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THE LIVING DEAD

DAVID SWING RICKER, the newspaper writer, morally offended the Willamette valley when he told the truth about the streaks of mire called roads in that valley of good people of northern California in telling the truth about their communities—or at least in depicting how their communities impress the visitor and traveler. In one of his articles he says:

We have just come from a city of the living dead, where the people are half alive and half dead. The live part is physical. The dead part is mental. I shall not give the city's name. It would bring no good to the city and no satisfaction to me. Their dilemma is too pitiful to allow room for censure. They do not know their plight. They have lived always here, about as they do now, knowing that the procession of progress has moved along without them. They think they are alive because they are able to walk and breathe, give voice to words and make motions with their hands. That's all life means to them.

The cities of the "living dead" are not limited to northern California. Oregon has her share. Indeed, this class of citizenship is a type even in progressive cities like Medford. The only energy these citizens manifest is in knocking, and the only period they show activity in public matters is at tax-paying time, or in meetings of protest.

Speaking of the people of Siskiyou county, Mr. Ricker says:

A few people in every center of population in Siskiyou want to advance, but most of the people are reactionary, and the hope of the progressive element seems hollow. * * * And yet they are a somewhat cheery people, more or less—some less, some a great deal more. * * * They lie back among the pillows of self-complacency and rejoice. * * * They lack those qualities more than any other—nimble-mindedness, up-to-dateness and the desire to know more than can be learned without effort. And I believe that it is their self-complacency that enables them to be content over the prospect of finishing their lives where they began them, and I am glad that this journey has given me the chance to discover something I have never been able to comprehend—the attitude of the man who is content to live and die in a small town toward the world without. Contentment is a possession often sought and rarely attained. Yet it never occurred to me until a few days ago that too much contentment is worse than too much unrest. It stupefies the mind and stagnates the body. It makes sloths of men.

This type of the unprogressive is due principally to the ignorance which comes from isolation and the ennobled from a too bountiful nature that makes it easy to make a living for people whose wants are few.

These self-complacent citizens—and Medford has her share—can be found sunning themselves on the street corners and loafing about the town most any time. They never work, or as little as they have to, and are able to exist on little because they never spend anything. They are perfectly satisfied to perpetuate village conditions and usually present a solid front against community progress. Their public utterances are knocks, and the anvil chorus is much in evidence during hard times.

There are only a few knockers in Medford, but there are only a few corners where they can hold forth in public. The progressive citizen is busy with his own affairs. Consequently the knockers, with no other occupation, appear to be much more numerous than they are—and each year sees their ranks thinned. Despite their efforts, there is no chance of Medford ever joining the communities of the living dead.

Stable Window Fly Traps

Dr. Hodge gives the following directions for making and using Stable Window fly traps:

The principle upon which fly traps are usually made is that flies tend to crawl up toward the light (unless seeking food by smell, or a place to oviposit, when they may crawl downward into dark cracks.) Hence, by arranging cracks and holes in screen wire pointing upward, we can transform any kind of a box with no cracks or holes at the top through which a fly can escape, into an effective fly trap. For the top of such a box trap a light frame covered with screen wire is better than a wire board, because it lets in the light, and it is less likely to spring or warp and so open cracks through which the flies may escape.

For use in a stable window these traps may be made of any size to fit the opening, or they may be made smaller than the opening and the rest of the space fitted with boards or gunny sacking. The trap for a stable should be fitted to the most likely window of a stable or stable cellar—the window on the sunny side, out of the way of prevailing winds, and the other windows covered by hanging gunny sacks over them. These cost no more than if hung elsewhere for the time; they flap in the wind and so need not interfere with ventilation, and they darken the other windows so that all flies about the stable will try to get in or out by the trap window and be caught going or coming. If carefully worked, early in the season, the animals being kept in during the heat of the day, for a few consecutive days now and then, it is possible practically to rid a barnyard of stable (infantile-paralysis) flies and black flies that are not attracted to baited traps.

If the stable and cellar are widely open and full of cracks, the trap should be made without bottom board and set over a ridge of attractive bait on the manure pile or in the most likely place about the barnyard, and all other fly foods kept out of the way as far as possible.

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NEWS FROM ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The Normal School association, for the purpose of pushing the re-opening of the Southern Oregon State Normal school, has elected its officers and will soon have matters under way.

The Ashland Lodge of Elks has elected the following officers: J. M. Wagner, exalted ruler; Charles H. Wolf, esteemed leading knight; W. N. Wright, esteemed loyal knight; G. H. Hedberg, esteemed lecturing knight; J. E. Thornton, secretary; Pierre Provost, treasurer; Teddy Provost, Tyler; A. B. Pracht and A. C. Nininger, trustees.

Professor Yining's Boys' Vocational club held a rousing meeting Thursday night. Besides interesting addresses by J. W. McCay on banking and currency, and E. V. Carter on the making and spending of money, it was time for the nomination of candidates for the city officers. The following was the result of the primary election: Mayor, Leith Abbott and Walter Carpenter; recorder, William Briggs and William Rebeck; councilmen, first ward, Mer-

ill Thorne and P. Grises; second ward, Fred Garrett and William Holmes; third ward, O. Klum and S. A. Peters. The election takes place at the next meeting.

Fifty men are at work on the county highway at Stiehmans camp and camps are being put up at Coles and Siskiyou—at both ends and the middle.

A. L. Emery, the chemist and engineer of the mineral springs project, writes that the new spring discovered contains bilita by the spectroscopic test.

Sam Hill will lecture on good roads and the beautifying of the Pacific highway in Ashland on March 23.

