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LEXINGTON'S FUTURE

As it now stands most of the country children are compelled to attend the country schools.

I fully realize what a good school, law and order, means in our country towns

Desiring to give my children a good education, I have been compelled to send my family to a distant town for the past 10 years, at an annual cost of \$1000 per year, and, above all, I sadly miss, during these long and dreary years, the absence of my beloved wife and children from our home.

I sadly feel the loss of enjoyment, contentment, happiness and pleasures that only my sacred hearth can render. To quote John Howard Payne's words, "Home, Sweet Home, there is no place like home," but home without the beloved members of one's family, is dreary and lonesome. Home under such conditions is a mere abode of existence, without love, cheer, happiness and contentment.

I realize the necessity of a more perfect code of morals, ethics and law in our town, and I believe the time has come and the present is face to face with the problem of elevating our town upon a higher moral plane.

I have seen every town in Eastern Oregon laid out and built up, except The Dalles and Prineville. I have also, reference to every town in the valley except Portland, and have followed their evolution, growth and prosperity.

The time has come, when the conditions pertaining to towns, when the inexorable laws of their evolution must be greatly modified in order to obtain good results. The newcomers in the county as well as other classes of people demand a higher code of morals.

"The wild and woolly west" will remain in the annals of historical records the Indians have been subdued and placed on reservations, the cow boy will soon be compelled to seek other territory or employment. The cattle and horse rustlers are, of short duration, as a concentrated effort to subdue this lawlessness has lately been emerged in Morrow county. The

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With those outlined changes in our county such as, better schools, a high-ethical plane of living, the people will move, during the fall and winter, to town to school their children and in this manner build up small towns to large and prosperous towns.

The prosperity of our towns is dependent upon the prosperity of the farmers and stock raisers.

Consequently the business men, mechanics, the farmers and the newspapers of the various towns should unite in a hearty and co-operative effort to bring forth the desired conditions.

Help the farmer and stockmen to rid the county of horse thieves. Let everybody do his part in bringing the outlaws before the bars of justice' so that adequate punishment can be meted out to them for their crimes. Don't sign any pardon after the time of conviction of a criminal by the court and previous to the time of said criminals incarceration.

Dear Editor, kindly inform us whether or not there is any law in regard to the obnoxious Russian thistles. If there is no law to that effect, kindly assist us in getting a law passed, a law when enforced that will stop the spreading of the dreadful Russian thistles.

The neglected extermination of Russian thistles on our lands will soon greatly diminish the intrinsic value of the same, about one-half. Therefore, I ask the assistance of the representatives of our county and the co-operation of the various towns and newspapers of our county. Are we asking to much or are we entitled to your hearty co-operation in our effort to rid the county of Russian thistles?

Since I have grown up, I have never seen any town that outgrew its surrounding country. Therefore, let us unite and co operate in our effort to bring forth the best results. Let us carry our mental policies into practical execution, and then, and then only shall we be triumphant and reap the just rewards of our honest toil and labor. Let our motto be:

"Prove all things. Hold fast that which is good.

B. F. Swaggart.

We will endeavor to answer the writer later.—Ed.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Lexington, Oregon, Nov. 8, 1905.
Adjourned meeting of town council, present Mayor, W. F. Barnett, Councilmen, W. P. McMillan, E. D. McMillan, W. E. Leach, Recorder E. D. Leach. Absent Councilman, W. R. Munkers, Treasurer, E. A. Pointer.

Petition of A. J. Lane and A. D. Inskeep for license to sell liquors in less quantities than one gallon was presented and on motion was granted.

On motion council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

E. D. Leach, Recorder

Lexington, Oregon, Nov. 13, 1905
Adjourned meeting of town council present, Mayor, W. F. Barnett, Councilmen, W. E. Leach, E. D. McMillan, W. P. McMillan, Recorder, E. D. Leach, absent, Councilman W. R. Munkers, Treasurer, E. A. Pointer. C. R. McAlister and Rev. T. P. Graham were appointed Clerks and E. R. Beach, A. D. Bechtel and J. B. De Long Judges of election for the coming town election.

Oath of office administered to S. A. Thomas as Town Marshal.

On motion council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

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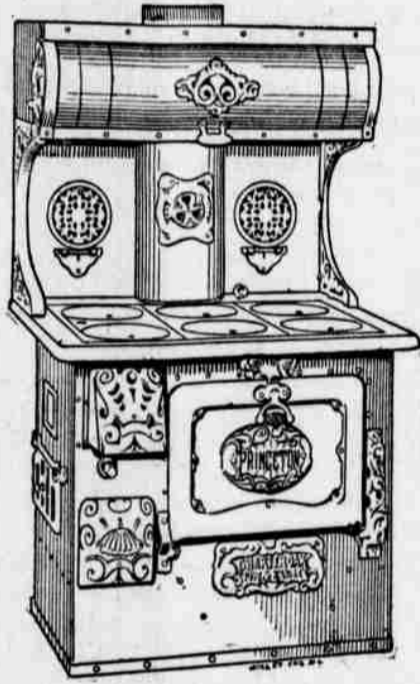
Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until November 15th, 1905, by the School Board of District No. 18, for the erection of a School House, according to plans and specifications to be prepared by said School Board.

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