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**WHAT OF THE FUTURE?**

While we were seated at the office desk a few days ago writing, a Newberg man who talks considerably above a whisper was entertaining a nearby neighbor of ours by giving him his opinion of Newberg, and touching on the amusement question stated that the time was when the "Quakers" controlled things in Newberg, but he said that day had passed and consequently in the near future some things would be inaugurated here that have not been tolerated in the past.

Now these things were not said to the editor of the Graphic but he could not help hearing them, and since this man who was giving out this information has not been a resident here as long as twelve months it could not be expected that he would know as much about our town as the writer who has been in the harness here much longer than that, therefore it will probably not be out of the way to volunteer a little information in return. Then again the writer is one of a number of citizens and taxpayers residing in and about Newberg whom some are pleased to refer to as the "damned Quakers," and since these people were referred to as having "run things" in Newberg in the past, a word along this line may not be out of order.

To the latter charge this despised sect will have to plead guilty. They came to this neck of the woods when it was dubbed the "grubby end" of Yamhill county on account of the uninviting conditions that then existed here. There was not a church building or a schoolhouse worthy of the name within a radius of eight to fifteen miles in any direction from the present site of Newberg. The wagon roads in this whole end of the county could be counted on the fingers of one hand and still have some left. Some came and looked the situation over and left in disgust. Others who had been reared in communities where conditions were very different remained. A church building was erected, the "little white schoolhouse" followed and later a few blocks of ground were laid out for a small village which grew on their hands.

To some extent the "Quakers" did "run things." It could hardly be avoided. Others had neglected this part of Yamhill and since there were more of them here than there were of others it could not very well be otherwise. Then again they had interests here which they felt that it was their duty to guard and they took an interest in affairs. They liked Oregon and wanted to live in the salubrious climate they found here, but they had nothing in common with saloons and gambling holes and not a cross roads town in the whole length and breadth of the state could they find that was without these dens of corruption, with the string of attendant evils that go with them. Consequently in laying the foundations for Newberg they endeavored to "run things" by seeing to it that the town should be kept as free as possible from the dark spots that were making all the other towns in the state undesirable for those who were looking for good schools, good church influences—in short the endeavor was to make a good home town for families of growing children where the temptation to go wrong would be put as far from them as possible.

The fellows who have shown

up at various times asking for licenses to run pool rooms, billiard halls and beer saloons have been informed that there was no room for them in Newberg.

What has been the result of the course taken? A few people have no doubt gone to other places on account of the fact that they failed to find the kind of company they desired, but where we have lost one of this kind we have gained fifty good, sober people who were looking for just such a place.

In fact so many good people have adopted Newberg as their home that the "Quakers" no longer "control things," as was stated by the anxious brother and since they are not in the majority the responsibility for conditions must be shared by others. Not all the good results have come from the hands of the above named people unaided by others by any means, and no such claim is intended. We have just noted a few facts on account of the statement made by the fault-finder.

Now what has been done in the past does not concern the public nearly so much as the "now" and the future. Accepting the reasoning of our friend the "burden of proof" as a lawyer would put it, is to be on somebody else, and it is evident that he reasoned that other churches were not expected to be as strenuous along the line of "resorts" as the founders of Newberg have been, and consequently the bars would be let down for himself and others to enter. The future will tell, and not very far in the future either.

The bars are being tried these days. The other day a fist fight took place on our streets, as a result, so it is said, of a dispute or contention over some gambling operations that have been going on behind shaded windows. In the near future more of the same kind will follow if the law abiding people of Newberg are going to "lay down."

What is our best asset today as an attraction to homeseekers? Ask ten people why they came to Newberg to locate and about nine of them will tell you they came because they learned of our good school advantages along with the absence of the objectional features that prevail in so many other places. "We find it so different here" they will tell you. There are a few men, of course, who want to damn and curse things in general but most of them have good wives who say "we will remain here for the sake of the children, John"—and they remain.

Say what you may these conditions have counted more for the growth and development of Newberg than anything else and when we let the bars down, if we ever do, we will have lost our best asset.

Some people can give a most heavenly "testimony" in church on each and every call made, who are not worth a whoop when it comes to lining up against the real thing, where backbone must be displayed in meeting a class of men who care nothing for God or man, but who put money, no difference how they are to get it, above everything else. Some are built that way and can't help it, while there are others who are simply willing to drift while they expect others to ward off the enemy without so much as lifting a hand to help. These two classes are usually in the majority while a few must take the brunt of the fray. It has always been so in Newberg and it will no doubt continue to be so in the future. Which class are you going to line up with?

There are plenty of people in Newberg who want to see the better things prevail, but are they going to see to it that they do prevail, that is the question!

As for the editor of the Graphic he may be referred to as one of the "Quakers," but this will not deter him from sounding an occasional note of warning as he has done in the past.

**THE "GAME OF BUSINESS."**

So ingrained is the love of sport—of playing the game—that most business men who really amount to much incorporate, in their management of things, certain elements of contest and struggle.

To "beat last year's record" is the hope of every hustling business man—to accomplish more—to build up, to win—to push the enterprise further along toward the goal than ever before—are the motives which impel men to struggle, to scheme, to use up reserves of energy, of money, of ideas.

During the year to come some business houses in this city are going to establish new records, new high-water marks, in volume of business done, and in net profits. Others are going to fall behind the records of 1908.

No merchant is going to do more business in 1909 than he did in 1908 unless he does more and better advertising. That's not guess-work; it's not nonsense. It's merely one of the "rules of the game" of business—and you can't win at any game unless you play according to the rules.

The toughs who have been driven out of the dry counties are congregating in the cities and towns in the wet counties and the papers are full of their work. With the multiplied cases of burglaries and attempted murders chronicled for Salem of late, it appears that the residents of the Capital city are reaping a rather heavy reward for having voted that city wet at the last election. It is now considered dangerous for a resident to venture from home after nightfall in that city, a condition which is well calculated to detract from the good name of Salem. If a vote could be taken now on the booze question doubtless the saloons would go, as the majority was very small the other way in June, and the object lesson the people are having would, no

doubt, make a decided change in the vote.

E. Hofer of the Capital Journal is said to be trimming his sails with a view of coming out as a candidate for governor. Let's see, this is the man who has fathered the interests of licensed saloons and has fought local option harder than any other newspaper man in Oregon. Possibly he has not noticed the turn of the tide on the saloon question.

Old man Bennett, postmaster and newspaper man of Irrigon, says somebody stole a turkey from his coop. Where did he get the turkey?

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