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LET US DO SOMETHING

Last Saturday night's fire should arouse the people of this town to the importance of doing something to avert such a calamity in the future. The utterly helpless way in which people gazed at their property as it was rapidly vanishing in smoke would have been ludicrous if it had not been a serious matter. Everyone who witnessed the fire will admit that the rudest and simplest kind of preparation for fighting fires would have resulted in saving one half the property destroyed. Half of the property lost in Leavenworth by fires in the last six years would have paid for a water system and in addition would have saved several thousand dollars to property holders in reduced insurance rates. As it is, very few companies will take risks here, preferring to stay away from a town that is so indifferent to the danger. A late comer to Leavenworth can hardly understand how the town has been so long without at least some manner of fire protection when a water system could be put in so easily.

Did some people realize, last Saturday night, that it was less than 200 feet from the fire to the Wenatchee river? It is understood that the Lamb-Davis people intend putting in a system of water during the coming summer, but is it possible to put in fire plugs or hydrants, organize a fire company and purchase hose carts and such other fire fighting apparatus as a town of this size ought to have without incorporating? The Echo does not think it is.

Would it not be a good idea for the business men and property owners of Leavenworth to take this matter up seriously and decide upon some plan for the future security and welfare of the town.

There is every reason for believing that within the next two years Leavenworth will double in size and population. It is already next to Wenatchee, the most important town in the county. The population and volume of business being exceeded only at the county seat. It is scarcely desirable notoriety to have it go abroad that there is no fire protection in Leavenworth and underwriters will have none of it. No, Leavenworth must have some kind of adequate fire protection for the future if we want it to make substantial growth.

Since the above was written and put in type the Echo has been informed that certain influential parties have the matter of incorporation and also water works under consideration and in due time the matter will be laid before the people of Leavenworth.

Leavenworth is going to grow, don't you forget it. If you are in business, you may expect opposition. It doesn't matter what line you are in. If you can't stand opposition you had better get out of the procession of progress or it will run over you. The only enterprise that is exempt that we know of is the Great Northern. It will probably continue to have the field by itself.

The great advantage which a brick building has over a frame, in a fire was shown on last Sunday morning in the way the Adams & Burke building stood the test. Although one story, and the Overland hotel, which stood immediately adjoining was a very large frame and almost three stories in height, but with very little effort the brick was saved. A brick or stone building costs of course more in the beginning but in the end is vastly cheaper and offers greater protection in fire and storm, and when it is possible, it would seem, a prudent man would decide on this character of structure.

God moulded into being a noble creature when he made a friend who has a smile for every joy, a tear for every sorrow, a consolation for every grief, an excuse for every fault, a prayer for every misfortune and encouragement for every hope, the value of which can not be weighed by either the gold or silver standard.—Ex.

"KEEP YOUR EYE" ON LEAVENWORTH.

This town is growing rapidly and a fine class of people are coming here to reside and make this place their permanent home. New industries are being established and plans are being perfected for a number of brick blocks to be built during the coming summer. A theater is being talked of and bids fair to be realized. As near as we can learn at least seven brick blocks will be erected. Building will be very active and carpenters and masons will be as busy as bees. Capital is coming to this town and can't be kept out, and any one coming to this town for business or work will find the latch string on the outside if they are good citizens and willing to do their share in the upbuilding of the town and the surrounding country. Drones and knockers we have no room for and neither do we need the boomer, we are all too busy to listen to his siren song. By March 1st it is believed the electric lighting plant will be completed and ready to turn on the current.

Work on the new water system will soon be well under way, while the brick yards will be working to their full capacity as soon as the weather will permit.

This town is making steady and substantial growth which bids fair to bring

the population well above a thousand within the next six months. Let us tell the facts about our town and let the world know what advantages Leavenworth has to offer to the home seeker.

The following gem, entitled "Opportunity," from the pen of the gifted John J. Ingalls is worth a prominent place in the scrap book of every boy and girl in this land:

Master of human destinies am I; Fame, love, and fortune on my footsteps wait.

Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate Deserts and seas remote, and passing by Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late

I knock unbidden once at every gate;

If sleeping, wake; if feasting, rise before I turn away. It is the hour of fate, And they who follow me reach every state

Mortals desire, and conquer every foe

Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate, Condemned to failure, penury, and woe,

Seek me in vain, and uselessly implore, I answer not and I return no more.

The Big Bend Chief says it learns from a reliable source that Krupp will have a depot next spring. It will be located almost a quarter of a mile from the business part of the town. This will be inconvenient, but Krupp people by this time are thoroughly educated in enduring inconveniences from the Great Northern, but they want the depot. It is said that the railroad will also build a section house at this point in the near future.

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