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The Graphic is sorry to note that Walter Hoge has sold the Forest Grove Times to W. H. Parker and W. T. Fogle. The new owners are, no doubt all right, but it has appeared to us during the five and a half years Mr. Hoge has had charge of the Times, that he has always been on the right side of almost all questions, and his paper has been one of our exchanges that we have always read with interest and quoted from freely. Mr. Hoge is a man of convictions and he has not been afraid to express them courteously but fearlessly. That, is our kind of a man and that is the reason we are sorry to see our friend leave the field of Oregon newspaperdom. He probably would have made more money in the business if he had not been so free to express his opinion about some things that he thought ought not to be allowed to exist, but the fact that the money consideration did not have the "balance of power" with him is another reason why the Graphic dislikes to see him leave the field. We hope the new owners of the Times are made of the same kind of stuff. We need more like him in the ranks of Oregon newspaper men.

Every young man starting out in life should resolve never to run a bill at a store unless some adversity should drive him to it. He had better by far borrow a little money to start with, if need be, than to begin going in debt at the store and thereby placing his nose on the grindstone. "Pay as you go" is a motto that should be hung up in every household and rigidly adhered to. Better do a little skimping to avoid contracting store debts, than to be compelled to lay awake of nights later on, worrying over the bill that is almost sure to be much larger than you ever expected it to be. The merchant must charge enough more for his goods to cover all losses on bad bills and the whole credit business is a curse to the country, and especially is it a curse to the young man who takes steps early in life to become a slave to the system. Don't do it.

When mention was made a few days ago of the need of some better business houses on First street a resident remarked that Newberg was a one story town and consequently there was no demand for more two story buildings. It all depends on the people. If we are content to have a one story town we will never have any other kind. In fact, if we have no other ambition it won't be long until we will be satisfied to see the one story go without paint. We don't want to see any money spent extravagantly, but the demand for better things for Newberg will come largely as the people, by their energy and push, make way for it. If we set down with a self satisfied air we may be sure that men of push will "pass by on the other side."

In the face of all the latter day preaching and teaching about ventilation and the necessity for breathing pure air in order to ward off disease and maintain good health, it is surprising to note the fact that those who have charge of our public halls pay absolutely no attention at all to ventilating them. And further it is even more surprising to note that nineteen twentieths of the people who go to these halls to attend public entertain-

ments—and among the number will be found those who insist that they must sleep in tents in order to breathe pure air at night—will take their seats with a self-satisfied air, perfectly oblivious to the fact that every window in the hall is closed air tight and the stifling atmosphere of the room is heavy enough to make an ox breathe with discomfort.

Why don't women make a business of using profane language the same as some men do? Partly because society demands that they shall refrain from the habit and partly because they have more consideration for decency and good manners. This is only another instance where society makes a great mistake in setting up one standard for men and another for women. Women however are responsible to a great extent for the existence of the double standard. While it is true that men should be men without being driven to it, it is a fact that women could easily correct many objectionable habits in men if they would only say the word and stick to it.

The Times ventures the assertion that there is not another town in Western Oregon, as old as Forest Grove with the same population, or anywhere near the same, that can boast of as many newly painted residences or as little moss on the roofs. The term "mossback" certainly is not applicable to the houses in our beautiful little city.—Times.

That is a pretty safe proposition. There are few towns in Oregon as old as Forest Grove and the people are enterprising and energetic. Newberg is still in her 'teens but we will enter the "show ring" for well painted houses with any of 'em.

A walk of a couple of blocks almost any morning will convince any thinking person that Newberg ought to pass an ordinance against spitting on the sidewalks and enforce it to the letter. Think of a man unloading the contents of a catarrhal throat on the walk, not only for every passer by to be forced to see, but for women to brush their skirts over. We are aware that the Scripture text reads "Let him that is filthy be filthy still," but we suggest that those who insist on fulfilling the text should take to the woods.

A great deal of discussion is being indulged in by pulpit and press just now on the question of trial marriages, which has been raised by the appearance of Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons' new book entitled "The Family." It occurs to us on noting the rapid increase in the business of the divorce mills throughout the country that the "trial marriage" system is too much in vogue already. A system that would require time for a little sober, second thought before the marriage vow is taken would come nearer reaching the case.

The unfortunate ones among children at Christmas time are not only those who get no presents but those who receive too many as well. A surfeit is about as likely to bring discontent as none at all and it is unfortunate for the child to teach it to expect too much.