Helen Keller will appear at the Armory soon.

D. P. Blue of the Hawaiian islands is in Ashland.

Misses LaBina and Rose Patterson and Velma Clark have returned from spending the winter in southern California.

H. L. White and Mr. and Mrs. Squire Parker have returned from a winter sojourn in southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Opsyke, formerly of Shasta county, California, although they came direct from Sacramento, they came in Sunday evening and engaged a room at the Sunnyside. The next morning they procured a team and driver from the Harnish & Son stable and went up to the old Tucker ranch on Rogue river. Mr. Opsyke has purchased a half interest in the ranch, lately known as the Enyard ranch, and will have the management of the place. Mr. Opsyke has also disposed of his ranch in Shasta county, California, for a good price. He was visiting here last spring and was so well pleased with the country that he concluded to invest in real estate and live among us. Mr. and Mrs. Opsyke were on their way from Sacramento where they had attended the wedding of Mrs. Opsyke's brother, John D. Tucker, and Ruby M. Oiles. The Tuckers are well known in this country and Mrs. O's friends will be glad to have her among them again. While here Mr. O. gave me a subscription for the Mail Tribune so to keep posted on the affairs of the world at large.

Fred Frädiger of Medford is busy at the Sunnyside again. He is here getting his fifteen acre orchard in readiness for the summer. He is having it cultivated, getting the ground ready, as I understand that the Hazelton boys, Frank and Willie, are going to put the entire tract, twenty acres, in beans this season.

Dr. F. G. Carlow, one of the Medford osteopaths, came out on the train Monday to see Roy Smith and Mrs. W. L. Childreth. I understand that Mrs. Childreth has improved considerably.

C. E. Bellows and Marshal Minter came into the Sunnyside late Sunday evening for supper. They had come that day from Talent with a bunch of cattle, left them at the Cingede ranch and camp on up here to supper.

I am under the necessity of chronicle another accident. Charley Kinzle's little children of Lake Creek were on their way to school on horseback and by some means the boy fell off and in falling pulled his sister after him and in alighting struck a rock and his sister fell on top of him, and the result was he had two of his ribs broken. The girl

was not hurt. Dr. Holt was called and reduced the fracture.

Charles Newstrom and family of Lake Creek were guests at the Sunnyside last Monday.

Floyd Pierce, one of the deputy assessors, is assessing our town and the surrounding country and he is the first assessor that we have had for a long time that pushed the business. He keeps going all the time. While he was here at the Sunnyside he gave me a subscription for the Mail Tribune, said that he wanted to keep posted on current events.

Miss Albie Klippel of Medford came out this Wednesday morning and took the Eagle Point-Postal stage for Trail where she will keep house for her uncle while he puts in his crop.

Rudolph Peck of Lake Creek was in town Wednesday after a load of grain to sow.

Henry French was in town Wednesday interviewing our school clerk, A. J. Flory, with regard to furnishing our school house with wood for the coming season.

Mrs. Henry Meyers of Lake Creek came in Wednesday with a lot of chickens for the market.

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MRS. W. W. LAKE

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PHOENIX YOUTH PLEASED AT GOING TO REFORM SCHOOL

Dewey Miller, age 16, and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Miller, of Phoenix, agreed without a dissenting voice before County Judge Tom Velle in Prosecutor Kelly's office this morning, that the namesake of the hero of one of the world's greatest naval battles be sent to the state industrial school at Salem. Dewey smiled gleefully when the order was signed that will put him in an institution that is one of the terrors of boyhood.

The father and the mother pleaded earnestly that their son, one of seven children, be committed.

"He just naturally won't go to school, nor stay at home, just wants to sun his self all the time," said the father. "Besides, down where we live they don't think much of him, and Mr. Anderson don't want his boys to mix with him, though I take him and talk to him, and he'll do a day's work with any man in the county. At school the boys run over him and the little school'ans don't give him any protection. He's got a black and blue spot on his shin now where they whacked him with a baseball bat. He wants to go to the reform school, where he can learn something and be something, and start all over again."

The mother, who was busily chewing gum to ease her mate's argument, asked her son tenderly: "You do want to go to the reform school, don't you, Dewey?" Dewey, all smiles, answered yes.

In the face of this overwhelming willingness, and the fact that a serious and vile charge had been filed against the youth by neighbors, the county judge made out an order committing Dewey to the reform school. When the father was asked to sign the citation, he touched the pen while Prosecutor Kelly made "his mark."

MEXICANS KILLED IN FIGHT ALONG BORDER

EL PASO, March 13.—That twenty-one Mexican federal filibusterers and eighteen rebels had been killed in a desperate fight on the Mexican side of the border opposite Malpais, N. M., was the information received today by United States army officers here. There were no details.

FEATURE FILM AT THE STAR THEATRE TODAY

The management of the Star theater offers for today and tomorrow Mary Pickford in her biggest success "In the Bishop's Carriage." This is one of the best things done yet by the "Famous Player" company and Daniel Frohman, under whose direction it is produced, has spared neither pains or money in making it a photography masterpiece.

In this refined melodrama we see Little Mary in a new light. "In the Bishop's Carriage," from the book of Miriam Michelson, is a crook play, nevertheless its treatment is so artistic, so delicate, so finished, that it will please every division of society. In its delineation of the character of the charity girl who falls out of the clutches of the virago in the charity house into the hands of the thief—out of the frying pan into the fire, as it were—and then under the influence of a man animated by honest motives, the picture is more than interesting; it is instructive. Nance's attempts to reform, her failures, and her final triumph over wrong will be followed with the closest attention.

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