#### THE KNOCKER.

In the current idiom, the term "Knocker" has risen above the place for itself a place in the wellrecognized business terminology, which, while not academic, is nevertheless the language of action and the doing of things. A "knocker" is a man who belongs to what has been called the "anvil chorus," composed of those who devote their time and energy to finding fault with other persons, things, and the condition of affairs generally. The state of mind which produces this peculiar complaint is a most deplorable possession for any man. And yet there are those who seem to think that "knocking" is the best possible way of pushing to the front. Never was there a greater mistakeno man ever rose to Successs by "knocking," and none ever will. For the qualities which make for Success are as far removed from the aforesaid objectionable mental condition, as one pole is from another.

The chronic "knocker" loses no opportunity for indulging in his favorite pastime-it has become a fixed idea with him. He is prepared to find fault with anything and everything, in sight and out of sight. Nothing suits him-he cannot be sulted. No matter how good a thing may be, he is always ready with his "buts" and "ifs," or his shrugs and significant lifting of the eyebrows. He deems it a sign of experience and wisdom to doubt things-he thinks that cheap cynicism is an evidence of superior worldly wisdom. But he is mistaken from first to last-he fools nobody but himself. The business people with whom such a man comes in contact soon learn to take his measure, and before long he is filed away in the "knocker" listthe list of men to be avoided.

In the first place, while many people will smile when another begins to "run down" other people, the smile is rather one of derision and secret amusement at the expense of the person talking, rather than any mark of approval or sign of agreement or acceptance of the opinions uttored. The hearer inwardly makes a mental memorandum that the speaker has a grievance against the person or thing which he is "running down," or else has something to gain by the procedure. In either case the opinion is discounted, and is not taken seriously by the hearer. Hearers have troubles of their own, and as a rule are inclined to let others fight out their own battles, and ventilate their own grievances. The second time the person begins his "running down" process, his hearer becomes bored, and after that he tries to avoid the man playing the anvil chorus. The latter begins to acquire a reputation for being a "grouch," or "a knocker," in the words of the day, and he is not welcomed as is the cheery individual who always brings a smile-a relief from the tired feeling that so many in business experience after three in the afternoon. The bringer-in of sunshine is always welcome, while the man with the frown and the down-curved mouth, and tale of grievance and complaint, is shunned and avoided.

As a matter of interest, I ask that you notice a few of these "knockers" who may come your way. See whether they are not all more or less crabbed and pessimistic. See whether they have not become distheir milk of human kindness has day not began to curdle. See if they have not lost initiative and ambition. beens," or "never-were-at-alls." See be installed this fall. whether they are not retrograding. "knocking." It is a serious handl tol in passing the last one. They around his neck which keeps him from business success. The world and almost invariably laughs at them hast Saturday evening, honoring Mr. behind their backs. It says: "Oh Bassey and Wood Geter, it being the his eternal 'grouch,' again"; or, "My my, will that Tompkins never let up on his 'knocking?' Tell him I'm for the season. out the next time he calls." That is what the world says about you, Mr. Knocker-no matter how it may smile during the recital of your "running downs." Don't be fooled by the smile-it is a smile at you, rather than with you. The sooner you learn this fact, the better it will be for you. It is unpleasant medicine, but you need it and need it now. For the future, remember the parody on the old lines:

'Knock,' and you 'knock' alone, For this sad old earth Is in need of mirth,

Boosters' Brigade." The latter con- ALFALFA FOR tains the rising men of the timesthe men who believe in "getting of mere street slang, and has claimed there" themselves, and allowing others to do the same. Success is not won by trampling over othersthere is room enough for all-the more the merrier. Go through life doing the best you can for yourself, and always being willing to have others rise with you-give them the helping hand, rather than a kick. This is not only good morality-and butter or wool and mutton or pork good ethics, but it is also very good or potatoes or sugar beets or fine business. And it is far better for the digestion, the heart, the good night's sleep, and thte queer little inward feeling that many of us have presuppose some crop rotation. The about things after the work of the day is laid aside-far better than the other plan .- Edward E. Beals, in Eternal Progress.

> A good chance for fire and life insurance men. See E. B. Brown, 206 ter and nitrogen. To supply this de-Conklin Building. 5-28-3t

## SELMA NEWS.

Farmers have begun cutting hay and report the lightest crop in the history of the valley. This is caused by the excessive dry weather. The fruit and berry yield, however, will be above the normal.

Hay Tools, Hay Forks, Hay Pulleys at Cramer Bros.

J. W. Harmon, proprietor of the Selma grocery, spent Sunday at Dryden visiting relatives.

A band benefit was given at the Dryden school house on Saturday evening. The boys dispensed music that was both a treat and a surprise. This band has only been organized since early spring but are successfully playing some quite difficult pieces of music.

Geo. Kiphart, of the Selma hotel, manipulated (?) the switchboard at the telephone office on Sunday.

Miss Lolita Woodcock, of Kerby, is visiting her friend, Miss Josephine Hathaway, this week.

Deering Mowers and Hay Rakes at Cramer Bros.

Miss Dama Crooks came out from Kerby on Sunday and will spend some weeks visiting with her parents there is moisture to bring it up and at Dryden

Milton Rhoads went to Eastern Oregon last week to spend the sum-

The Deer Creek grange held an interesting session at the Center

school house on Saturday evening. The majority of our folks will spend the 4th at Grants Pass and the rest are planning a nice little picnic up Deer Creek.

