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The Albany Herald has an awful grouch on because Scio wants the industrial fair. Shame on you! Isn't Albany big enough to at least try to hide the display of such petty jealousy toward a town the size of Scio? Can they give one GOOD reason why the industrial fair should not be held in conjunction with the county fair?

The prosperity of a town is not guarded by the wealth of its inhabitants, but by the uniformity with which they pull together when any important undertaking is to be accomplished. A man with a thousand dollars at his command and a love for his town in his heart can do more for its upbuilding than the millionaire who locks up his capital and snaps his fingers at home enterprise.

An exchange tells the story of a boy who was sent to market with a sack of rabbits, lingering around town all day and coming back without selling them. When asked by his mother why he had not sold the rabbits, he said no one asked him what was in the sack. How many of our merchants are like this little boy? They have plenty of goods for sale but fail to tell the people what is in the sack. If you expect to sell goods in this day and age, you must open your sack and keep shouting the merits of your stock in trade.

The local newspaper is indispensable to any town that has any get up about it. It is one of the necessities of the farmer and business man. It puts the ball in motion when any new enterprise is proposed that would be a benefit to the town and the community in which it is published. It keeps an eye on every move that is calculated to help the people. It keeps a record of the happenings of the town and the surrounding country, and is read a thousand miles away by persons who are hunting a home and a place to invest their money. It booms your town and gives it a name abroad that it would otherwise not have. It points out the advantages of its town and county so that the world may

see it, and when a man gets mad it takes a cussing as coolly as anybody, but hews straight to the line just the same. There are thousands of reasons why a town should support a newspaper, but the greatest of all is because it pays and pays well to support it.

Did you ever think of it? Suppose every business man in town took as much interest in the upholding of the town and forwarding all public enterprises as the newspaper man. He works for railroads, manufactories, schools and churches, good streets and roads; urges, pleads, scolds, badgers and cavorts around generally. Imagine his feelings then, when some lame stringhalted kind of a fellow reproaches him because he doesn't boom things enough. If the town does boom and the prices of real estate advance and the owners grow rich from the result of the newspaper man's labor, he makes nothing by it, as he is like the poor boy who gazes longingly at the entrance to the picture show without the necessary price of admission.

When Cain had killed off one-fourth of the people on the earth, leaving only three, then went in to the land of Nod and builded a city, it is evident that he did not sit around like a bump on a log and growl about the Nod real estate and people. He was not himself, perhaps the most exemplary of men, and if he had some reason to emigrate from the land of his birth, he did not mope and whine, but got hold of a piece of ground and went to work to do something. The man who could build up a city under such auspices is the kind of material we want in this town; and we will not inquire too minutely into his antecedents, so that he takes hold like a man. But what is more, Cain did not advise his son to leave and get out of the dead old town. He named the city after him, believed in it, worked for it, bought his goods there and kept his money at home.

School Notes

Those ranking one and two in their classes are:—1st, Keith White, Eugenia Burch; 2d, Edna Wain, Gerald Hassler; 3d, Reba Gray, Kenneth MacDonald; 4th, Millie Ambrosek, Colene Hagey; 5th, Tom Prospal, Valma Baldschweid; 6th, Bennie Burch, James Krume; 7th, Agnes Prochaska, 2 Steve Young, 2 Johnnie Merritt; 8th, Ledmela Kukaeka, Loreen White; 9th, Marguerite Ryan, Ida Chrisman; 10th, Elmer White, Gertrude DeLancey; 11th, Vella Frenner, Forest Woodmansee; 12th, Gertrude McLain, Christine Shindler.

The third grade is enjoying a change of teachers—the practice teachers.

The English classes are beginning their new quarter's work by studying Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" and Burke's "Speech on the Reconciliation with America."

The ninth grade will commence the study of botany as soon as their text books arrive.

Thomas Stewart has been absent from school the past few days. It is said that he is going to move away.

Misses Groshong and Munkers of Albany were high school visitors one day this week.

The program given at the school building Monday evening was the means of a small addition to the school library fund.

The Physics class will discon-

tinue their text book work for a few days and carry only the laboratory work.

The absentees on account of sickness this week are: Rudolph Young, Wilfred and Gilbert Calvan, Ida Chrisman, Ross and Maud Ray, Vilas Arnold and Arthur Raymond.

"The Balkan People and the present War" will be the subject of discussion in Dr. Schafer's lecture at the High School Assembly Hall, Saturday evening February 8, at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged.

Shelburn Items

Mr Steidel, wife and daughter Myrtle went to Lyons the last of the week where they will work for Frank Petrok.

The services given here Sunday by Mr Miller of Salem were well attended and everybody appreciated the music.

The deputy sheriff of this county subpoenaed several people from here to appear in court Fri-

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Theron Russell of Macleay spent Sunday here.

Miss Frieda Steidel is at Blackrock visiting her sister Mrs Earl Russell.

Asa Hirons is unable to teach school this week on account of la grippe.

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