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NOTES AND COMMENTS

How One Oregon Town Is Being Regenerated

"I see you are trying to instill in your readers the spirit of home patronage," said a traveling man to the editor of the Express a few days ago. "Well, there is no better work for a newspaper and none that promises more returns to the community. I recently visited Oregon City, which, but a few months ago, was one of the dullest towns of its size in the state. But things are changing now and Oregon City promises to be known from one end of the state to the other as a 'live one.'"

"How was it done," asked the editor.

"By getting together and understanding each other," replied the traveling man. "They have organized what they call 'The Live Wire club' and the members meet once a week at a banquet. At first only the business and professional men met and they accomplished little, for they only had one side of the question. Then somebody had a brain-throb and suggested that they invite their customers—the farmers and laborers. Well, they did it, and the first time one of the merchants got up and complained about the farmers sending away for merchandise that was carried in the local stores, a hard-headed old farmer got up and said he was one of those who sent away for goods, but explained he learned the habit from the business men of Oregon City.

"The farmer told them that he had observed that the clothier sent away for his sugar and other groceries, the grocer sent away for his clothing and the farmers had not been slow to follow suit and send away for everything. Right then and there the merchants began looking at each other with anything but friendly glances. It looked for a time as though the 'Live Wire club' was going to bust up in a row, but several other farmers and laborers told of their experiences; one laborer said when one of the merchants built a new home he had sent away for carpenters, plasterers, etc. He didn't believe, under the circumstances, it was wrong for the working people to send their money away when they wanted goods. Then somebody told a funny story, several others started to sing 'He's a Jolly Good Fellow' and friendship took the place of hostility. Before the meeting adjourned a committee was appointed to go among the farmers, laborers and business people and ask that they all reform, that they go to work to build up Oregon City and help each other, instead of trying to live off each other for the benefit of the catalogue houses. The farmers and laboring people accepted the challenge and things have been coming nicely for the town since that time. And the merchants have nearly all agreed to patronize the paper mill at Camas when they want paper bags, wrapping paper, etc., and they are asking the merchants of other towns to do likewise."

"What has been done at Oregon City can be done at most of the

towns in Oregon," continued the traveling man, "and I hope to see it tried in Forest Grove. No town in the state has a better chance to be prosperous, if the people just make up their minds to make it so."

What think you of this story from Oregon City, business men of Forest Grove and residents of Washington county? Isn't the plan worth trying? The Express has no desire to force prosperity on you, but it is willing to help those who are willing to help themselves.

Patronize the Advertisers

Forest Grove, Feb. 7, 1916.

Editor of the Express,

Forest Grove, Ore.

We very much appreciate your paper and wonder that your advertising patronage is not far in excess of the present showing. Your paper has many enthusiastic supporters and readers who would gladly support your advertisers.

SUBSCRIBER.

For the benefit of "Subscriber" and others who may feel as he does, the editor will say that there are several reasons why advertising is hard to get at this time. First, business is a little quiet right now and many merchants make the mistake of advertising only when business is booming (when they don't need advertising as much as when business is dull); second, a number of merchants have agreed not to patronize anything but the newspaper trust until some time in March. After the first of next month the Express will have more advertising and more job printing. In the meantime those who want to help the Express should patronize its advertisers.

W. C. BENFER, Manager.

Have you registered yet? If not, do it today.

Two men who fought for a job in Portland were arrested and locked up.

The grip epidemic has been a boon to those California lemon growers who were not victims of the malady.

How many of us ask for Oregon products when buying paper bags, wrapping paper, etc.? There is a paper mill at Camas, using Oregon wood and employing Oregon labor. Let us encourage this industry.

Victor Murdock, national chairman of the progressive party, says that his party is so far from dead that thousands of Bryan democrats will join it this fall. How are they going to get Teddy's consent to come in?

A man who would write poetry of the "Beautiful Snow" in the Willamette valley would be taking his life in his hands. And yet we haven't heard of any fatalities, wherein we are more fortunate than California, where more than fifty people were drowned by floods. And over in Montana the people rejoiced when the mercury did not get below 40 less than nothing.

Washington county in 1915 received \$2,130.25 from the state as its portion of the automobile

"The ROAD OF A THOUSAND WONDERS"

to

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Six Months Round Trip Tickets on Sale

Many attractions for the visitors to California in February. Bathing at the beaches, picking oranges and lemons, motoring, playing golf or tennis. The beautiful exposition at San Diego open all the year. Trips to Mt. Lowe or Mt. Wilson, Ocean trips to Catalina or Santa Cruz Islands. Everywhere the door of hospitality stands open for you.

Ask your local agent or write

John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon

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license fund. Washington county vehicle owners spent \$2,659 for licenses last year and it cost \$528.75 to collect the licenses. The probable receipts from this source in 1916, by the way, is another item that was not given in the annual county budget as by law required.—Banks Herald.

Forest Grove people who tried to buy candies, cigars or tobacco last Sunday were up against it, for in pursuance to instructions from Sheriff Reeves, the confectionery stores were closed and drug stores were limited to the sale of medicines. This action comes as the result of Judge Bagley's dissolution of the injunction heretofore granted against the enforcement of the blue laws. The court is of the opinion that the people have had plenty of time in which to repeal the law if it is obnoxious, but admits that its provisions are unfair to certain classes of business. So far as the Express can learn, the only complaint local confectioners have is that the law is not enforced in Multnomah county and several other counties of the state. The way to get an obnoxious law repealed is to enforce it. If a majority of the people think the Sunday closing law obnoxious, they will probably put it to death next November. In the meantime, buy your cigars and candies on Saturday.

Dates to Remember

As this is to be a year of politics, it will be well to remember the following dates in connection with the elections:

April 18—Last day to register for primary election.

April 19—Last day to file petitions or declarations for nominations for county offices, district and justice of the peace.

May 19—Primary election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

May 20—Reopening of registration.

June 4—Last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures of primaries.

September 28—Last day to file certificate of nomination by political party or assembly for county and district.

October 7—Last day to register for general election.

October 13—Last day to file certificate of nomination by individual electors for county, district and precincts.

November 7—General election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

November 22—Last day for candidates to file statement of expenditures.

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that has adequately solved the problem of furnishing protection for a minimum cost and building up a Reserve Fund that amply protects the assured. It has more than \$260,000.00 in first-class assets, as shown by examination recently made by the Insurance Department of Oregon.

When insuring your home, remember the slogan, "Patronize Home Industry."

W. P. Dyke

Agent for Washington county
Office, FOREST GROVE, OREGON

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Originator of Penny Change System in Forest Grove. One Order will convince you. Phone 692, FOREST GROVE, ORE.

Keep Your Money

AT HOME

spend it in Forest Grove, and you have a very good chance of seeing it again; you may even handle it again. Even if you never see it again, some of your neighbors will get it and use it to build up Forest Grove and Washington county. No matter whether you need groceries, clothing, shoes, automobiles or

Job Printing

this advice is worth considering, for many a town has been promoted to the city class by the patriotism of its citizens in refusing to send away for things they could get at home.

THE EXPRESS

plant is fully equipped for all classes of job printing, printers of taste and judgement are employed and you can get almost any kind of stationery the most exacting fancy might crave. Come and see.

Or, if you think you have some reason for not patronizing the Express, take your work to the other local office. Either will do more for Forest Grove than some printing concern outside the city or county.

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