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EDITORIAL

WHICH IS THE GREATEST CRIME

For years, dog poisoners have gone their way unmolested in Grants Pass. They have thrown out their poisoned meat where dogs and children might pick it up indiscriminately. There has never been an arrest for this crime, by which hundreds of dogs have been killed in this community. There has never, as far as The Courier knows, been any investigation as to who is responsible for the wholesale dog destruction. It surely would not have been difficult to have ascertained, at various times, who was using the poison.

During the past year thousands of dollars have been collected in liquor and for traffic violations in the city. Let a man turn a corner wrong or be suspected of having a drink of hard cider in his home and he was haled immediately before the judge. They are crimes, assuredly, and apprehension of the guilty parties is a duty of the police, but which of these three, poisoning of dogs, cutting a corner or getting intoxicated, is the greatest crime? The dog owner and the man who believes that this friend of man has some humane rights will say that the tossing out of poison is a far greater offense than either of the other two.

Owners of dogs in Josephine county pay a license on their dogs. This license should certainly entitle them to some protection for the animals. If some one steals an automobile, or any other article of value, there is a great uproar, but let some person devoid of all humane instincts, kill a dog by poisoning and official inactivity is marked.

There has recently come to the Courier a very fine eulogy of the dog, rendered by Senator George Vest before a Missouri jury, hearing the case of a man tried for shooting a neighbor's dog. The sentiment is that held by many local dog fanciers. It follows:

"The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or his daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money

that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its clouds upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

"Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a Prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If misfortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

Even if the dogs were not entitled to consideration, the owners of the dogs are. We believe, as do others, that some action should be taken immediately to find out who is responsible for the poisoning and to follow it up with prosecution of the guilty parties.—Rogue River Courier.

ANOTHER OREGON ASSET

Push, pep and sticktoitiveness accomplishes the seemingly impossible. A strong commercial organization

backing any enterprise with its confidence, good will and work, will win in any well generated effort. Boosters with backing make towns. These combinations are winning in the Willamette valley as far as the flax industry is concerned.

Some day this Oregon valley will be known all over the world as the flax center of America. Other localities can do as much in other fields, lines and endeavors—if they had the push, pep, backing, boasting spirit and will. With all the advantages and necessities named it takes, oftentimes considerable nerve.

The flax business is nearing a head at last and a \$3,000,000 company is being organized to carry the enterprise to completion.

The leaders in this company are winners in everything they undertake and they are Oregon men. Mr. Robinson of Aurora, in the center of the flax territory, is a man who gets what he goes after. Dr. B. F. Giesy, who is head of the Aurora bank is a man to be relied upon. Arthur Krouse also in the company of organizers is one of the squarest men in business today. These men and others have worked hard and strenuous for many moons on the flax problem. They have repeatedly asked for, and received, aid from commercial organizations of their own town as well as from other nearby cities. Their works are now being rewarded and good, old, loyal, but sleepy, Aurora will be a busy little city with the largest flax mills and linen mills on the coast. Aurora's day has arrived. May she realize on it soon and may she never falter or rest until her biggest hopes have been realized.

The Pacific Flax & Linen Mills will be the biggest activity of its kind in the west. The plan calls for several scutching mill and there will probably be located at Aurora, Eugene, McMinnville and Albany. Eastern capital is interested in the undertaking and an eastern man will probably be elected president, although the other officers and directors are Oregon residents.

The operations will not be confined to any particular section, but to districts best adapted to the growth of flax, and as flax can be grown throughout the entire Willamette valley and parts of Washington the ultimate scope of the company will be extensive.

THUS, OUR CHRISTMAS

As styles, customs and countries change, so do habits, holidays and history. In years gone by Christmas was observed on the 25th of December each year. In these modern times of advertising, excitement and moonshine, Christmas is literally observed not only on the 25th of December but for a week or two before the arrival of the memorial day of all days. Christmas, originally and honestly, for centuries was observed as the day in memory of the birth of Christ. In old-time, by-gone days the occasion was the cause of church services, singing of carols, Christmas calls, story telling, Bible reading and the hanging on the night before, baby's stocking to be found on Christmas morning with a big stick of candy in it, with, perhaps, a pair of mittens, and some stringed popcorn. The lesson to be taught the anxious offspring was the story revival of the finding of the infant Christ by the Wise Men and their gifts to the newborn of myrtle an djewels, in token of their love, faith and belief.