There are going to be two factions in the United States senate this winter—those who will try to "suppress" Senator La Follette, and those who are afraid of their constituents at home.—Milton Eagle.

Cupid discriminates little between youth and old age in Yamhill. In the grist of marriage licenses noted this week will be found the seventeen year old bride in the same class with the dame of seventy summers.

R. B. Conover who until recently published the Herald at Dayton has begun the publication of a new paper at Hubbard which he has christened the "Beaver State News."

The Christmas number of the "Rural Spirit" was a splendid edition, showing what can be done by a lot of well directed, hard work.

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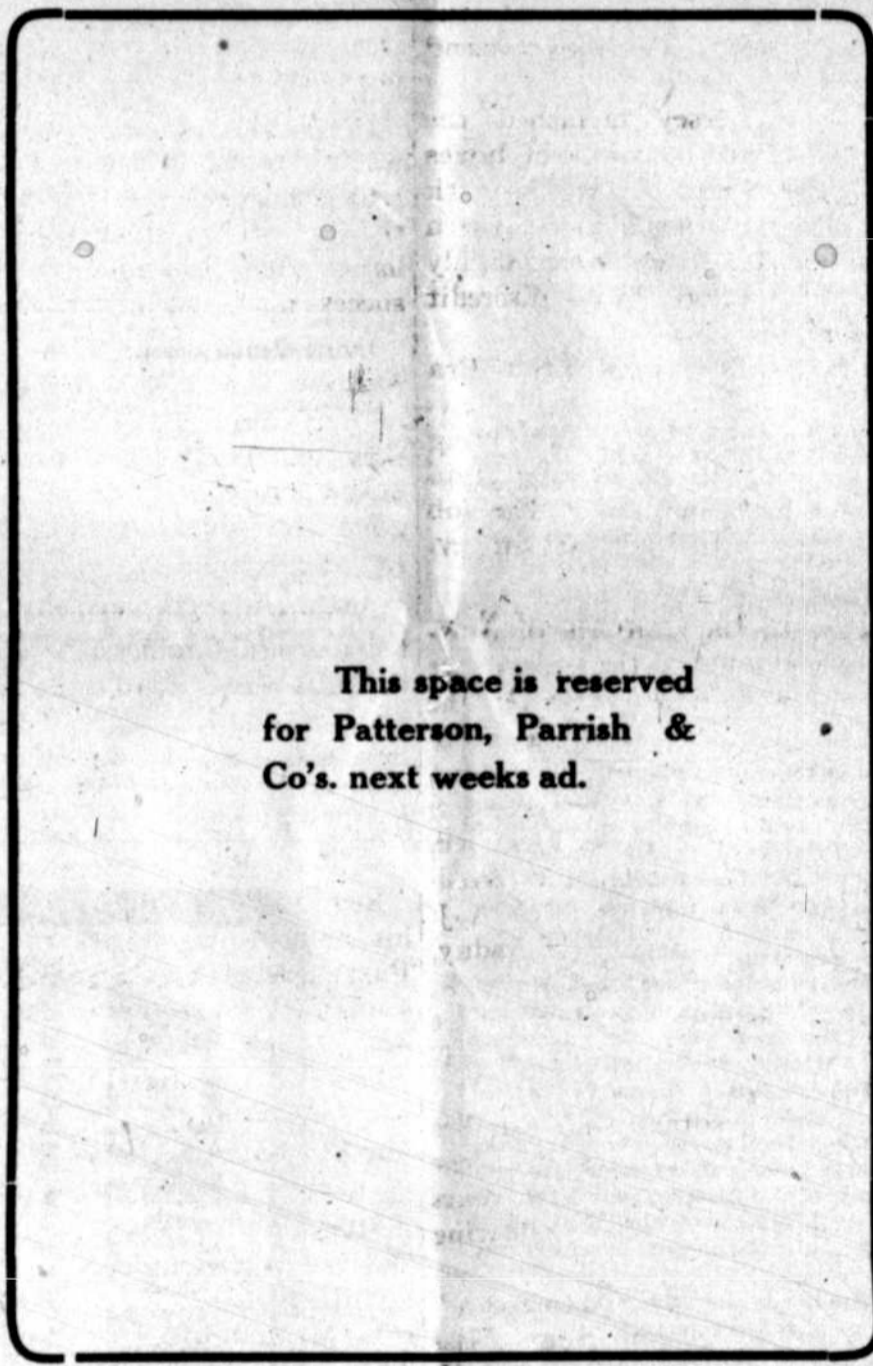
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