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The Best Little Town

One day, not so long ago, a party was standing in front of our hotel. A notice that the hotel would close for certain reasons, was posted in the window and another party stood reading it. He turned to this party standing in front of the building, and inquired what the notice meant. The first party, a resident of the city, and very knowing, remarked to the effect that it was just evidence of the fact that "a bunch of d---n fools of Heppner had put more money into a hotel than the one-horse town was able to support," and continued to inform the stranger along the line of what was needed here.

The editor of this paper happened to be standing near enough at the time to hear what was said, and we know that this "booster" for our little city would not like to have us call him out, though we are personally disposed to do so.

The point is: This town is good enough for this man to live in; he owns property here, by the way, and according to his own statement above he might be classed in the same category with those of our citizens who have the interest of the community enough at heart to invest some of their money in a public enterprise, even though they expected no direct financial gain to themselves; those who do not expect to get all they possibly can out of the community without giving something back, and this charge made above is indeed very uncalled for on the part of any citizen of the community and is libel on the good intentions of our loyal citizens. We could go on and preach a pretty strong sermon to a small bunch around this town, but we refrain. They are all known and taken for what they are worth. Why not catch the spirit as given in the following little homily, which contains some of the proper religion, but whose author is to us unknown:

"There are fancier towns than our little town, there are towns that are bigger than this, and the people who live in the smaller towns don't know what excitement they miss. There are things you see in the wealthier towns that you can't in a town that's small; and yet, up and down, there is no other town like our little town after all. It may be that the streets aren't long, they're not wide nor maybe straight, but the neighbors you know in your own little town all welcome a fellow—it's great.

"In the glittering streets of the glittering town, with its palace and pavement and thrall, in the midst of the throng you will frequently long for your own little town after all. If you live and you work in your own little town, in spite of the fact that it's small, you'll find it a fact that our own little town is the best little town after all."

The last week in Heppner has been one of entertainment and education. The Chautauqua has come and gone; it received splendid patronage from the Heppner folks, gave a splendid line of entertainments and lectures and the people were well pleased. The only regrettable feature is the fact that the local committee will be called upon to face a small deficit—this, by the way, being reduced to much smaller proportions than it was

feared it might be, owing to the largeness of the dates and the practically impossible attendance on the part of the farmers. Yet, had there been the full cooperation on the part of the community that the local committee were entitled to, this deficit would not be present. This town needs to get rid of that spirit, manifested by a very few, we will say, that seems to stand out against everything that tends to further the higher interests of our people. We have no quarrel with anyone who does not care to patronize such projects as the Chautauqua and the lyceum courses; this is their business. The least that they can do, if they have no desire to give financial aid to these enterprises, is to say a good word for the local men and women who get behind them, and lay aside their hammers and thus boost this much. For those intellectual highbrows and know-it-alls, those who can always suggest that nothing of merit can ever come to the home town—whether it be the Chautauqua, the lyceum, or the pictures presented at the local theater, we have nothing to say; they are not the ones that you find taking hold of any other enterprise that the community interests are fostering; they are only a species of leeches on the body politic that suck out what lifeblood they are able to in the way of dollars and give nothing in return. But the great body of the citizenship of the city and immediate surrounding country rallied to the support of the Chautauqua during the week and made it the complete success it was, and for this the local committee is thankful.

Plats on the college farm treated with ground limestone this year showed an increase of .45 of a ton more of mixed clover and grass hay than the untreated plats, and the plats treated with limestone and manure produced .82 of a ton more than the untreated plats. The limed plats had a much better stand of clover, while the manure increased the growth of rye grass and the general growth. There was much more clover on the limed areas than on other plats.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

Slats' Diary.
By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—got a job calling for mister Slack which was playing golf the afternoon, he went to strike his ball & nearly cut his toe off, he had on white shews & mis took his toe for the ball. He let out a yell & a couple of cussing frases & I snickered as I cudent help it, he got peeved and pade me off & sed I am dun with you & I dont never want you agen. I was pleased to hear he lost 3 golf balls before he got a round.

Saturday—met Jane at a lawn fate and tuk her to eat ice Cream & cake. She had all ready bought a ticket. Which was very lucky for both of us. I ast her if she thot we wood be happy if we shud happin to get married to each another. She sed Yes because when ever she wood luk at me it would mek her smile.

Sunday—pa & ma including me went out riding in the 2th handed ford & pa got a rested for speeding the cop sed he was going 30 miles a hour. pa looked plessed & ast the mair for a reseat that he was running 30 miles so he cud advertise it on his masheen & meby sell it.

Monday—mister Slack had me to caddie for him agen today. He diddent want me verrie bad but as I was the only vacant I there he had to take me. But I turned my back wen I had to smile.

Tuesday—Unkle Ike which lives on a farm in the country come to visit us & brung a lot of straw berrys we had to furnish the sugar. pa sed he musta come just to get to use sugar on the berrys.

Wednesday—pa was a verrie an-

ry man today. He bot sum rasens & ma diddent no what he wanted of them so she went & made pies of them. pa sed if he bring bottles home he sposed she wood want to put sum ole ketchup in them.

Ready to Serve

Do you appreciate what a "ready to serve" organization means? It usually represents the work, experience and saving of years of one or more individuals.

Take a newspaper as an illustration. Too often its value to a town is underestimated by the leading citizens of the community.

Yet the dearest town in the world is the one without a newspaper.

The newspaper is called upon to support every public movement "free of charge." It must help the church, it must lead the way for civic improvements and it must pioneer for all manner of new development enterprises.

When the good work has been done the "leading citizens" of the community sit back with a smile of satisfaction and too often take credit for the work which would have been impossible without a regularly issued daily or weekly newspaper.

Good times and bad, the paper must come out. Merchants threaten to discontinue advertising if necessary rate increases are made. Subscribers threaten to stop subscriptions if its policies do not agree with theirs.

But sooner or later every citizen in the community must have the services of the newspaper for some purpose or other. Little do they consider the trials of the average country editor in maintaining a "ready to serve" institution that is seldom thanked for the public good it is constantly doing, that is often cussed for no just cause, but that always comes out on schedule and is "ready to serve" in its field, although the requirements of the individual asking the service may come ten years apart.—Manufacturer.

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