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THE SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE

(A Community Editorial)

Every city, town, village and hamlet, as well as every person, longs to achieve.

Some communities are blessed with attainments in art, music, the drama, and with great institutions of learning. Others point with pride to a highly developed industrial and commercial system. Many stress the beauties and wonders of natural resources or majestic scenery. Climate and living conditions have been featured in community advertising.

But there is only one thing all may possess in common. It is the possibility that any community may distinguish itself. That possibility is the spirit of the people, or what is called community spirit.

The "kingdom" is within us. Now is the time for a greater sense of responsibility and more reason for co-operation in the general welfare. There is little need to wish for more industries, more trade and more population unless all of us work together in common purposes to gain commonly desired objectives.

The hope for too quick a result is not practical. But the most reassuring fact is that in whatever degree our people co-operate in the public interest the community will proportionately move forward; and in whatever degree the spirit of our people fails, ground will be lost.

A TOWN'S WORST FOE

Like every town in America, our town has some things it wishes it didn't have; some things we could get along far better without. At the head of the list of unnecessary evils with which we have to contend is the chronic gossip.

We feel sure we have as few of these as any other community, yet so long as there is even one gossip in our midst it is one too many.

Everyone appreciates the value of constructive criticism. But there is a vast difference between constructive and destructive criticism, as much difference as there is between

the citizen who goes out of his way to say something favorable about the town or its people and the one who with tongue of poison goes about whispering suspicious and ugly rumor. Nothing can bring more unhappiness to a community than the long-tongued man or woman who scatters a lot of "they say" whispers about their own townspeople. Nothing can assassinate the character of an innocent person more quickly or more cruelly than gossip. And the worst part of it is that the gossip is always among the first to raise his or her hands in surprise when the poisoned words have gotten in their damnable work.

We have many problems to solve before we will have the ideal town most of us would like to see. But if we could only solve the problem of how to choke off and exterminate the low-minded, character-destroying town gossips we believe the rest of our needs would take care of themselves.

In every town you visit, you'll hear certain business men say "Our newspaper rates are entirely too high."

Whether the rates are 10c an inch, or \$1.00, it's all the same. But we have always noticed that the business man who always makes that complaint is almost invariably a non-advertiser, seeking to alibi himself.

Motorists should remember that the only man who profits from a collision is the repair man.

Because we refer to America as "the land of promise" is no reason why everyone should try to see how deep in debt they can get.

A scientist says only a portion of the brain is used by the average person. Some auto drivers seem to get along with less than that.

The backyard gardener now does it to coax foodstuffs from out the soil. Soon he'll find he has worked like the dickens in providing food for his neighbors chickens.

And here we are back to the time of year when a fellow can't see the scenery for the billboards.

In our pursuit of cleanliness do we always put the emphasis on the right thing?

Are the dark gray blankets washed as often as the white ones?

If the living room curtains are clean does it really matter to you whether or not the cream separator is washed and scalded?

Which is of more importance to you, the embroidery on the little girls' dresses or the books they read?

Are you fussy about choosing the companions of your boys and girls and yet permit immoral, jazzy records on the phonograph or give no thought to the kind of movies the children see?

Are the family pleasures eating, displaying, showing-off, trying to keep up with the neighbors, all of which tend to strain, high tension, and the callousing of the finer sentiments?

Or, are the family pleasures found in books, games, social conversation with real friends the kind of amusement that develop happy natural, contented folks?

Success Comes from The Inside

Successful men keep themselves under their own thumbs. They keep their problems on the operating table until some intelligent disposition is made of them.

Unsuccessful men slosh around in a soup of fear, indecision, nerves. Their problems get them down and hamper the daylight out of them.

Successful men, while they're on the make, treat themselves like dogs, so to speak. The unsuccessful in the process of unmaking themselves, suck the soothing syrup of self-pity and act like a lot of sick cubs.

One man keeps his brains and his emotions separated; another's emotions keep slopping over and spoiling his brainwork.

With rare exceptions, success and failure come from inside, not the outside.

