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PRIDE IN ONE'S TOWN

If we don't boost our town no one will do it for us. The first factor that a visitor in our town or any other looks for is the character of the people. If they are boosters with town pride he feels that it's a good place to live. If they are knockers and complainers he feels that it is a poor place to settle.

It has fallen our lot to show the industrial tract to people who come here from time to time. Almost invariably the leading question asked is "What kind of a town have you here?" "Are the people active and enthusiastic supporters of the town's institutions, business houses and industries?"

While we know that there is an element in every city who contributes nothing to the civic welfare except what the government takes from them in the form of taxes, we do hope that this element will get smaller and smaller in Springfield. It costs nothing to be a booster and in the long run you will benefit by it. It costs something to be a knocker because when you attempt to break down the morale of a town you are but hurting yourself. Don't be with the whining minority; get on the bandwagon.

The resignation of Martin Anderson as county commissioner will leave a vacancy in the county court hard to fill. There are plenty of men in the county who are capable enough for the job but very few would take it at the salary of \$1500 a year.

The county court is charged with the wise expenditure of a million or more dollars each year. Surely no private business would hire \$1500 a year help for such a responsible position and why should the county. The salary of the county court should be such that a man filling the job would not have to make financial sacrifices in order to look after county affairs. The salary of \$1500 might have been sufficient when the commissioners were part time officials but now they have to fill man size jobs every day in the year.

That great American institution, the free public school, is now functioning in this community after the vacation period. New pupils and new teachers have joined the old in opening the schools. It is most serious and important work the preparing of the youth's mind for future life and service. Our democratic government, peace, prosperity and happiness depend upon the training of our children. Teachers should give their best to the work and should have the loyal support and cooperation of the parents.

The foreigner, the radical and every other element un-American is supporting Smith. Perhaps the Democratic candidate does not cater to those people but never-the-less they are among his chief supporters. Whatever of good may be said of Smith it is evident that he appeals to the wrong element in this country. The element we are trying to submerge and reform for the good of society.

If the Democrats depend on Al Smith's radio talk to win them many Republican votes, we're afraid they are going to be disappointed.

To date almost as many men have been killed as deer. But deer hunting has been poor perhaps and there is no bag limit on men it seems.

BRIDGE TO BE COMPLETED

The letting of a contract for the fills on the new Springfield bridge at the next meeting of the highway commission will be received with satisfaction here. It was beginning to look like the new structure was going to stand a while waiting for the roadway. Plans for the fill on both ends have been received by the court and bids will be received at next meeting of the highway commission, it is reported. We should be traveling the new bridge by New Years.

We now have a candidate for each of the offices vacated on the city council. But that is not sufficient we should have more than one. Let's have a little competition. Competition is said to be the life of trade but it is also the life of democratic government.

"This is the best fall weather in the world," we heard one of our happy citizens declare the other day. That's the spirit.

You can't register nor vote after October 6. Don't lose your franchise as a citizen.—If you are not registered go and register TODAY.

Oregon looks to us like "She is safe in the arms of Hoover."



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

MOSES AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Moses was a Jew, the great grandson of Levi, the great great grandson of Jacob, who was the first Israelite, and the great-great-great-great grandson of Abraham, who was the first Hebrew.

In China they boast of pedigrees thirty centuries long; the only people that can show anything equal to this are the Jews. The proud Jew of this day can look down with contempt upon the Hohenzollerns, the Romanoffs and the Guelphs of Europe, "Whose blood has crept through scoundrels since the flood." But to the Egyptians Moses was a slave's son. He was to them as a black baby, born in a Louisiana slave-hut, would have been to the Southern aristocracy in 1850.

Time has a grim humor. The monarchs of Egypt are today only known as contemporaries of Moses. The Czar of Russia will be known as the contemporary of Tolstoy.

Moses goes up into smoking Sinai and has a conversation with the thunder and lightning. What did they say to him? He shows us when he comes down. There on a stone slab are graven the Ten Commandments.

Whether he really spoke with God, or whether he had a hypnotic fit up there in the thunderstorm, the fact remains that in some way he got hold of the toughest, most everlasting and fire-proof bundle of truths any son of man ever found.

The Ten Commandments are the most important words in history. They were given by Moses to the Jews, but they have been generally accepted throughout Christendom as the foundation of all law and morals.

They are the basis of society in the civilized world.

There is no other instance in history where a rule has been recognized and obeyed by the mass of the most intelligent people for over three thousand years. They are not merely religious teachings inculcated by the church. They lay their restraining hand on every human being.

They function in the home, the market, the street and office. They hold in the wild places of the earth and in the farthest seas.

Home Education

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Froebel

Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in columns

WHY?

Frances E. David

"Mother, why do you beat the cake so hard?" asked little Mary as she watched her mother making a cake. "I'm too busy for questions this morning," her mother replied. "Run outdoors and play."

The "too busy" mother failed to notice the wistful look in Mary's eyes as she closed the door.

In the next yard, Helen and her mother were busy together.

"Come and see our garden," called Helen.

Glad of the invitation, Mary quickly joined them. Helen proudly showed her the small patch of ground that was her "very own" garden, all ready for the seeds. Helen's mother placed a small stick at each end of the garden and tied a string to them.

"Why do you put a string there, Mother?" asked Helen.

"It helps us to keep the row straight," she answered as she showed them how to make a tiny trench for the seeds.

The girls took turns helping her to drop in the seeds and cover them with earth. To every question—and there were many—she gave a careful and satisfactory reply.

When the seeds were planted Mary expressed a wish that she might have a garden, too, but she added with a sigh, "Mother's too busy."

In later years, Mary's mother was

COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS UNDER WAY, IS REPORT

Several pieces of county road construction were begun this week. Rocking was started last Saturday on the Fall Creek road and two miles of new construction was under way Tuesday, according to Edwin Tullar, county road superintendent. Work on the Rockett's road in district 21 has been completed, it is reported.

Rocking of 1.4 miles of the Dillard road began this week and the Camas Swale road near Creswell received the first rocking Monday. The McKy project on the Coburg road has been completed, it was stated.

The new Armitage bridge was completed the middle of this week. It will require about three weeks for the concrete floor to harden. The old Coburg bridge, 54 years old and built of Douglas fir, will be razed about the first of the year.

Karl Girard Honored

On the anniversary of his 55th birthday last Thursday evening, friends of Karl Girard surprised him at his home with a party in his honor. The group of 18 who called at the Girard home were members of the Rebekah lodge. Refreshments followed an informal evening of games and conversation.

"NO HUNTING" and Trespass notices printed and for sale at the News Office.

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RELIEF FROM CURSE

OF CONSTIPATION
A Battle Creek physician, says, "Constipation is responsible for more misery than any other cause."

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Dr. Ella C. Meade
Optometrist
WATTS OPTICAL CO.
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Eugene, Oregon

was repaid a thousandfold for 1 time and thought given to her son daughter's numerous inquiries. question had been too trivial nor too too precious for an intelligent answer. Just as a tiny plant grows with light and warm rains, so Helen's capabilities had unfolded and developed with a mother's thoughtful care and attention.

Good Gas is Economy

It is practical economy to use good gasoline in your engine. The free combustion of our General gas helps to keep your spark plugs and cylinders carbon free and the quick pickup and extra power provides more miles per gallon. Drive in and let us fill your tank, so you can test it.

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