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THE NEWSPAPER'S PART

Frequently we are so closely associated with institutions or a commodity that we do not appreciate their worth. This applies in general to 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 real 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 very 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 they 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.

SIDEWALKS ON THE PIKES?

Sidewalks may have to be provided along all rural highways at some time in the future. They would cost an enormous amount of money and probably would introduce a complicating factor into the problem of road improvement.

If sidewalks along roads generally are not to become imperative a way will have to be found to protect pedestrians from road hogs. People afoot have equal rights on the roads with automobiles. Yet there are large numbers of drivers who ignore pedestrians' rights, imperil their safety and seem to take delight in bespattering them with mud or covering them with dust. Considerate drivers there are, but they appear to be few, and the walker on the public highway is in grave danger from the large numbers of inconsiderate ones.

The "rules of the road" do not appear to apply with respect to people afoot. That courtesy which has grown up among motorists, often more respected in the breach than in the observance though it be, should be extended. If pedestrians' rights are not voluntarily recognized and respected, steps will have to be taken to enforce them, or safe walks beside the rural roads will have to be provided. It is for motorists in the country to make plain whether they want more restrictions on their liberties or higher taxes for road improvements, which must come if they do not accord more consideration than is due from them to walkers.

FRIENDLY TOWNS

Small cities and towns that do not have a "Welcome" sign on every main road leading into the place are regarded as "slow" and out of date.

And as a rule, the signs emphasize friendliness regardless of whether the community has it.

Once upon a time, it is related, there was a man who believed in signs, and taking the one at the edge of a strange town literally, he drove in and prepared

to be real friendly. He sat on the curb for an hour and not one person even looked friendly, much less asked him any questions about what luck he was having among strangers.

This is a mistake common to us all. We boast of our friendliness and advertise the fact to the world, but we never exercise our shaking arm on strangers, and never discommode ourselves in order to give them pleasant remembrances of their visit.

The holiday season is at hand. Thousands of motorists are going to be passing through. Some of them will stop here if they get the right kind of a reception; more of them will be our guests if we show ourselves hospitable.

If we are going to be friendly, let's loosen up and act human when a stranger comes within.

No Time For Doubtful Experiments

With a presidential election less than a year if it becomes more and more important that the voting public understand the basic ideals and principles that have made America's greatest prosperity and world-leadership.

There will be the usual number of arguments advanced by vote-seeking politicians and radicals. Government-ownership and free-trade advocates will have their say. Framers of harmful and foolish bills will attempt to gain a following for their vague theories.

It is the duty of every citizen to investigate and support measures that will insure a continuation of our business and industry. We are on the eve of a greater age than the world has ever seen. Great projects are being executed. The next president will have to consider such ever-growing problems as the tariff, and taxation—both corporation and personal. He will have to stand as a rock against public ownership of industry if our constitutional rights are to be preserved. It is no time for doubtful experiments.

Fortunately, the American people can usually be counted upon to support principles that have been proven practical. Their votes have always been cast overwhelmingly in favor of conservative but progressive government.—Manufacturer.

ARSON RING CAUGHT!

With the sentencing in November of the band of crooked merchants and professional firebugs that confessed to setting fire to a large warehouse in New York City, one of the most spectacular arson cases in the country has just been satisfactorily closed.

Judge Goddard, in the United States District Court, meted out sentences of six and eight years in Atlanta Federal Prison, with a corresponding heavy fine to the principals responsible for robbing the insurance companies of large sums of money in arson fires. All those guilty threw themselves upon the mercy of the court.

Judge Goddard, speaking to United States attorney Tuttle after the sentences had been imposed, said:

"Mr. Tuttle, it is quite proper for the court to state that through the very efficient handling of this case by yourself and your assistants and the gentlemen who have been associated with you here, the Fire Department of the City of New York, the Fire Commissioner and the Fire Marshal, you have succeeded without any trial, in ridding this community of men who are a real menace to life and property of this city."

Similar good work should be encouraged. Make this country too "hot" to hold an arsonist. He is one of the lowest criminals in the list and deserves no public sympathy.—Manufacturer.

CANADIAN JUSTICE

Seventy-eight little children lost their lives last January in a fire and panic in a Montreal theatre. On October 31 the proprietor of the theatre was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, and two employes of the theatre were sentenced to a year in jail, in connection with the catastrophe.

There have been few, if any, convictions in connection with similar tragedies this side of the boundary.

Quick punishment for criminal fires is one of the surest ways to reduce fire loss and death.—Manufacturer.

If women had any sense there would be more bachelors.

Some neighbors will borrow everything, including trouble.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHARLES H. BROWN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the Estate of Charles H. Brown, deceased, by the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, and has duly qualified; All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, as by law required, to the undersigned at his office on Bridge street, in the city of Vernonia, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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We of the United States have more of all that makes life worth living than any other people on earth now have or ever had.—Bernard J. Mullaney.

St. Paul—Thirty-six acres of flax fibre here paid grower \$5600 for 144 tons.

Nyssa—Construction begin on 2 1/2-mile road to Owyhee reclamation dam.

Medford census shows 13,000 city residents.

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