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KEEP THE INSIDE WHEELS GOING!

It is a fine thing to work for the whole of the Willamette valley. It sounds well, and has the right ring to it; but after all it is about the same with cities as it is with individuals. The average individual professes great things for the city in which he lives; but, he is generally thinking of himself, and how progress will help him. He is in favor of whatever will build up a city because it will also build up his institutions. Men often profess unstinted loyalty to a city, or to some great improvement, when, as a matter of fact they are thinking of how they can make some of the stream fertilize their property. So, a city, has to look out for itself, like a dog eating a bone, and while it is reaching out, keep the inside wheels running. Albany needs some of this inside work, something that will set the carpenters and day laborers to hustling to meet the demands for their services. One good way to help do this will be to make this the market city of the valley, a place where everything can find a sale. The present move for organization along this line is an excellent one, deserving of the united support of the people of the city, as well as of the support of the farmers for many miles around.

MODERN WARFARE.

A greasy study is this modern warfare we hear about. Fighting from the trenches, aided by balloons as signal makers and bomb throwers, it was so different from the old style of rushing into the very midst of each other, and one side or the other winning at once a decisive battle, as to make the world wonder at first why something was not accomplished that would end the trouble. Then came bombs of liquid fire, fairly scorching the victims, horrible methods for the destruction of the enemy. Now the system is to be starvation on a wholesale scale, by keeping the products of the world away from the enemy. This also strikes one as a brutal system. After all, though, if the game is to kill off the enemy until there is nothing left of him to fight, or he is too weak to continue the contest, what is the odds how it is accomplished, one may ask. Even in warfare there has been thought to be a code of ethics. It looks now, though, as if the international laws, codes and regulations had been thrown to the winds, and that nothing was left but the anarchy of self-will.

WORK FOR WOMEN TO DO.

Are not the Albany women interested in civic improvement? Shall the men do all the work? The loyal men are giving hours and hours of their valuable time to the uplift of the city—what are the women doing? Asks one of their number.

Some of the things that the women citizens should assist in are the following:

First, aid in the development of library work. In other cities women's clubs appoint library committees and take pride in giving days of service to the authorities. Such committees have been requested frequently in Albany but there is none. Why?

one group of women has yet been open for eight months. Although repeated requests have been made, not one group of women has yet been found to place there a portfolio of art, so badly needed in the work of the library. Is there not some one in Albany who will become interested in developing this department and do for the Albany Public Library what Miss Failing is doing for the Portland Public Library?

Why should the women's clubs not unite in one large federated club for civic work and cooperate with the men in making a beautiful city?

The work lies undone. Look at our

alleys and notice the old barns and fire traps that need to be destroyed. Why should not the mothers of Albany be as interested in their city as are the mothers in other cities? Why should they not censor the picture shows? Why should they not wage war against the bill board? Why should they not stir up public sentiment to beautify the approaches to the bridge and fix up the Central school grounds? The work is endless. Perhaps Albany's greatest need is an united womanhood for civic betterment. The ideal is for men and women to work together for the uplift of their town. F—

MISFITS

The hardest thing in the world is to be funny when you feel grouchy.

Life is full of debts of obligations. Woe to the man who pays them with an injury.

If President Taft had only made some of his present day speeches when they would have counted he would have gotten more than one state when he ran the second time.

A Minneapolis man kicks at scrambling up and down cracked ice for some time and wonders if warm weather wouldn't be some of an improvement. Better than that, come to Albany, Or., the hub city of the state.

The word Beaver has been pretty well ground to a pulp in Oregon. The Portland Beavers have done some of it. Everything has been beaver. Let's all get busy anyway.

The assessor is fishing around for the list for the coming year.

A small act of dishonesty follows a man a long time. Be straight.

But don't pay much attention to the gossip. It is a good idea to investigate all sides of character questions.

Misfits continues to declare that half an hour is long enough for a sermon and ten minutes long enough for a banquet response.

Baseball is all up in the air this year. No telling who's going to lick.

Dig up your three thousand and four thousand incomes and pay Milt what you owe him.

How human all of us when some one steps on our toes.

Col. Roosevelt on the firing line in Europe would be an interesting sight, some difference between that and the Col. rushing up San Juan Hill.

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"But the fault does not lie entirely with the dairyman for the scarcity of Oregon dairy produce together with the expense of added freight or express charges to imported products has had a strong tendency to foster some of the bad methods of Oregon dairy and creamery men."

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