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CLEAN UP DAY

It is a growing custom for all cities and villages to have a municipal clean up day. Rubbish and filth will accumulate on the best regulated premises. This gives a town an untidy appearance.

Even if each place is cleaned up thoroughly occasionally, the adjoining property often remains untidy so that the general appearance is not much improved.

Especially in the east and middle west where refuse accumulates during the long winter, have village clean up days become very general and popular.

When the snow has finally disappeared and the lawns turn green, all the sticks, leaves and dead grass are raked up and burned. The old cans and other refuse are carted away. Broken fences are repaired and many buildings are painted. Each family vies with its neighbors to make the neatest, cleanest appearance, like old-fashioned housewives with the week's washing.

The people who are of slovenly habits are required by the authorities to clean up their premises.

Thus the whole town takes on an appearance of cleanliness and thrift.

Nothing can make a better impression on visitors than tidy, well kept streets and yards. It influences strangers to locate and found homes. It generates community pride.

A little more enthusiasm for Bandon's cleanup day would work wonders to the attractiveness of the city, give pride to its people and become a financial asset.

It is especially desirable that a town having ambitions as a recreation resort should present a pleasing and attractive appearance. Nicely kept homes with their profusion of flowers is one of the greatest attractive features offered by Los Angeles and other resorts.

Bandon should clean up. Realizing that a clean city is a civic and financial asset, Portland is now striving to make itself "The beautiful city of Roses" through the awakening of city pride.

The mayor will be asked to proclaim Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12th, a general clean up day for all Portland. The Portland papers say that every home owner and tenant will have an opportunity, systematically and intelligently to beautify his surroundings. Specialists in every line of beautification work are preparing articles to give specific information. A lecture bureau and question and suggestion box have been established. Three thousand dollars will be distributed in prizes for the best looking lot.

The flowers are blooming now in some yards of Bandon and they give a prophetic intimation of the beautiful garb the city might don if she so willed and which would very much improve her esthetic appearance.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

According to Dr. K. W. Stauder extension professor of veterinary medicine of the Iowa State College the foot and mouth disease is practically the measles of the hoofed family. It is no more fatal than measles is to the human family. Left alone it will run its course in about two weeks with no serious results other than to leave the animal temporarily weak with sickness. The disease is usually contracted in about forty-eight hours after exposure, although sometimes it does not manifest itself for several days.

As in typhoid fever cases with humans, there are rare cases where the disease germs are carried by the animal for two years or more. Infected cattle should have a soft diet with a clean stable and plenty of clean water.

The per cent of deaths from foot and mouth disease is negligible. It is not a toxic disease, but is carried by a germ and when it gets into a country is apt to spread to all the cattle. Exclusive of cattle the loss amounts to millions of dollars. The loss of flesh and milk is enormous. "You can put on other flesh, but the pound of flesh that the cow has lost, can not be recovered" says Dr. Stauder.

In Germany, beef which has been infected is sterilized by heating and is sold at a lower price. This has been done in this country. The meat is not

dangerous. The only trouble is that children may contract fatal bowel trouble in extreme cases by eating this meat.

David F. Houston, U. S. secretary of agriculture says with the exception of Illinois every state has successfully coped with the disease. We hope to have it well in hand there in a short time. The United States is the only nation that has ever been able to handle the epidemic because of its very contagious nature. Even Germany had to give it up at one time. They called off their scientists who were combating the disease because it was found that the men themselves were spreading the disease. The government finally sent the scientists and their experiments to a lonely island, where even the birds did not visit to carry the germs to the adjoining land.

Secretary Houston says results have justified the severe measures now adopted and we realize that while it works a hardship on a few individuals, yet what would it have meant had we been unable to stop the thing.

When the boll weevil first reached Texas from Mexico some wanted the government to condemn and destroy all the cotton in the infected district. This was not done because the value of the crop would have been over a million dollars if not infected with the weevil. The result was that even that crop was a failure and cotton crops worth many millions were lost each year for many years. The heroic method adopted in the foot and mouth disease has proved a daring and great economy.

WAR AND CHARITY

The horrors of war and the suffering of the non-combatants in Belgium is a story often and well told. America came forward with bountiful gifts of food clothing and money. Great ships of the deep are now transporting supplies for their relief. The Rockefeller foundation donated upwards of a million dollars to their work. It has become the fashion nearly everywhere for people to deprive themselves of accustomed luxuries or even necessities that they might help the women and children of Belgium.

At a time when 350,000 wage earners were idle and suffering in New York city alone, and could secure no substantial relief from their countrymen, charity was freely bestowed on the warring people of Europe.

We view it sentimentally, foolish to send a world of wealth across the sea and ignore innocent suffering in the next block, as it is for decent women to bestow love and flowers upon criminals often to the neglect of the more deserving. Of course it is not so bad to feed babies in Europe while leaving them to die in one's own home town for the lack of the same essentials, as it would be to give the charity to criminals.

We often can not see the beggar at our door but must search through the world for the Holy Grail.

Now comes a story from Poland of dire want and misery far surpassing that of Belgium.

The armies of Germany and Russia have fought over it and traversed this country several times and have despoiled it of food stuff. The poor transportation facilities barely suffice to feed the armies. Already large numbers of women and children have died from hunger and exposure and vast numbers more will follow.

The Germans have given what relief they are able to but their own needs and circumstances are such that they can not render material help. The North German Gazette published the following appeal to Americans:

"The Imperial government will be pleased if humanitarian endeavors exerted in the United States on behalf of the Belgian civil population suffering on account of the war, and which have been so well carried out, were extended to the civil population of Russian Poland, which in many respects is in a worse position.

Lastly comes Madam Slavka Grouitch, wife of the under secretary of foreign affairs in Serbia to America to seek aid for 700,000 Servians who are in concentration camps.

They are without food or seed for planting. These people are largely innocent sufferers. They are the victims of war. It would be a fine thing to help them or any other people in such distress. But charity should begin at home—and should stay pretty close to there until home people are in better circumstances than foreign ones.

If all the people scattered through the United States in need of food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance and surgical attention, etc. were brought to one place—it would make a showing of suffering quite comparable to that of Europe. We should not forget our own in our eagerness to help the people of Europe.

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