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JUDGING A COMMUNITY'S WORTH

The question of whether a newspaper forms or reflects public opinion has long been a point of controversy. The Herald hesitates to attempt a partial settlement of the argument with either a positive or negative statement, but we do contend that a newspaper acts more or less as a reflector, mirror if you please, of the community in which it is published. In other words we believe that the progressiveness and prosperity of the community may be fairly well judged by the paper published there. Such barometric qualities are not necessarily confined to the contents or appearance of the paper itself, but extend to the outward appearance of the place in which it is housed.

Acting partially on this supposition, the Herald moved recently to new quarters where improvements have been made for a more up-to-date newspaper plant, easily accessible to the public. This represents in part the faith of this newspaper in the community that supports it.

Not illogical is the supposition that all commercial interests may be taken as fairly representative of the general condition of the community. Outward appearances form a basis for first opinions, and a community whose business interests are housed in well-kept buildings is bound to make a favorable and lasting impression upon newcomers and prospective settlers. Those inspecting a town for the first time must have something tangible upon which to base their judgment and that something not infrequently is the general appearance of the commercial district. Does this mean that we are advocating new buildings for Hermiston's business houses? Not necessarily. Even a little paint and a thorough cleaning will work wonders with the oldest of buildings. We offer these suggestions as containing all the elements of practicability. The Herald had such faith in the idea as to move to new quarters where these suggestions could be carried out more fully. So far, the idea has conclusively proved its advantages and merits to our satisfaction.

Because we are working for anything that will mean the betterment of this community, we are glad to welcome Hermiston's new bakery, representing as it does a step forward in this direction. All commercial and professional interests of the town have joined in a printed welcome on another page of this paper. This evidence of enthusiastic support is gratifying to everyone having the best interests of Hermiston at heart. The manager of the bakery had faith enough in this community to invest in a splendidly equipped shop. Our share in the new enterprise will be represented by our patronage and good will. The support forthcoming from us will decide to a large extent the ultimate success of this new undertaking. Why not make that support 100 per cent.

UTOPIA AND HERMISTON

Utopia, the mythical country where all was beautiful and perfect; where government was administered impartially; where creditors forgot their debtors and debtors forgot their debts; where husbands never whipped their wives; where motorists got out of their cars to help pedestrians across the street—boy, that was the place: But was it? After all, wouldn't you rather live in a community where there was a little something to worry about, and a little something to strive for? A place where, if there were no rain there would be no flowers; if no tears, no smiles; if no weakness, nothing to conquer; if no strength, nothing to pattern after; and if no temptation, nothing for which to credit righteousness?

We should all strive for the goal of perfection, even in community building, at the same time know that we shall never quite reach it, and feeling that we shall never quite want it.

Hermiston will never fully represent either the best of us or the worst of us. But there is a general average that will always make its influence felt. Raising the standard of this general average will have good results.

We should all be thankful that we do not live in Utopia. So long as the struggle toward the ideal is zestful; and so long as there is plenty to do and someone doing it, the victory will take care of itself. With such a hopeful and healthful condition there is always something to live for, strive for, hope for, get mad about, kick at, boost at, sit down on, show up, prove out, help along and shout about. That's the only kind of a Utopia worth living in.

Income tax returns fell off \$45, 000,000.00 last year from the previous year. Are people getting poorer or just bigger liars?

Henry Ford performed a great service for humanity when he finally developed a car who's horn could be heard above the rattle.

Yes, the 5 cent cigar is back. And the five cents are of rope, buggy-whip, cabbage, grapevine and cornstalk.

Those who pine for the good old days might find satisfaction by hunting up an old flivver with a crank starter.

After all is said and done, the farmers that need the most relief are those who have moved to town.

Civilization is improving. People are only half-shot at dawn.

Egotism is the only ism in the world that needs no organization to perpetuate it.

The easiest riding car is the one that's paid for.