Strawberries and cream. Yum! SCHOOL MA'AM

# MISSOURI FLAT.

Both our merchants were in the county capital Saturday on business. Messrs McKeel and Kubli were in Jacksonville last week. There is an effort being made to make a county road of the mall route to the flat. Camp Outfits, Camp Stoves and

Tents at Cramer Bros.

L. Bassey and family, of Jumpoff-Joe, have been visiting relatives and friends here the past week.

Mr. Bassey was called to Jacksonville to testify in a case before the court there this week. On returning cuttings and the third year it will he will go back to his work at Jumpoff-Joe.

Ike Vincent and family took Sunday dinner with Logan Woolridges. Grant Orme is spending the week with his family.

Our ball team was defeated at satisfied and discouraged. See if The two teams play here next Sun-

The school house well has been back to the plane of the "have- was found at 40 feet. A pump will

Two pupils will try the examina-Bailey.

There was a most enjoyable neighspent In duncing.

#### Of Interest to Farmers and Mechanies.

Farmers and mechanics frequent-"Smile, and the world smile with liniment is also valuable for sprains, Diarrhoca Remedy will cure it. This injury when Chamberlain's Liniment ens. It has troubles enough of its own," is applied before the parts become But, better than all, resign from inflamed and swellen. For sale by the Knockers' Club and join the M. Clemens.

# **NEW SETTLERS**

To be successful the farmer of today must specialize to a certain extent. He must decide upon a particular line of farming and adapt his croppage to the production of one main product. It may be some orchard fruit or small fruit or milk or stock. Each one of these lines will require a particular system of farm management and most of them will settler in laying plans should consider the character of the soil. We find that all our western soils are well supplied with all mineral elements essential to plant growth but lacks humus or decayed organic matficiency is imperative and it may easily be done by growing alfalfa.

The various field crops yield nearly if not twice as much better after alfalfa has occupied the land as before. To get the land into alfalfa as soon as possible is therefore a desirable expedient. Alfaifa yields but lightly or scarcely any the first year. hence some other forage crop must be grown on part of the land. Beardless barley may be grown and cut for hay a short time before it is mature. Field pens and oats sown together at the rate of one bushel of peas to one of oats will yield early feed for stock. Alfalfa is our banner crop, however, and is just as important as an improver of the soll as it is as a hay crop. The surface must be leveled in the best possible manner for alfalfa as it occupies the land for several years.

One good method of getting land into perfect condition for alfalfa is to grow small grains the first year and start alfalfa the second. Any defects in the levelling can then be noted and rectified at the end of the first year. If the land has been prepared in the fall alfalfa should be seeded early in the spring while irrigation water should be withheld as long as possible to induce the roots to strike deep into the soil. Though delaying the planting of alfalfa until the second year has some advantages, I would advise a settler to start some the first year, for it is quite possible to prepare some new land for alfalfa in a tolerably satisfactory manner. The weather will generally not be suitable for leveling and plowing until April or May

By the time the land has been prepared the soil will be too dry to germinate the seed and give a good stand, hence it is advisable to irrigate before planting. Alfalfa may be started in this way any time from May to August. The best way to plant alfalfa is with a seeder that sows it in drill rows and covers the seed. Plant without a nurse crop and at the rate of 12 pounds the acre. Alfalfa may be expected to do no more the first year than become well established. Clipping it once is a benefit as that induces stooling. The second year it will give three yield a little more than the second

Alfalfa may occupy the land from three years to as many as desired. When alfalfa fields are plowed up it is found that the soil has gained greatly in humus and nitrogen. A Murphy last Sunday, score 11 to 12. much greater amount of these constituents, however, are added to the soil when a green crop of alfalfa is turned under. Such green manurcompleted. This was a much needed ing prepares the land for sugar beets See whether they are not drifting improvement. A good flow of water or for orehard planting and is beneficial to any crop that is to follow. A crop of alfalfa turned under is worth ten tons of sugar beers the I tell you, there is nothing in this tion this week. Three were success, acre as fertilizer. The second crop of alfalfa should be used for green cap for any man. It is a milistone were Fred Vincent, Seth and Norman manuring and the land should be irrighted a short time before playing The land should be harrowed after has very little use for such people, borhood gathering at Kubit's home plowing to conserve moisture. With the soil moist and the weather warm the roots as well as the foliage turndear, here comes that Jones with latter's birthday. The evening was ed will desompose readily. The decay spreading to the roots insures the Guy Geter has hired to Mr. Kubli killing of the alfalfa. - Elias Nelson ODNANT, in Field and Farm.

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## WOLF CREEK NEWS.

It is very hot weather in our part of the world at present; a little rain would cool things off very nicely.

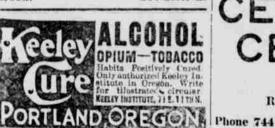
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Perkins made trip to Grants Pass last Saturday, Mr. Perkins returning Tuesday. Mrs. Perkins remained in town to receive medical attention, she having been quite ill for three months past.

Miss Golda Irwin returned to her home in Placer Tuesday.

Blue Flame Oil Stoves with without ovens at Cramer Bros.

A farewell party in honor of Miss Bethel Ruble was given at the home of Hazel Perkins last Thursday evening. Miss Bethel has gone to spend the summer with an aunt residing in Medford. She will attend high school at that place this year. Miss Abbie Lehman is working at the Wolf Creek tavern.

George Watson spent Sunday and Monday with friends on Coyote SUNSHINE



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