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NOTES AND COMMENTS

What are you going to do, mister, to help make the Washington County Fair a success? Each of us can do something.

The writer can understand how a man who is broke and hungry will steal to feed himself and family, but when a man who pleads guilty to horse-stealing is able to pay a fine of \$2,500, the case is past understanding.

No matter how much we may disagree with Emperor William's policies, or deplore the awful carnage of wholesale murder going on in Europe, the great majority of Americans are wishing Captain Koenig and his crew of brave seamen a safe journey to the home harbor. Every true American admires bravery.

Uncle Sam's proposal to purchase from Denmark the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, near Porto Rico, as a naval base for the protection of the Panama canal, is being opposed by a few senators because the occupation of the Philippines has proven expensive. But the Danish Isles are much nearer our shores.

The people of Forest Grove are either mighty lucky or they are adepts at dodging danger. If this were not the case, many of them would be crippled by the miserable sidewalks the city dads permit in many sections of the city. Some of these days the city will have a damage case that will cost more than sidewalks.

A New York woman on her wedding day told the husband that by making her his wife he had taken her out of hell and placed her in heaven. She is now asking the court to take her out of "heaven" and award her attorneys' fees and \$20 per month alimony. You can't suit some people—not even in "heaven."

Reading of the number of men killed daily in Europe ought to kill a lot of Enlarged Egos among those of us who imagine the world would have a hard time wiggling thru its orbit without our Master Minds to direct it. The British lost their Kitchener, but their soldiers kept up the battle; Hetty Green richest woman in the world, passed away and another Shylock takes her place. Kill off all the swell-heads in Forest Grove and the adjoining county will not feel the blow. What excuse have any of us for strutting?

A number of Nebraska papers are discussing whether or not weekly newspapers should carry an editorial page. To the Express editor it appears there is no ground for a discussion. Even the towns too small for daily papers have their short-comings and papers that deserve the name can do much to improve conditions. Nothing would please the grafters more than to have all newspapers (daily and weekly) abolish their editorial pages.

"You might as well quit asking the people to patronize the home merchants," said a working man to the Express editor the other day, "until the merchants learn that it is a poor rule that won't work both ways." Asked to specify, this man replied, "I know

merchants whose wives and daughters go to Portland to do their shopping, claiming they cannot get what they want in Forest Grove. We common people see what is going on and we follow suit. Then the city council has set an example along the same line by going to Hillsboro, which never does anything for Forest Grove, to hire a city attorney." Think this over, you business men of Forest Grove, and see if you cannot help to remedy these conditions.

THE MEXICAN POLICY

Democrats do not have to depend upon their own number for approval of the president's Mexican policy. For Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, a republican, has joined with scores of other leaders of the g. o. p. in commending it—and the march goes steadily on!

It is up to republicans now to prove that their own leaders are wrong in indorsing that policy, before they can even make a start at criticizing the policy proper. And the task, we opine, will prove to be "some chore" before they finish with it.

A few weeks ago the republican leaders clenched their fists, stifled their consciences and swatted boldly at the democratic Mexican policy as the most absurd, untenable, outrageous policy they ever saw promulgated by an American administration. Today those same leaders find themselves battling with their own ranks over this question—and instead of using their ammunition wholly on the democratic enemy they find a stubborn determined republican rank and file intercepting their march to victory upon this issue.

'Tis no wonder if Justice Hughes sits uneasily in his chair and notes the trend of public opinion. 'Tis no wonder his issues and interviews which he stamps his foot and says the party "must" get together. The approval of the president's course is so genuine and so widespread from the republican rank and file, and includes so many of the leaders, too, that additions to the ranks may be expected daily.

It would be out of the question—'twould disturb his judicial poise, don't you know—but wouldn't it be splendid if Justice Hughes himself would now approve the policy, too? If he would, it would simplify matters immensely, for then there would not be a single valid issue between him and his opponent, and the people would have the opportunity of choosing a president without a multitude of distressingly complex questions to confuse them while about the task.—Omaha World-Herald.

For the State Fair

L. M. Graham who is preparing a Washington county exhibit for the state fair, wants some extra fine grains and vegetables to add to his collection. If farmers will bring the exhibits to Mr. Graham's office, he will sort, pack and ship them. He must have these exhibits not later than Sept. 10th and as much earlier as possible.

