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GROW OR STAND STILL.

By A. L. F.

This subject was discussed at the business men's banquet Tuesday night. Fletcher Linn of Portland clearly and concisely set forth the fact that adequate growth will not come except through cooperative and constructive effort. That if we expect to see our city and community prosper, we must show a disposition to help ourselves, and nothing will create a more favorable impression, or stimulate confidence within ourselves to a greater degree than to back up our belief in ourselves with some of our own money.

This is proof to the world of our own faith and is much better than to wait indefinitely for outside money. Besides it keeps the profits and the interest on the investment at home.

The principal remedy for our present situation rests largely with ourselves.

It is a self evident fact that no city or community can prosper until it produces something that it can sell to others. No community can prosper by living off itself.

To acquire wealth, to gain population, to develop influence, we must encourage local manufacturing, and better and more permanent markets for the farmer.

The only and most certain opportunity for growth lies in the utilization of the advantages that we now possess.

Albany is on the eve of an industrial boost.

More additions to the city payroll. If this city is to reach a normal business basis it should have at least 1600 industrial workers.

If Albany will stand square on its feet for a while and get together on some of these matters great things are in store for the county seat.

One present weakness lies in our lack of industrial and attendant payrolls. All admit that industrial development is needed for the payroll dollar. The greatest stimulant to all other kinds of business. Industries are needed to give our home people employment.

New industries must be established if we are to go forward. I will put it even stronger, these things must be done if we are to maintain even our present position and real estate values.

The most pertinent subject before this community is that of industrial development.

Let us show faith in our city and ourselves by investing in these enterprises that offer both profitable returns on the investment and great community good.

I believe and hope that the larger interests in this city will come forward with the capital to back another new enterprise that is knocking at our door.

Albany is ultra conservative. Many believe this. However, I feel sure our people will come forward with capital for projects of the right kind. The great need of the hour is enterprise, aggressiveness, and intelligent management. Are we to go ahead or stand still? Come to the assistance of the Commercial club management and help to set another new enterprise on its feet that will guarantee 25 per cent on your investment and afford an annual revenue to this community, that will be a guarantee of better and more prosperous times to the farmers as well as to the city of Albany.

WOMEN'S DRESS.

Dr. Boyd, of Portland, recently discussed women's dresses as follows:

"To my mind modern feminine dress is far more significant than the moving picture show. And not so many people attend vaudeville. But we have women in a new place. Her natural condition is negative and receptive. She has become aggressive and trained in the knowledge of her powers. This shortening of the dress,

this lowering, this exposure, isn't there a meaning in this. Why, it has not been so long since that a dance participated in by the sons and daughters of our friends and neighbors had to be dismissed before the hour for dismissal because those young folks refused to be controlled. What have we here in this form of feminism. Should we not have an agitation in the home and a sincere and definite cooperation on the part of parents to correct these wrongs?"

MODERN POLITICIAN.

From the Springfield Republican
"I am opposed even to breaking off relations with any of the countries at war in Europe. I think we ought to remain at peace, to stand even insult and injury."—Republican Leader Mann.

It would suit Leader Mann "to stand insult and injury," rather than suspend diplomatic relations, so long as he could have a Democratic president to abuse for permitting the country to be injured and insulted. Leader Mann is a wonderful political strategist. Prevent a rupture at any cost is his program; the national wrath over the insults not resented would finish Wilson.

MISFITS

A man back east, who never heard of the editor of the Democrat, except from a newspaper guide, who is a candidate for vice president, begins a letter asking for support in the primaries, "My Dear Mr. N—"

Of course that's merely politics, and, yet a familiar address like that does sort of take one.

It's an old game played over and over again in different forms. Oregon used to have a man who ran for congress every once in awhile who would grab one by both hands as if he had met a long lost brother. He was generally elected.

And there have been plenty of others who called one by the first name to one's face and slashed one in the back when turned.

It's a great old game of one-sided favors; but it's politics, and it's inter-

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An ex. says that Bryan has switched from grape juice to orange juice, which reminds us that if he wants to have the good will of Oregonians he had better switch again, this time to loganberry juice, the best in the world.

There is something about this juice that grips one. It has the snap that people like, and is a keeper.

These old pictures being shown around make some young people look somewhat aged.

Soon the preliminary agony, or to be more specific, the primary agony, will be over.

This having two elections is treacherous business for the candidate; but it gives the people a chance, without the old-fashioned bossism.

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