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Don't Knock: Boost!

DON'T BE A KNOCKER!
It doesn't pay. It makes you neither happy, wealthy nor wise. Your popularity is never increased because you gain the reputation of being a first-class knocker. If you believe your town to be the worst one on earth, move out and give some fool optimist a chance to move in, take your place and go broke. It will serve him right for not listening to your tale of woe. If you are quite sure that you can buy goods 10 or 20 per cent cheaper in the next town than you can in your own, in the name of freedom and liberty go there and spend your money—but, also, in the name of decency and fair play, stay there and earn the money you spend. Candidly, do you think it fair to make your money in Squashville and spend it in Podunk?

Don't be a knocker!
Don't pull against the stream or tug on the wrong end of the rope. It's hard work and the pay is poor. Besides, you may become overheated and cool off too quick, with serious results. Don't you know that the knocker is usually of the billious temperament, with a predisposition to heart failure? Don't knock yourself into a premature grave and earn for yourself some such an epitaph as this:

Here lies a man beneath this earth who was always a knocker, from the day of his birth; He knocked his neighbors and he knocked his town; Now he is dead and gone, way down.

Push things; smile once in a while; be helpful. Tell people that your town is the best ever, or that it soon will be, and they will not think you are a lobster for living there. Tell your neighbor that he is all right; that you're all right; that the town is all right, and that everybody who is trying to do something is all right. Don't hinder the wheels of progress. Don't be a clam.

Be a booster!
Don't say, "General Jones has done a lot to develop the country, but—" Leave off that everlasting "but—". What is the use in saying a good word about somebody or something and then qualifying it and spoiling the whole effect with that pestiferous little "but—".

Be a live one. It's worth while in as good a world as this is, and you will be a long time dead. It's better to be a live good fellow than a friendless corpse, anyway. And when your time comes to take a final layoff here and pass over to that better country whence all good boosters are bound, some fellow who knew you and liked you and appreciated you in this life may inscribe on your tombstone something like this:

Here lies a man who knew how to boost; He has gone on before, called home to roost; But up there he'll ne'er be a droning dud— It'll be like him to form a development club.

Decadence of Partisanship

AS an independent newspaper the HERALD has no interest in the election of any individual nor the triumph of any particular party at the coming state election. As an advocate of purity in politics, elimination of political graft and the administration of public affairs on sound business principles and in an honest and straightforward manner, it is interested in the election of those aspirants for political preferment whose past

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records, present utterances and general character give the best promise for a full and fair protection of the public interests, without regard to their party affiliations. In this connection it is proper to say that the HERALD has no intention of presuming to advise its readers who these men are. As a journalistic citizen of Jackson county it is yet too young to do that intelligently. It is only to direct attention to the fact that there is undoubtedly a trend in public affairs today which shows a decided decadence in partisanship, as the country understood that term ten, twenty or fifty years ago. The number of independent voters in the country is being rapidly augmented of late, while the number of "yellow dog" partisans of former years is growing beautifully less. The people are fast "getting next" to the game of graft that has been so systematically and profitably played by their political bosses and leading statesmen in recent years, and that fact accounts for the sundering of party ties in the interests of decent politics and good government. The sight of the bloody shirt and the cry of "vote as you shot," north and south, are but fading memories in this twentieth century time, and in their place is forming in the public mind a vision of political progress and a determination to "vote as I think and as my intelligence and good judgment directs, not as some grafting political boss commands." Good citizenship demands a careful consideration of the political situation and a hearty support of the men and measures best calculated to advance the interests of the taxpayers and common, everyday citizens of the state.

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