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One subscription does not amount to much, but if all who are delinquent "come through" it will bring in enough money to pay for the "patent" for several months to come.

Attention is also called in this connection to some of our splendid clubbing combinations, especially the Oregonian and the Sunset-the Pacific Monthly.

The printer must have money to live the same as other people, so if you are in arrears for the News please do your duty.

Peary and Amundsen have nothing to crow about, because there are many women in our town who travel from pole to pole every Monday; and their efforts are of greater benefit to society than Peary's and Amundsen's discoveries of imaginary nothings, called the North and South Poles.

You will never find a busy man meddling with other people's business, nor one who is well versed in general science. A well stored mind has not the room for gabbing, nor has the mind of a busy man space for the need of tale bearing. Education and business preoccupy and lift humanity above such low and debasing depravity. It is the idler who becomes the gossip peddler. His brain is the veritable workshop of the devil. Backbiting, slandering, gossiping and lying are not members of busy, intelligent minds. Take the street loafer and the tough, the coarse and the vulgar, you will find the class of people who know more of other people's

business than they do of their own.

There never was a preacher or president, poet or politician who could please everybody. There never was a tinker or tailor, sailor or soldier who could suit us all. Show us a doctor or lawyer, a merchant or sawyer who pleases the whole multitude. The Lord himself and all the angels in heaven have never half succeeded in comforting the human race. There is not a thing on earth or anywhere else that meets the approval of all mankind. Then it would be nonsense for editors or correspondents to fret when their honest efforts fail to please a certain few. Write with sound judgment, an honest purpose and a decent pen, and the majority of sensible people will rise up and call you blessed.

No town or community will ever prosper to any great extent where there is a division of strife of any nature. People in towns should strive to help each other, for in helping others you invariably help yourself. There is no man that cannot assist in the growth, prosperity and development of his town. However small his influence, it has its effect. Competition is the life of trade, and merit wins. No town will prosper and grow where a lack of enterprise and push on the part of its citizens is felt. The true motto of each and every citizen of a town is and should be to assist and help your neighbors, encourage business of all kinds (don't fear any danger in gorging the market in this line), do all you can and encourage all in the matter of improvement and giving it a home-like appearance. When this is done people from a distance will form a good opinion of the place, and it will be an inducement for them to locate with us and become permanent and substantial citizens.

When one finds he is out of sympathy with his town and can only say a good word for it coupled with an apology, he ought to get out. Many people fall into a sort of unconscious habit of growling, but it's a miserable habit. Such people make of themselves a dead weight, while of course they imagine themselves particularly independent. The individual has about all he can do to get along under his own loads, and he wants help and encouragement from those going his way and who are identified with him in interest. So with the town. It has its interest to care for, and it needs all the pluck, all the energy, all the co-operation and helpfulness its citizens can provide and bring to bear. The town embraces the fortunes, and in some measures at least takes on the character of the man. So loyalty to one's town is no more than loyalty to one's self; and this loyalty is in the line of all well shaped human nature, therefore it is right to say that the man who does not stand up for his town is in some way dwarfed.

There is something wrong about him. His fellows will pass this judgment upon him and the chances are that while he may add to the discomfort of others he will not escape making himself unhappy.

ROUTED THE "ROGUE."

A Bad Elephant, a Lighted Lamp and a Lucky Blow.

An odd experience fell to the lot of three men who were on a tiger hunting expedition in India.

To prevent the invasion of mosquitoes and other insects that would be attracted by the light in their quarters the heavy curtain which formed the door of the tent was closed, and the three friends were chatting across the table when suddenly the whole tent shook, and as they looked round to see the cause the heavy curtain was roughly snatched away, and in the open doorway appeared the head of a big elephant.

The men had no time to catch up their rifles. They knew by the appearance of the animal that he meant mischief. Lifting up the roof of the tent with his head he threateningly swung out his trunk at the man nearest him.

At this the hunter sprang to his feet and, seizing the lighted lamp from the table, hurled it with all his strength against the animal's forehead. The glass broke at the blow, and the blazing oil covered the animal's trunk with a sheet of flame.

With a cry of terror the beast drew frantically back, shook off the curtain and fled across the country, vanquished by a single blow from an oil lamp. It was a fortunate act, for the animal was no doubt a "rogue" and would probably have killed one or more of the men.—Exchange.

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