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### OWN A HOME.

Nothing is a greater bar to progress and prosperity than uncertainty. When a radical congress is in session business waits; when crops are uncertain farmers keep their cash; when an election is pending financiers withhold their loans. Everywhere uncertainty causes a suspension of activity. Relieve the uncertainty and activity is returned and business goes ahead. Merely to live has its business aspects; to hedge oneself about with uncertainties as to future plans is to shut off many opportunities for financial advancement and improvement.

In no place of existence is this uncertainty more powerful in its effects than with respect to residence. The man who does not know where he is to live from year to year is like the tree that is constantly being replanted—he does not take root and grow anywhere. This is so true that ownership of real estate presumes prosperity.

Besides this feeling of uncertainty to deter him from making permanent advancement the renter has to combat the public's presumption of lack of interest. The renter not only loses the advantages already mentioned but he contributes his money and labor to the improvement, upkeep and beautifying of another's property, and is deprived in this way of investments that would be for his own benefit if he owned the property. The United States government, realizing these facts, have set aside in various parts of the nation large tracts of public lands which have been surveyed in quarter section tracts and thrown open for settlement by the citizens of the republic.

People everywhere are looking for homes, and the government realizing this, and that that government is the most stable which has the most home owners, has made it very easy for the people of the United States to obtain homes.

In the Mimbres Valley, New Mexico, is a choice tract of land containing some 200,000 acres of as fertile soil as was ever created, and supplied with an inexhaustible supply of the purest water. Much of this land has already been taken, and the settlers rearing beautiful homes and developing farms which have few equals and no superiors anywhere within the bounds of this union. There is still, however, many thousands of acres of this rich land yet unacquired, and which is just as desirable as that already filed upon. This remaining land is being claimed rapidly, and it will not be many moons before this entire valley will represent one of the most beautiful and prosperous agricultural sections to be found anywhere.

The settlers of this valley are true "homesteaders." No man has any worry about the rent coming due, or whether he will occupy the same place another year. He realizes that all the labor he expends upon this one particular tract of land is being placed upon his home farm. He is beautify-

ing his own home-place; he is making for himself a habitation wherein to enjoy life and spend his last days of earth in peace and quietude, and which will be handed down to his posterity as a place beautiful. His children will look back to the old homestead, and every room will have for them a history, while around the whole house will cluster memories too tender and too sacred to be expressed in words.

The man who migrates to a new country is not only courageous but wise. He is taking advantage of his opportunity. He is working out his own destiny in a masterful manner, and the day is not far distant when the little family that now gathers around him as he dwells in a rented property, will rise up and call him "blessed," because he has procured for them a home—has done the best he could. And the admonition of the Most High will voice the dictates of his old conscience when at last he rests from his labors, in saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

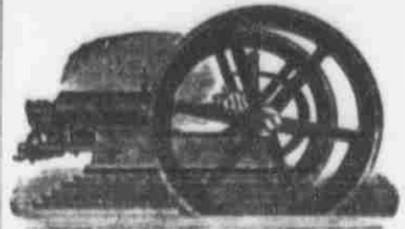
### ESSENTIALS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

The character of any town is determined by its permanent rather than its transient citizens. Columbus is a new town, little more than two years of age, and a large number of the people who are now coming here for residence will live here a good part of their lives. Therefore the present and the near future citizens will be largely answerable for the town's future. If they are enterprising and broad minded, the town as a political unit will adopt an enterprising and broad-gauged policy. Community atmosphere is as essential as home atmosphere. No citizen can safely live for himself alone. He is one of the component parts of this community, and, whether he be active or passive, he exerts a potent influence in determining its character. Knowing, as everybody does know, that early environment leaves a permanent impress upon the child, it is difficult to explain the indifference of citizens with respect to their part in making the environment in which they, their children and their neighbor's children spend the formative period of their lives. Everyone acknowledges the importance of mental, moral and spiritual atmosphere—why not give due consideration to business atmosphere as well? And community enterprise is just as essential as individual business enterprise.

Every community is organized for business purposes, to carry on the public business of its citizens. The methods, the economy and the effectiveness with which the business of this community is conducted, depend upon the enterprise of the community's business managers—public officials. And the character of these officials is in turn largely determined by the character of the citizenship of this community. The first election of the new state will soon be at hand. It will not only be an election of state and district officials, but of county and township as well. There will be many candidates in the field to choose from. Now is an opportunity to exercise your faculties of discretion, judgment, and show to your fellow citizens the degree of public spirit stored within your breast.

If we want the public business conducted in an enterprising and efficient manner, we must elect enterprising and efficient men to office, and we must then support them in their work. To do all this good citizens must show their interest in the public's business to the extent of learning what shall be done, how it should be done, and whether it is being done in the proper manner. To do this is to be broad-gauged, public spirited and enterprising citizens.

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