"Itching Palm"

It takes a lot of people to make a world. And people of all sorts, in all walks of life, unfortunately are said to be possessed of itching palms—that is, hands ever ready to receive a bribe.

That this is not a distinctively modern tendency is indicated by the fact that even in Shakespeare's day it was a symptom well known—if we are to judge from the number of recorded instances, one of which is in the bard's own Julius Caesar, 4.

The phrase itself is an allusion to the superstition that an itching hand is a forerunner of the receipt of money.—Kansas City Times.

Voice of Envy

At a dinner one of the speakers was exceptionally long-winded. At the end of half an hour the irascible chair man could stand the flow no longer. He clanged his bell violently and the orator was so surprised that he sat down without completing his last sentence.

A guest sitting next to the chairman whispered with a sigh, "I wish I had a bell like that at home."

Not Expected

Bobby, on his fourth birthday, was sitting by the window with his mother, watching for the postman. Bobby turned to his mother and said: "Why, mother, the postman won't come today because this is my birthday."

"But what of that?" asked mother. "Well, you said he wouldn't come one day when it was Washington's birthday," replied Bobby.



It appears to be working in other lines, so why not try taxing the bootleggers to death?

A New York scientist says kissing is dangerous. It is in this section if the girl isn't willing.

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Oaks Park Opens With Lively Features

With better weather surely here to "stay", The Oaks amusement park's season in Portland is now whizzing along at a likeable gait. The resort never before boasted so many lively features making for an ideal outing for the American family.

The picnic nooks, gladway, rink and park in general looks "like a million" and the management backs it all up with service that is hard to beat.

Of special note is this year's ride ensemble. Here one finds the zip, whip, seaplanes, dodgem, and scenic railway. There are a merry-go-round, Custer car, toy trains, ferris wheels, and old mill. Folks can laugh in the hall of mirrors where one is alternately slim or fat in the reflection, or thrill to the endless sensations in the fun house. Between times, there are monkeys to observe and a score of other treats for the eye and ear.

Oaks free shows cap the climax of a perfect day or night in the resort. Acts of the sort the kiddies laugh at, young folks relish and their elders enjoy are featured. Shows are offered only on Saturdays and Sundays until May 30, though all rides, concessions (including the cafeteria) and the rink operate daily. Schools, coming as a unit, are tendered special courtesies by the management.

Orators to Compete at O. S. C.

College orators representing 11 western states will hold the final meet in the western section of the national intercollegiate oratorical contest on the constitution at Oregon State college, the evening of May 21. The winner will compete in the national finals. Denver S. Garner, senior at Oregon State college won the Oregon contest and will represent this state. The program will be broadcast over radio KOAC.

Schedule is Made For Dairy Train

"Economy and Quality for Profit" is the slogan adopted for the big dairy demonstration train which is to be run through leading dairy sections of the state from June 3 to 12. The schedule for the train has now been completed and approved by the Oregon State college extension service, the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad, and local community organizations—the agencies co-operating in the project.

Fourteen stops in Oregon and one in Washington have been included in the itinerary just released. The stop in Washington is to be at White Salmon where the people of Hood River valley can join with those across the river in the meeting.

The nine-car special will start at Eugene the afternoon of June 3. Two meetings a day are then scheduled as follows: Albany and Salem, June 4; Donald and Wilsonville, June 5; Hillsboro and Forest Grove, June 6; Vernonia and Scappoose, June 7; Seaside and Astoria, June 9; Clatskanie and Rainier, June 10; White Salmon, June 11; and Redmond June 12. The last stop will be made during the session of the Oregon State grange.

STANDARDS OF HOME-MAKING

It is a good thing to stop sometimes in our work and ask ourselves if the things for which we are working so hard are really the things that are most worth while.

Cleanliness is worth while but is the spotlessly immaculate house worth the sacrifice of the comfort and cheer of the home?

Is cleanliness worth such ceaseless pursuit that no time or energy is left for companionship with the family or a little leisure garnered for one's self to spend in self-improvement?