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Drune Pickin's

By Scott Bates

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Ye ed. of Drune Pickin's believes that we should all display some civic pride. Now for instance—there's the city hall. Some local citizen was walking by the city hall one day and noticed the bleak bare walls of that ancient and prehistoric building. Straightway he ordered some climbing vine seed sprinkled around the base of the building and behold the result. Mother scrubs little Willie's neck and ears just before Sunday school time. That's also included in the list of improvements.

Ye ed. suggests—
 That the county court plant some wild rose bushes in the courtyard to camouflage the holes left by the stump pullers.

That they also provide uniforms for the courthouse attachés, to distinguish them from the officials.

That Fred Haynes erase the squirrel ranch homesteads on his map in the land office and thus save some ex-service men from going nutty.

That the waterfront villagers wear bobbed hair and batik smocks and get all temperamental—just like the Greenwich villagers. Think of having a Latin quarter right in our own home town.

That Bill Mutt change his name to Andy Gump.

That L. J. Barnes take a correspondence course in some barber's school.

That Lott Moore put mufflers on the Espee whistles.

That someone try to make broccoli wine.

That the street intersection traffic monuments be made of some soft material, preferably rubber.

That the school teachers quit vamping all of our bachelors. The crop is getting thinned.

That the crap shooters let us alone.

That tobacco chewing townspeople move a little closer to the curb when expectorating.

That the people who oppose dances open their convictions to themselves. What's the use starting arguments when neither side could be convinced?

That the folks who belong to every fraternal organization in town wear their lodge pins on their B. V. D.'s and thus not worry us with their billboard-like appearance.

That the Roseburg poets form a union and adopt resolutions not to send any more of their writings to ye ed. for perusal. Our poetry is rotten enough, we are informed, without inflicting any more bunk upon the poor, unsuspecting public.

That the city duds the some crepe on the several public drinking fountains around the village.

That the makeup man of the News-Review force refrain from placing Bull Durham ads near this column.

That the undertaker quit asking us about our health.

That the street cleaning department work in co-operation with the snipe-shooters.

That Mr. Ground Hog stay in his hole all of today.

That the grocery stores not inflict any more breakfast foods upon us.

That our creditors not send us any come valentines. This has ceased to be a joke with us.

That Frank Calkins slice down our taxes a few cents this year.

That all jokes about the earthquake be laid on the shelf.

That Gawge Quine wear a plug hat and dress suit when on duty with the county court. The judge should look more dignified.

That the jitneys slow up at the corners.

That the city and county jail be relegated to the scrap heap along

with the world's battleships.
 That the ten-year naval holiday be made to include newspaper reporters.
 That the Roseburg people receiving seeds from their congressmen not plant them and thus avoid becoming all "hot up."
 That everyone but ye ed. clean up their back yards.
 That the telephone poles through the city be painted in barbershop style. Then when it rains we'll think we're in Venice.
 That the restaurants quit calling hamburger steak "liberty steak."
 That the local pool sharks not complain when their wives ask them to pack in an armload of wood.
 That Louis Reizenstein sell the faded postage stamps to transients only.
 That Hardy Stanton quit spading in his garden and making the rest of us young bucks look like thirty cents.
 That the Benson school be changed to look like a school instead of a prison.
 That the high school put up a garage for the students with flippers and thus save parking in the streets nearby.
 That the Rose school install electric lights around the building for the convenience of spooners.
 That our readers quit comparing this column with the Whiz Bang.
 That something besides potatoes be planted in the space between the streets in North Roseburg.
 That the young flappers with short skirts wear weights on the hems on windy days.
 That the local capitalists join the chamber of commerce and help make the town that made them.
 That the boarding houses serve hash under some other name.
 That local brewers quit bragging about their home brew.
 That the city council keep their feet off the tables while in session.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Gentlemen:

This letter is written with the kindest feeling, and with what I believe is to the best interest of the chamber of commerce. It is not written in a spirit of criticism, but because the writer believes you are about to do a thing that you have not considered as carefully as you should.

In last night's issue of the paper you announced that the chamber of commerce would sponsor a dance, which would be the big affair of the season. Gentlemen, have you thought how this will affect quite a large number of your members? Many members of the chamber of commerce are also active members in the churches of this city. These people are conscientiously opposed to the public dance. Now your action makes them a party to this dance, since they are members of the chamber of commerce, and thereby you do something to override the conscientious convictions of a large number of your members. Do you think, gentlemen, that this is just exactly a square deal?

About one year ago, at the close of the B'nai B'rith meetings in this city, there was a sum of money left in the treasury which was voted for the use of the chamber of commerce to help them get on their feet. But the money was voted on condition that certain plans would be followed. This money was in the hands of the local Ministerial association, of which body I was president. This

schools by appropriate programs and the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers.

body has changed its personnel, but its principles are still the same, and I am still the president of the organization. I believe, my friends, that in the action you are now taking that you are forgetting one of the great principles upon which this money was finally voted into your treasury by the ministers.

