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GOOD MORNING

In presenting this first issue of the Intermountain Tribune to the reading public, we offer no apologies. We make no mention of the "Long felt want" business but, believing that the eastern part of Linn county will furnish business sufficient to support a newspaper, we are here. We desire and expect to make a living and, in so doing, we hope to help others make a better living than heretofore.

Having had twenty-five years experience in newspaper work in Linn county the venture, so far as publishing a newspaper is concerned, is not an experiment. We know that the Tribune will come up to the standard of country newspapers and we hope and expect that it will merit the patronage of every family in this section of the county.

Sweet Home is, as yet, but a village. There are but few business houses to furnish an advertising patronage and we shall have to depend upon our subscription patronage to a large extent for a support. We purpose making the paper a help to every farmer and stock raiser in this locality and with this expectation, we hope every one will come forward, at once, and place his name on our lists. The expense of moving and installing the plant has been heavy. We have not asked for a bonus or guarantee of business. We simply depend upon the goodwill and desire of the people to have the splendid qualities of the upper Santiam country made known to the world. It is the purpose of the Tribune to write descriptive articles from time to time, portraying the splendid quality of the soil, the possibilities of fruit raising, dairying, stock raising, general farming, the large amount of unused water power, manufacturing, etc. When these facts become known to the general public, our population will be rapidly increased and, as a matter of course, the value of our lands will be enhanced. In point of advertising, the eastern portion of Linn county has been sadly neglected, simply because no newspaper had a personal reason for exploiting it. The outside world does not know that the hill lands on either side of the South Santiam contain some of the very best farms in the state and that fruit, especially apples, grow to a greater degree of perfection here than elsewhere in the state. The Tribune will make these facts known to the home seeking public.

It is not our purpose to become allied with any individual or faction. That is to say, we will not take up anybody's quarrels; but will aid and assist in anyway we can the betterment and development of all sections of the Santiam country. We will support any man or measure which has for his or its purpose the making of the community better morally, socially and financially.

Politically, the Tribune will be independent and will give its support to any official in the county, state or nation who administers the affairs

of his office to the wellbeing and advancement of our country. This, we conceive to be the duty of any public newspaper and, because most newspapers pursue this policy, do we owe the many reforms which all political parties are now supporting.

Owing to the increase in cost of obtaining printing supplies, the price of the Tribune has been fixed at \$1.25 in advance or \$1.50 at the end of the year. Subscribers who wish an extra subscription for friends or relatives outside of Oregon, will be supplied at \$1 per year.

We are sending out a large number of sample copies of this first issue, for which there is no charge. They are an invitation to you to send in your subscription. If you do not receive a copy, drop in at the office and get one. Anyway, we want to get acquainted with you and a visit, whether or not you subscribe, is welcome.

HARMONY OF ACTION

Development of Sweet Home is all in the future. Municipally there are many things to be accomplished. In fact, all that goes to make up a modern town in the way of street improvements, in uniformity of side walks, in the establishment of an efficient water system, electric lights, etc., all are for future consideration. Our town is now at the period when it must discard the habiliments of village life and take on those of a modern city or town.

That new streets must be opened and a uniform system of sidewalks established, all will agree is a necessity, if our town keeps pace with the modern requirements soon to be thrust upon us.

With the coming of the railroad, our population will soon be doubled or trebled. This increase of population must have homes and street and sidewalk facilities. At no time can the opening of new streets be made at less cost and inconvenience than at the present time. It is nonsense to think that our town's population can be increased materially, if there is to be but one main or leading street.

In making new streets and the establishment of a uniform system of sidewalks, there must be a harmony of action. The majority interests must predominate, for that is the only way in which a growing municipality can be conducted. The minority must submit to the rule of the majority. If this can be done without friction—without leaving sore spots, and hard feelings, a great victory will have been accomplished. Our city council in the enactment of ordinances, should consider the interests of individuals but, at the same time, the interests of the individual should give way to those of the majority and to the general welfare of the town.

Above all, when it is seen that the individual or sets of individuals are endeavoring to secure unjust and selfish advantages, the council should frown upon such endeavors. Now is the golden opportunity for the establishment of municipal ownership, for later on, the cost will be many times greater.

But in whatever public or municipal work is undertaken, let justice and harmony prevail to the largest possible extent. Let all public actions be based upon the will and desire of the majority and there can be no great degree of dissatisfaction for, at heart, most people are just and fair and willing to submit to the rule of the majority.

With all the noise that was made concerning supposed democratic opposition in the house, it was finally determined through the caucus, that the full democratic support will back the currency measure. In

the same way the tariff measure was perfected in caucus. The republicans and progressives have begun to cherish plebeian hatred for the secret caucus, which in former republican times had the support of practically every man who is now opposing it, as well as the opposition of most of the men who now are its warmest supporters. The reason rests in the fact that it has proven itself the great pacifier of obstreperous members of the majority, while it is not worth a tinkers oath for minorities.

If congress can make interstate traffic in women a crime, and the Mann White Slave Act applies to the cases of Diggs and Caminetti, why shouldn't Congress make interstate traffic in the product of child labor a crime? This suggestion of one of our correspondents is not so unpractical as it sounds. Let it set you to thinking. Legally, it is not yet a crime in most States to rob little children of the right to grow up. Morally, it is as criminal as trade in women's virtue. Sometimes the issue is less clearly black and white; that is all the difference.—Colliers

Visitors to the capital are always interested in finding the tablets from their own states, in the interior of the Washington monument. Colorado and Washington have just signified their intention of being represented by tablets, and this leaves but five states, Idaho, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico without representation. The Washington monument society is working to have these states send stones.

Notwithstanding the daily news from Mexico, federal Washington is still coaxing itself into the belief that the administration policy will ultimately prove successful, and while a great many of the wise ones shake their heads there is no question but what they all feel down in their hearts "that they hope so."

Farm Losses From Bad Roads

An interesting investigation was conducted by the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association. Inquiry was made into farming conditions as affected by poor highways in an area of 75 square miles surrounding the city. The distances covered by farm vehicles, the tonnage of produce hauled to market, the losses resulting from the transportation of small loads and from the inability of farmers and truck gardeners to reach the best markets at the proper times, the injury to horses and the extra wear and tear of vehicles, and the sacrifice of time—these were all figured out by experts in very much the same way the Census Bureau goes after comprehensive totals. There were 4,069 farmers in the district, and the aggregate loss through bad roads in one year was \$608,728, or about one-tenth as much as they receive for their produce.* If such a survey were made of the entire country the figures would be bewildering.

In some localities the work of improving roads is being done on a large scale, and in most instances it will be increased from year to year. New York is now spending a \$50,000,000 fund on its highways. At the November election the voters of Pennsylvania will pass upon a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to raise as much as \$50,000,000. Single counties in some of the western states are spending from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 at a time. Some of the southern states are preparing to spend large sums, in proportion to their assessed wealth. Each state, of course, has its own particular way of conducting highways affairs.—Ex.

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