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### VERNONIA

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### The Little Feller

He's only some five an' a half years old, an' they say he's bright fer his size. He never fergets a thing he's told, enr what he may glimpse with his eyes. So, I've got to be keeful of what I do in front of my offspring, fer I'm the chap that he keeps in view—this feller that knows me best.

He'll lean on the arm of my Morris chair, with eyes wide open, ye know—an' he'll ast me what tobacker is fer, an' what makes the whiskers grow! And he'll mebbe inquire afore he's through, why I don't button my vest. He's a little aristocrat, staunch an' true—this feller that knows me best.

I've got to look pleasant around the house an' cultivate manners new. For I can't make a move that this little mouse don't copy the thing I do. In short, I'm living a constant prayer, with anxious heart in my breast, an' I reckon it's nothin' more than fair—to the feller that knows me best.

## FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Towns are known for their character, leadership and popularity, or for their lack, just as individuals are. Such towns advance beyond their apparent opportunities. People like such towns, making them popular trading points.

But these towns do not "just happen." They are the result of ambition, leadership, community zeal and careful planning. They develop through a growing community spirit, through organization, through genuine co-operation, and the cultivation of friendships in an ever-widening circle.

The worst about a person or a town is usually known before making their actual acquaintance, hence, persons and communities have everything to gain by enlarging their circle of friends. As individuals hold little gatherings and parties to enlarge their circle of friends or to make intimate their casual acquaintances, so do communities and towns resort to picnics, home comings, celebrations and like events—for the same purpose. Some parties and some celebrations fail in their purpose, from lack of tact, absence of proper planning, or through a display of ulterior motives. But properly conducted, these "friendship celebrations" are wonderfully successful.

Their real object must be to make acquaintances and friends. The whole community must be organized for this particular purpose. Even the skeptical ones will get the spirit. The effort may be handicapped by a few, but an honest, sincere movement to create community friends will smoke out a lot of mighty good people. Such a plan will soon dissipate stiffness, aloofness, diffidence and suspicion. In their place will come welcome smiles, friendly greetings, and ease everywhere.

"Friendship celebration" (whatever their name), not only create good feeling and real friendship among the community's guests, but it makes those who plan them and carry them out bigger men and better citizens, with a wider viewpoint. Every community celebration held in Vernonia should be a "friendship celebration."

We heard recently of a poet who wrote about the "window in his soul" and wondered if he was any relation to the guy who had a pane in his stomach.

## YOUR OWN TOWN

Any town is just what the men who live in it make it.

Don't sit down and condemn your town. A town is just as good or just as bad as the people who are condemning it. Every community is the maker of its destiny absolutely. There is seldom to be found a town the result of virgin, natural conditions. In any event, it was man who saw the natural advantages and utilized them.

For instance, there is no reason why Cleveland, O., should have been the oil center of the world. There are no oil wells in or about the community. So far as oil is concerned, and as a shipping point, Cleveland is no better than a dozen other towns. It was simply John D. Rockefeller and his individuality and personality that brought the oil to him and he to Cleveland.

There is no reason why Boston should be the shoe market of the world. There are no hides there. Simply one man who knew how to make shoes and wanted to live there made it what it has become—a great shoe manufacturing center.

There is no reason why Chicago should be the meat-packing center of the world. It could as well have been St. Louis or Kansas City. But Phil Armour wanted to live there.

In almost every town there is some old, dried up cynic who says, "Aw, this ain't nothin' but an over-grown village!" and that's the sort of boasting that makes the town stand still. The resident of any town that makes such a statement wears whiskers and boots at heart.

It is said that a woman is as old as she looks and a man as old as he feels. It might also be added, that a citizen is as old as he acts. Every town and city, and ours is no exception, is unfortunate in having people who have grown old before their time. Comparatively young in years they seem to have fossilized and are at a dead standstill. They have lost all interest in their town. Their civic pride has gone. They need to pinch themselves and see if they are awake or asleep.

On the other hand the town is "too dead" for some folks, and the only way they can think of making it live is to invite in all the wild, flagrant, sporty elements that can be brought together, but if your town isn't sporty enough for you, you can move—that isn't the town's fault. If you get too sporty you will have to move anyhow.

You often hear people in the Far West, in mercantile, industrial, artistic and scientific pursuits, saying, "If we were only in Chicago we could do or get so and so." In Chicago you hear them say, "If we were only in New York." When in New York you hear them wishing for something in Paris or London. Chicago, New York, London and Paris are the results of their citizens taking the conditions and materials at hand and doing the best they could with them. That we all can do.

If your town is not to the liking, get busy. It is all up to us. The first process in improvement in any town is to get rid of the croakers who are condemning it.—News-Times.

The Rainier Review is a well supported paper, and the support is appreciated, evidently, as last week's Review was a column larger—now a seven column paper. Fainier, like Vernonia, is a good town.

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