition there is the professional press agent who is paid a big salary because of his versatility in working the newspapers for free publicity.

In no activity in the world is there so much endeavor to get something for nothing as is attempted in the newspaper business. No activity in the world gives as much to the public gratis and gets as few thanks back.

For all the boasting of the community, for all the constructive agitation, for all the struggle at reform, for all the appeals in behalf of public movements, for all the cheery puffs of the prominent citizens, for all the free notices, free insertions, free publicity, free exploitation, free advertising and free gifts of space and influence of every kind, the community expects in return to lay a few flowers on the grave of the defunct newspaper man when he is dead, and let it go at that.

No public servitor is more faithful and devoted, no citizen more sincere and but few figures in the community so generous or able as is the average up-state editor.—Oregon Journal.

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