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BACK UP NEWSPAPERS

Frequently we are so closely associated with institutions or a commodity that we do not appreciate their worth. This applies in general to newspapers. Every city, town and hamlet has its newspapers. Even sometimes a few houses and a store and garage at a "wide place in the road" constitute excuse enough for the starting of a newspaper and not infrequently that wide place in the road becomes a town and when it does one may rest assured that that newspaper that seemed to have had no excuse for beginning life had a very important part to play in the community's unexpected development.

So it is all along the line of progress. No city ever gets far without the sincere cooperation of newspapers. Yet no institution in a city ever gets less thanks or receives more abuse.

Probably no other one thing is a better index to a town than its weekly publications. Very often that is about all the stranger has to go by in making up his mind about a community. If the newspaper that falls into his hands is a bright-looking sheet, full of news and has a prosperous air, the stranger is certain to judge that it was published in a live, progressive town.

Those who read their weekly newspapers and carelessly throw them aside, overlook the fact that they are not doing all for their town that the can. If those newspapers instead of being destroyed were placed in wrappers and mailed from time to time to friends and relatives at a distance, the good that could be accomplished would soon be reflected in the city's growth.

Chambers of Commerce are frequently blamed for not getting out more boost literature to be sent abroad. Those who raise these complaints could do a great deal themselves by sending out the literature that comes into their own hands in the form of local periodicals. Rest assured there is no business individual in a town more interested in the growth of his community than is the editor or publisher, for as the town grows he grows.

HELP LITTLE TOWN BUILD BRIDGES

An act is to be introduced into the Oregon legislature soon to provide that the territory within the limits of any incorporated city as now existing or as may be hereafter extended out of the jurisdiction of the county court or commissioners court of any county for the purpose of levying a tax for the construction of roads or bridges outside of the limits of such incorporated city.

It means that if Vernonia wants (and certainly needs) a new bridge across Rock creek that the \$25,000 cost of such a structure will have to be paid entirely by the residents of the city if this bill passes. Word has been sent to Representative A. E. Allen of Columbia county to use his efforts in defeating the bill, and try an adverse report on the bill when it comes from the committee on roads, of which he is a member.

Just because a town has a bridge within its city limits is no reason why it should be held up as an unfortunate example. More than half of the travel over the local bridge is made by other than residents of Vernonia. Certainly they should bear a part of the expense of the necessity of having a bridge. If this bill should pass, this district would necessarily have to postpone the building of the bridge, which is needed right now, indefinitely.

Secretary Sheeley of the chamber of commerce has been getting in touch with legislators this week in regard to trying to get them to see the light for the salvation of small towns to whom this question is vital.

Representative A. E. Allen is working hard at the state capitol. Reports have been received here from him on many bills already, with requests for instructions in case there are objections to the measures proposed. The chamber of commerce took action on the proposed bridge bill and Mr. Allen was duly informed of Vernonia's position on the matter. He can be depended upon to work for the interests of the whole county—they should be glad they elected him.

LOYALTY IN SERVICE

The character of the individual may be very largely gauged by the measure of loyalty he exercises toward the person or institution that provides him with employment. A real ingrate is the person who is disloyal to the one to whom he owes the obligation of service.

The test which may be applied to the individual is equally good when applied to a group of persons, organized to act as a unit. An act of unfairness is no less culpable because it is committed by a group rather than by an individual.

There are persons who feel under certain obligations to be loyal to an individual who is their employer though they have no such feeling when their employer is a corporation. It is the same idea that rules the man who believes he is honest but would ride free on a public conveyance if he could.

Many manufacturers and other employers complain that they are paying the highest wages in the history of their business, but say that production has not increased and that the quality of the work, if anything, has deteriorated.

It is plain that there is need of a return to the principle of "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay." Any person who takes wages without an effort to give adequate return should not profess to consider himself in the class of honest men.

ABHORRENCE OF THE SLOUCH

The hunchback, through illness or injury, is to be pitied, but there should be only censure for those who through carelessness or lassitude grow up and go through life with their chests hollowed between slouching shoulders.

Tramps and loafers slouch because they lack that self-respect which braces a man's shoulders, but it is undoubtedly true that the slouch habit is more often a mental attitude. It is a habit of mind as well as of body, and reflects slack thinking and slack muscles.

Why does one say "he's no slouch?" Because society has come to associate with the slouch all that is unbecoming in human beings. The dictionary defines a slouch as "an awkward, heavy clownish fellow" and the act as "lazy carelessness, shiftlessness, or indifference." So of those who have none of these qualities one says "he's no slouch."

Slouching is a mark of weakness, disease, old age, mental or moral deficiency, indolence or thoughtlessness. In addition it promotes all of these. Physicians warn against drooping shoulders and hollow chests and the public schools for years have trained pupils in right posture and erect carriage.

Some may acquire the necessary strength to hold their head up and their shoulders back in the thought that one of the characteristics which distinguishes man from the lower animals is that man walks erect.

Going broke is a short auto trip.

Being at the bottom isn't so bad if you use it for a foothold.

You can make most any man feel at home by starting an argument.

It takes all kinds of people to make a world, but only one kind to ruin it.

It is alleged that talk will cure disease. Hearing too much talk also tends to make one sick.