Today the program has gradually changed until Christmas is celebrated for many days in advance with band concerts, parades, booze parties, gaudy dress, and an epidemic of wild and reckless buying of unnecessary. For weeks previous the department stores advertise unheard of bargains and give out bates that the average money earner cannot resist. The wife and children become as mild as a lamb two weeks before Christmas. Daughter and son follow dad from store to store with suggestions of what they would appreciate for Christmas. By the 25th of that now fatal month, dad is as bewildered and crazy as a Charleston dancer trying to keep up with a jazz orchestra. He vows he will not spend a cent, but the pressure is so great that, day by day, he sneaks from store to store buying this and that and hiding it away. Near the last day his cash is gone and he seeks out a "dollar down and dollar a week" store and wakes up on Christmas morn with a jolly feeling, a flat pocket book and a score of

stores with bills hanging over his head. He is haunted and searched for every day to pay his Christmas debts, and by the time he gets the last dollar paid it is the Fourth of July and more cry for foolish money.

Christmas is here, the day of good cheer. Peace on earth, if we can find it, and good will toward men.

So why not make the best of it and join with the laughing, jolly throng.

Seems to be considerable controversy over the difficulties encountered by air mail planes on their journey between San Francisco and Portland, via Medford and Eugene. There is some talk of changing the route to avoid fogs. We don't believe the fogs and clouds would be much less, east of the present route a few miles, and the blizzards and snow east would be worse. What advantage is the air mail landing to a city anyway. Our monthly duns can reach us fast enough by train, so we will not worry if they discontinue the airships.

We received the first copy of the new paper, the Crescent City American this week. The editor and owner is Howard F. Griffin, who recently moved his plant from Glendale, on account of little patronage at Glendale. The Crescent City American is a better paper in appearance, it carries considerable advertising and the city is a busy one with lots of pep, ambition and optimism. We predict success for the paper, the editor and the city. Recent developments, in spite of some opposition, indicate that Crescent City is headed for a big sea port, rail and sail city. Congress will now undoubtedly appropriate sufficient amounts to begin at an early date the deep harbor work so urgently and persistently demanded.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

We used to hear a great deal about the next war—that it would be a conflict between capital and labor. People used to picture a sharp line dividing capital and labor—but that line is disappearing.

There are now 3,500,000 people in the United States that hold stock in some sort of capitalistic enterprise. There are 2,500,000 people holding bonds. We now have 36 labor banks with resources of \$126,000,000.

It is said that a man's heart lies next to his purse. We assume then,

says Good Hardware, that when his purse is invested in industries, the laborer becomes capitalistic in his leanings. Many investors in industry are at the same time workers. Hundreds of thousands of laboring men are, by virtue of that fact, now capitalists themselves.

Get workers to invest their savings in the enterprise that employs them, and labor soon changes its viewpoint.

LOGICAL THOUGHT

Mr. New Wed—"Darling, this liver certainly tastes queer?"

Mrs. New Wed—"Oh, that's because a couple some liver pills were it dear. It looked so sick when I opened the package that I thought they would help it out."

"Rilly" Sunday wants to run for president in '28, as a "dry candidate" His followers want to adopt as a national drink, sweet cider. Suppose campaign song will be "Sucking Cider Through a Straw."

Pockets look flat since the Christmas buying, but look at the fun we had.

Watch the old year out, but don't watch it through a tipped bottle, or you are liable to go out with the year.

Happy New Year! If it is happy the prosperity part won't bother so much.

If high school students want practice in mathematics they can find many opportunities with the neighbors income tax blanks.

We hope the East enjoyed their winter the past two weeks. It was cold enough for us right here, although it lacked about twenty degrees of getting down to zero.

Fire crackers will be prohibited on the Fourth of July and baby doll racks are not allowed on the fair grounds. Timely suggestion.

Has Johnny destroyed his Christmas toys yet?

Anybody got anything to trade for a spotted necktie?

If Senator McNary ever gets a Farm Aid bill through successfully and satisfactory, what will he have thereafter for a campaign issue.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By E. R. Waite, Secretary
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THAT every business man knows that in this day and age a Chamber of Commerce is organized for the purpose of looking after the affairs of a community.

THAT individuals cannot do it—each individual has his own affairs to take care of.

That experience has shown and proven that an organization composed of all the business men to act on behalf and for the general interest of all, brings results.

THAT its membership should be as large as the intent and purpose of such a body is to add to the profit and prosperity of all.

THAT Chambers of Commerce are business bodies and they will, when properly conducted and supported increase the gross business of a city.

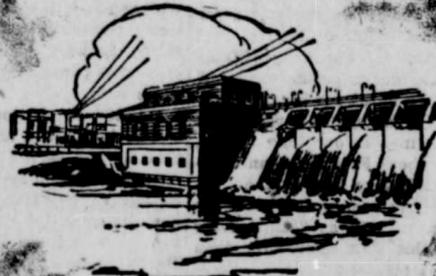
THAT in order to make a city greater and to increase the prosperity of a community, every citizen in proportion to his means should support this organization.

THAT in union there is strength, and a union of all the people of a city, in a way for the whole people always proves most profitable.

The business man who refuses to contribute his small mite of time and money to carry on this work which benefits him, is indeed a sorry apology for a man.

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