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MAKING GOOD IN OUR TOWN

Some young men and women leave our town as soon as they are out of school, and some leave before. Other things being equal, do those who leave the home town do better than those who remain? It is doubtful whether a check or "census" ever has been taken to find out the answer.

There are good, sound reasons why one can succeed in one's own home town. There may be equally good reasons why one should leave the home community, but they constitute the exceptions.

It is common, of course, to hear of many young and ambitious people seeking their fortunes in distant lands and in great cities. Distance itself lends enchantment to the idea that such persons have made wonderful successes of themselves. They may have done so. But on strict analysis of the respective situations of the majority, a great many things have to be discounted.

When Bill or Jack or Harry gets away from home his first impulse is to write to the folks back home, telling them what a wonderful job and fine surroundings he has. He doesn't want his old friends to know that his choice of location was not the result of his own good judgment. His new intention and environment make for inspiration. The flash of new people, new scenery, new conditions, enthrall him to paint a glorious picture. The folks back home, a little restless themselves, let their imaginations begin to work. They see the green fields in which Bill or Jack or Harry is now pasturing.

Then what happens? The first impressions received from any one of this trio of wanderers becomes final with the home people. Bill or Jack or Harry has "made good," they say, and the gossip passes from lip to lip and then dies away.

But what happens to Bill and Jack and Harry? They simply settle down to the realities of life and, if there ever was any real stuff in them they certainly do make good. But if there never was any real stuff in them they do not make good, and no amount of shifting around ever will be the sole means of their making good.

The sparkling diamonds are in our own back yards if we will but look for them.

Fortune smiles, perhaps not as wistfully but certainly as wholesomely, upon the person who believes in his town, works for his town, and stays in his town.

Hard work and right thinking know no location and are common to all lines of endeavor. The act of making good is not confined to the mere accumulation of wealth nor to the self-sustained indulgence in heroics. "Making good" includes also the forming of lasting friendships, the serving of public needs, the protection of individual rights. It includes loyalty and co-operation, thrift and perseverance, morality, justice and self-respect.

Beware of the plaintive song of the siren that lures to disappointments. If one cannot succeed here, among friends, where one has learned to know the good and avoid the bad, the chances are his path will not be strewn with as many roses elsewhere. Besides, making good at home seems so much more like "making best"—a more complimentary achievement with a greater opportunity for service—than making good anywhere else.

WILL OUR TOWN GIVE A PRIZE?

This suggestion may be new, it may be old. It is new to us. Why not have a suitable prize offered to the man or woman in our town who contributes most to its progress and advancement during the year of 1928? The prize or mark of honor could be contributed by some civic organization or public spirited citizen, or even by the taxpayers.

At the outset it might be supposed that the winning of the prize would go to the person who gave the most money to some public institution or undertaking, but this would not necessarily be the case. Often one finds that the humblest citizen does the most for his or her community in proportion to ability to do or give. Independent of material gifts, the prize might go to the booster or civic leader who gave more of himself, of his inspiration, of his leadership. This paper wants suggestions.

Chicago is the largest city in Illinois. The rest of the country may or may not be prosperous, but Chicago is generally on the bomb. Chicago was burned down in 1871 and blown up in 1928. Mayor Thompson succeeded in keeping out King George, but King Alcohol came in Chicago is the place that makes the marines glad they went to Nicaragua. The good people of Chicago believe in ballots, the bad depend on bullets. On the whole, however, conditions there are normal.

TIGARD.

Timothy Casey is in British Columbia on a business trip.

The basement at the Thomas house was excavated last week.

The grade school will give a play on April 18, members of the first four grades taking part on the program.

Mrs. C. Erickson is recovering from a tonsil operation, performed last week.

Mrs. R. H. Grandy was ill for several days last week.

C. W. Noyes and A. Johnson were business visitors in Salem last Monday.

Alfy Rodgers was entered as a patient at the state hospital at Salem last Saturday.

On April 21 at St. Anthony Hall there will be a dance sponsored by the Vars-T of the high school.

Mr. J. D. Foley, who spent the past eight months in California, returned to good old Oregon Monday.

Viola McDonald was a victim of tonsillitis several days last week but is now well on the road to her usual health.

A. Boyer returned from Idaho last Monday. He has been there for several months looking after his mining interests.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church are planning on a "pot luck" dinner at the church at their next meeting, April 26.

The many friends of Rose Eickmeyer will be glad to know that she was able to sit up a few hours last week. She has been ill nine weeks.

Mrs. H. N. Farmer, Mrs. H. M. Salmon and Mrs. A. Brooks were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. E. Vincent.

"And Home Came Ted," a three-act comedy, will be put on at the high school April 27 by the Seniors. It promises several good laughs.

On Tuesday A. Brooks was called to Drain, Ore., by the serious illness of his father, who died the day following.

Mrs. W. G. Biederman gave a surprise birthday dinner, complimentary to Mrs. A. Schubring, last week.

Miss Eva Boydell of The Dalles was a week end guest of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Nedry, and family. She is just recovering from the effects of a very heavy cold.

The school board has offered a reward of \$50 for the capture of those who stole the picture machine from the grade school two weeks ago. It is to be hoped that it will result in some successful sleuthing.

Mesdames F. W. Cook and C. Christy were hostesses to several couples Friday, celebrating the joint birthdays of Mr. Cook and Mr. Christy. The guests report a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDonald entertained as Easter day guests Messrs. and Mesdames Clyde Leedy and C. A. Beyers, accompanied by their daughters, Phyllis and Gladys, respectively.

J. H. Tanfers and family, who have been residing in Portland, have lately moved here, renting the M. E. Moyer house, near the Tualatin bridge. Mr. Moyer has moved into the Copp residence.

The window of the Yamhill Electric Company was brightened and beautified the past two weeks by a large cluster of tiger lilies. The flowers were grown at Medford, Ore., and were a gift to the manager, O. H. Livengood, from his mother, Mrs. M. E. Livengood.

At the fortieth annual convention of the Washington State Grange, which will be held at Chehalis June 4 to 8, George Palmuter, master of the Oregon State Grange, will be one of the speakers.

Louise Wright, who was reported last week as convalescing nicely from a double mastoid operation, suffered a slight relapse this week. It is hoped, however, that she will soon recover from this and regain health and strength.

The play entitled "Beads on a String," which was put on Friday night at the Weckert Hall in Sherwood by the Tigard Union High School, was warmly praised by those who attended. The young people cleared \$20.

Last Friday night several members of the Rebekah Lodges of Tigard and Wilsonville visited the sister lodge at Oswego and report a splendid meeting. Twenty members represented Tigard and the short talks by Mrs. A. Zweiner, L. Erickson and Parker Downing were pronounced by the hearers as very clever.

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