A few days ago, by your committee, of which I happened to be chairman, you sent a communication to our congregation, as well as to the other congregations of Roseburg, asking us to take a membership in the chamber. We have not yet considered that communication, because our board has not had a meeting. The congregation I serve has a constituency of some 400 members. Not all of these, but the big majority of them, conscientiously oppose the public dance. Now since you have taken this action that you have publicly announced, you could hardly expect us to act favorably on your proposition to take out a membership in the chamber, and thereby be a party to this dance.

I am a minister of the gospel in your city. I have tried to live worthy of the confidence of the people here in the four years of my residence. Now I conscientiously oppose the public dance. I am a member of the chamber, and have always been a booster for it. Now people say, Rev. Hillton is a member of the chamber of commerce, and the chamber is giving a dance, and hence Rev. Hillton is a party to the dance. Do you think this is the proper position to place the men of the ministry of this city who are anxious to see the work of the chamber succeed?

Recently the chamber gave a fine dinner, with a large attendance, and apparently perfect harmony, and everyone anxious to go on. Why turn round now and do something that will estrange a number of your members and put them in a position that overrides their convictions? Why do something that will again create discord, when we were on the way to a most successful year? Believe me, gentlemen, I give every man a right in his conscientious convictions. Will you give me the same right? Then, if so, why do something which will separate some of us from further co-operation with this body?

In closing, let me say again this is not intended as a knock, for I want to boost, and it is a personal appeal to do those public things as a body that will hold our membership in unison, and not estrange part of them.

Most respectfully,
 F. H. HILTON,
 Pastor Christian Church; Pres. of Ministerial Association.

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ILLITERACY IN STATE DECREASING

Statistics Gathered by State School Supt. Shows Ignorance Losing Ground.

PERCENTAGE IS LOWER

Fewer Illiterates and Percentage Decreases in Spite of Growth in Population As Shown By Data Collected Throughout the State.

In spite of a growth in population, the number of illiterates in the state has decreased since 1910, according to statistics received by County School Superintendent O. C. Brown, from the office of the state school superintendent. In 1910 there were 10,504 illiterates in the state. It was estimated, while the 1920 census disclosed 9,317 illiterates. In 1910 the percentage of illiteracy was 1.9 per cent and in 1920 it was 1.5 per cent, a satisfactory showing considering the fact that the population increased from 672,765 in 1910 to 783,289 in 1920.

State Superintendent J. A. Churchill has been working for some time gathering these facts concerning illiteracy in the state, the county superintendent has been informed and the data resulting from the investigation will be of great advantage to the schools of the state which will endeavor to overcome the present degree of illiteracy to the greatest extent possible.

"It is the purpose of the schools of the state to overcome illiteracy," Mr. Brown says. "The fact that the schools are functioning in an efficient manner is shown in the fact that the percentage of illiteracy is decreasing in the face of a growth in population. If we are to keep ahead of ignorance we must progress in educational facilities and to do this the greatest attention must be given our schools and institutions of learning. The people of Oregon should do more to encourage their schools and should give more time and thought to making their schools efficient if they would overcome the effects of illiteracy."

"Illiteracy does not tend to produce good government but on the other hand is the breeding ground of anarchy and bolshevism. This fact is plainly recognized by all thinking persons and being the case the good citizens of the country are justified in giving more and more time to the interests of their schools and colleges which become primarily the foundations of good government by stamping out the source of the principle antagonistic to American ideals."

Douglas county and Roseburg stand quite well among the other counties and cities in the state. The number of illiterates in the county is 123 while Roseburg has 8 illiterates. Statistics regarding the subject of illiteracy in the state are as follows: Total number of illiterates 10 years old or over, 9,317. Native white illiterates, 1,990. Foreign born white illiterates, 5, 173. Negro illiterates, 89. Illiterate males of voting age, 5, 257. Illiterate females of voting age, 3, 248. Rural illiteracy, 4,316. Urban illiteracy, 2,601. Percentage of illiteracy in the state, 1.5.

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Illiteracy by counties:

Gilliam	10
Crook	17
Lake	25
Wheeler	23
Curry	28
Morrow	42
Tillamook	42
Sherman	45
Benton	46
Wallowa	46
Grant	51
Douglas	70
Dushute	70
Harney	70
Lincoln	71
Polk	86
Jefferson	92
Hood River	97
Cook	108
Jackson	112
Yamhill	123
Douglas	123
Linn	125
Union	128
Malheur	128
Coon	159
Columbia	176
Baker	179
Lane	182
Wasco	261
Klamath	275
Washington	292
Clackamas	283
Clatsop	460
Marion	567
Umatilla	732
Multnomah	8,335

Illiteracy by cities:

Astoria	304
Eugene	41
Portland	3,654
Salem	307
Albany	27
Ashland	24
Baker	39
Clend	7
Corvallis	13
Dallas	7