WHATZWAT  
 In the Seventh Grade  
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TOM O'GADY AND THE BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND  
 Chapter V

Washington thought that the British after leaving Boston would try to take New York with the purpose of getting control of the Hudson river. He therefore went to New York with his small army of about 18,000 men. Few of them were trained and poorly supplied with food and arms.

General Howe's army consisted of about 20,000 men and a huge fleet. Late in August General Howe and his men attacked the part of Washington's army that were occupying Brooklyn Heights. Having a larger army he defeated them. He could have captured all of Washington's army that was in Long Island and even Washington himself, who during the last part of the battle had crossed over from New York.

Seeing that the British fleet was going to cut him off from New York Washington collected all of the boats he could find and with the aid of Tom O'Grady had moved his army of 10,000 in one night. He thanked Tom for his help and at Tom's request set him up close to him in his army so if there was any need, Tom would be there to help.

Nathan Hale's capture had put a great weight over Tom's head, for Nathan had been willing to risk his life as a spy, had went into Howe's camp along the island.

Tom said, "Poor Nathan succeeded in getting some valuable news about the enemies' fortifications and was on his way back to the American army when he was captured and taken before General Howe. General Howe ordered him to be hanged on the following day which was Sunday. Nathan they say asked for a clergyman and a Bible but both were denied him. He wrote letters to his beloved ones and they were destroyed before his very eyes.

Tom broke down here. Between sobs he told of what Nathan's last words were. Tom went on: "Nathan said, I only wish I had more than one life to live for my country."

They took Tom and put him to bed. By morning Tom was feeling better. Tom rose early and went out to locate the rest of the army.

After Washington's rear guards were just leaving a burning bridge they could see the British appearing. Washington got his men across the Delaware just in time to save their lives from the British who arrived the same day.

After they were safe at home Washington thanked Tom for his help. They shook hands and departed.  
 By Cesta Hiatt.

FARM REMINDERS

There is still time during the slack season in Oregon to take that inventory and begin a farm account of business for the coming year. It is the farmer who knows what he has done in each enterprise who is able to plan his program intelligently for the future. Some shifts and adjustments in production of crops and live stock are necessary almost every year in order to meet changing market conditions and demands, says the experiment station.

Considerable improvement has been recently made in the strains of head lettuce of which the outstanding variety is the New York, sometimes erroneously known as Iceberg. New York is the leading variety for spring and fall growing, but is not adapted to hot weather. The most outstanding improvements says the Oregon experiment station, are in its tightness of leaf folding and greater resistance to disease caused by unfavorable weather conditions. Uniformity of heading and firmness to type are the two most important characteristics of this variety.

Fruit growers are cautioned against the use of oil emulsion sprays during cold weather. The use of these on trees preceding, during, or after a freeze, may result in serious injury or death of the tree, says the experiment station. Care is also needed in use of he emulsion that has been stored over winter. Such emulsions frequently "break" and the oil separates from the base causing serious damage to trees due to the pure oil application. Freezing of

the oil emulsion may also cause it to "break."

Kale is a cheap succulent feed rich in minerals. The cost per ton is only about half as much as corn silage, being \$3.78. The cost per acre is greater, but the greater yield gives lower cost per ton, says the Oregon experiment station. It is sometimes disagreeable to get kale in the winter time but it makes a good supplement feed.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Hughes, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary E. Hughes, deceased, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me at the office of W. J. Warner, my attorney, in Hermiston, Oregon, with proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1929.

GWYN L. HUGHES, Administrator.

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CHURCH NOTES

Services at the Baptist-Christian church Sunday, March 3. Bible school 10 A. M. Morning worship 11 A. M. Topic, Four Pillars of Christianity. Believers, baptism and the Lord's Supper at the morning service. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 P. M. Topic, Recruiting for Christ. Bring or send your children. Classes for all ages. No man ever got lost on a straight road.—Lincoln. Broaden your life by linking up with the church. A cordial welcome to all. A. J. Ware, pastor.

(From School of Home Economics). Gas stove burners may be cleaned by boiling them in a strong solution of washing soda and water for half an hour, then washing in warm water and drying thoroughly. This removes all grease.

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