Many a school child has reason to note the deficient education of its parents when it seeks help with its lessons.

Sportsmen at Devil's Lake.
J. H. Bush, Wayne Lappe, Virgil Dorrbaugh and Emil Messing took advantage of the last week for duck hunting this season by driving to Devil's lake, where Dorrbaugh and Messing carried off the honors.

Jack Bush was unanimously elected deep sea fisherman, taking high score at catching crabs. The party reported a successful and pleasant trip.

SNAG FETTERS' GANG OF OUTLAWS

Snag Fetters had the most desperate gang of outlaws in Harrington county. The sheriff and his deputies were at their wits' end for a solution to their problem. Just that day the outlaws had stolen 8000 head of cattle from right under their noses. The sheriff's posse was scraping the hills for a trace of them. But they were too slick for old Sheriff Jim.

Sheriff Jim had a deputy that he had nicknamed "Talker Tom." And he surely lived up to his name. Indeed, it was thought that he could do nothing but talk. But they soon found out better, as you will soon see.

Talker Tom was writing a letter to his wife, when Snag Fetters came up the steps, gun in hand, and commanded them to "stick 'em up." Everybody's hands went toward the ceiling—all but Talker Tom's and he kept right on writing. When he had finished writing, he said as though nothing had happened. "Thar now, that's done; and if she don't get this I will be in a pretty pickle. Wouldn't you hate to be in my place if she don't?"

Here he broke off and looked around. "Har, har! Well, what you all doin', pickin' grapes or apples?" He looked all around till his eyes rested on Snag Fetters with his gun in his hand, laughing his head off.

Talker Tom had \$40 lying on the table beside him. One of the rascals came over to pick it up, but he couldn't get that far. Up came Talker Tom's two 25.30's. Two orange spurts of flame, and Snag Fetters' guns crashed to the floor. All of them took to their heels as fast as they could go.

Talker Tom had saved the money of the saloon keeper and his own \$40 to boot. But all he cared about it was his own money.

By CHRISTINE RAINEY, Sixth grade, Vernonia.

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- Mrs. Carl Johnson, Marshfield, ear trouble.
- J. W. Turner, Dallas, stomach trouble.
- E. A. Russell, Klamath Falls, appendicitis.

Remember the above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.
Address: 211 Bradbury building, Los Angeles, California.

The Majestic

Anita Stewart, who plays the daughter of the man who is murdered by telephone in "Whispering Wires," Fox Film version of the stage play at the Majestic Saturday which Albert Ray directed, is known in Filmland as "the good luck" actress. She has never appeared in a screen drama which was not a success.

The love of a young district attorney for a young adventuress who is a member of a gang of jewel thieves, leads to some very interesting as well as amusing situations in Fox Films screen version of Golden's stage hit, "Going Crooked," at the Majestic Thursday.

For poignancy, sweeping drama and comedy of the highest order—for good, wholesome entertainment, in other words—see Fox Films version of "The Return of Peter Grimm," at the Majestic Friday.

Publishes Ashland Paper.

The Ashland American, now being published by Paul Robinson, former publisher of the Eagle, has reached the exchange desk. It has the same make-up as the Central Point American, the same equipment being used. He states that only two days were permitted for issuing the paper, owing to the time taken up by moving and setting up machinery. He says, "Nothing suits us better than sociability. Come in the American office and meet us, roast us or welcome us. We're gentle."

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Vernonia Lodge, No. 184 A. F. & A. M., meets at Grange Hall every Second and Fourth Thursday nights.
K. A. McNeill, Secretary.
Visitors Welcome

I. O. O. F.—VERNONIALODGE, No. 246, meets every Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock, in Grange Hall
J. W. ROSE, N. G.
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American Legion Auxiliary Meets first and third Mondays of each month at Legion hall, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.
Mrs. H. E. McGraw, President.
Mrs. Earl Washburn, Secretary.

Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S. Regular communication first and third Wednesdays of each month. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.
Bessie Tapp, W. M.
Leona McGraw, Secretary.

VERNONIA GRANGE
The Vernonia Grange meets on the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 P. M. Any members of the Grange living in or near Vernonia or visiting in the community, are cordially invited to attend.
F. E. MALMSTEN, Sec

MOUNTAIN HEART
REBECCA LODGE No. 243, I.O.O.F. Meets every second and Fourth Thursdays in Grange Hall—Vernonia. Visitors always welcome
Mrs. Edna Kilby, N. G.
MRS. IRENE SPENCER, Sec'y

RECREATION

The number of people using the national forests for recreation in 1925 was one-third greater than in the preceding year, and five times as great as in 1917. This form of use represents in the properties as a sort of by-product. The economical and social importance of this by-product is of far too material consequence to be ignored even though it comes about mainly through free exercise by the people of their right to enter upon the forests as they choose for all proper and lawful purposes.

As has been repeatedly pointed out before, the primary requisite to meet this hazard is, approved camp grounds made fire-proof, to be supplied with pure water and provided with sanitary toilets and means for garbage disposal. The cost of such improvements is relatively small. All told, 148 additional camp grounds were at least partially equipped during the year, increasing the number to 599.

If you have no use for an article and someone else would, advertise it in the classified column.