Special sale on toilet paper for a week at Littler's Pharmacy; 4 large 10c rolls for 25c

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INSTRUCTIVE TALKS CONCERNING FIRES

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After a brief talk by Mr. Wells outlining the purpose of the lecture—to teach greater care in the prevention of fires, a series of moving pictures were shown illustrating the way recklessness and pure carelessness cause nearly all fires. In this series of pictures were shown the rubbish dumped in corners of cellars, beneath docks, in alleys, woodsheds and kitchens that are literally fire-traps; and burning factories, hotels and dwellings in many different cities thruout the United States. The pictures also showed how a burning match carelessly thrown away, a cigar or cigarette stub, an electric iron or "fireless" cooker and defective wiring had started fires. The pictures were a lesson in themselves in fire prevention that made a profound impression.

Mr. Stevens was then introduced by Mr. Wells. The Fire Marshal of Portland is a surprisingly young man, straight and well proportioned, and looks like a typical athlete. One still wonders how he could have attained his position so early in life when the Marshal is lecturing, for he seems to have no end of knowledge, gained from personal experience, besides a wide range of information covering every phase of the origin and prevention of fires. He has traveled thruout the east, visiting New York, Washington, Chicago and other large cities, where he inspected the fire departments and their methods of fire prevention. His lecture was most instructive as well as full of interest. He told of some very pathetic cases where needless fires had burned children. The latter part of his lecture was illustrated by more pictures. Among these were pictures showing the 1700 students of the Jefferson High School of Portland in a fire drill, fire prevention appliances for manufacturing plants, patent fire extinguishers for the home or factory, and the work of arsonites. The picture of the member of a Portland arson gang who had bungled a job amused the crowd. He had been blown by the explosion of the gasoline fumes, out of a door into a cherry tree. The pictures showed him after the doctor had bandaged his hands feet and face in cotton batting. After the lecture another interesting series of moving pictures were shown. Some of the pertinent facts of the lecture follow:

Sixteen persons were burned to death in Portland the ten months before the fire prevention campaign was begun. In the eight months since the campaign was launched there were only four deaths by fire. Fires have reduced from 2,000 per year to less than 800. Last year Portland's fire loss was nearly \$1,700,000; to date this year it is \$500,000 only. In the past sixty days six fires were caused by electric irons. Twenty fires were started by

matches in the hands of children in the last six months. Many fires are caused by cigar and cigarette stubs. He has seen as many as ten people burned to death by fires thus started since he has been in the department.

People are too careless. Average person does not think about fire.

The safest way to prevent fires is care.

Care is worth more than all the standard requirements of the underwriters.

Many fires are caused by electric irons, fireless cookers and by having gasoline in the house for cleaning clothes, etc.

You shouldn't keep gasoline in the house! Keep it in a non-explosive can outside, if you must have gasoline around.

A great number of fires are caused by moss on roofs. Moral: Clean off the moss; it may save you your home.

Many fires caused by dumping ashes into a wooden barrel or box. Don't do it. You can't trust "cold" ashes.

You can't trust a fireless cooker for long, nor an electric iron.

Gasoline is the most freakish thing of all to fool with.

Don't give the children matches to play with, or leave them within the reach of the children.

Never use the common match, the kind that will strike on anything; use the "strike-on-the-box" kind—they are the safest, hence, the only kind to use.

Careless electric wiring is dangerous.

Don't hang an electric wire, even tho insulated, on anything metallic.

If caught in a burning building filled with smoke, remember that the fresh air is down near the floor; get down on the floor where you can breathe—and find your way out by crawling along the floor.

If you stop at a hotel, first locate the ways of escape. Be sure you have the fire escape located;

it may mean your life.

The local Commercial Club defrayed the expenses of the lecture, which was certainly a worthy cause. Every property owner or householder who attended the lecture should be glad he gained such instruction. Local firemen in uniform acted as ushers. The lecture was free.

PULLING TOGETHER

An esteemed contemporary prints the following suggestion to business men:

"When the business men of a town learn that their real competitor is not the man across the street or around the corner, but is the big mail order houses of the large centers, and that these big institutions, with their systematized method of advertising and letting rural communities know what they have to sell and at what price, that will eventually get them if they don't throw off the yoke of selfishness and pull together for community upbuilding, they are in a fair way to success in business. The next move is to profit by these same mail order concerns and go after business in the same way they do: Advertise, advertise RIGHT, and keep everlastingly at it."

Loganberry Juice Plant Closed

Hoffman & Nichols last Saturday morning finished bottling and canning the last of 7,000 gallons of loganberry juice and put in the afternoon cleaning up the machinery and plant. They used 84,000 pounds of berries for which they paid 3c per pound—a half cent more than was paid at Cornelius. If they find the demand for juice continues strong, they will more than double their output next year.

The Express learns that 20,000 gallons were extracted at Laurelwood and five times that amount at Cornelius.

The Hoffman plant will be run as an evaporator this fall.

Hancock & Wiles have \$25,000 to loan on farms. 1-1f

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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