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A Class That Deserves More Pay

The La Grande school board did well to advance the pay of teachers at its recent meeting, an advance amounting to about ten dollars per month. If any fault is to be offered over this transaction it is that the advance was hardly enough. It, at least, is not in proportion to the advances made in the rate of pay in almost all other occupations.

School teachers—the genuine teachers and not the ones who adopt teaching as a temporary means of support for a year or two with the idea of abandoning the profession at the first opportunity—have almost always been underpaid regardless of the present advanced money standard and the fifty-cent dollar. They are just that much more entitled to more salary under the present conditions.

Of course mother love and her zealous care comes first, but after that who is it more than the teacher that stamps the impress of character and interest in life on the mind of the child? The teachers occupy the initial place in the structure of civilized life and, as a rule, have been the most poorly paid. In hardly any other instance has the precept of highest approval in regard to the "laborer being worthy, etc." been so nearly subverted as in the case of those who wield such an indulgent care over the future citizenship.

The costs of preparation for the work, the necessity of keeping up with the times and then the enforced suspension of work for a good portion of the year are a few of the reasons why the teacher is entitled to more pay than is usually allowed.

There are school districts all over the country that vote funds without stint for good buildings and accessories and take great pride in the outward show and at the same time are chary of the amount of money to be expended for those who make these appointments of actual value and benefit to the community.

A Good Word for the Worthy Crow

Even the despised and hated crow has its useful moments. In fact, the good deeds performed by that bird so overwhelmingly exceed his misdeeds that the Dominion entomological department in Canada is now pressing the claims of the crow as the fittest friend.

The department recently published a report in which it reminds farmers that the crow follows the plow for the purpose of devouring insects and grubs and other destructive creatures found in the freshly turned soil.

No matter how a new grain seed gets later or how much harm it does to growing plants, it never gets any where nearly so much as would be destroyed by those harmful insects were they left to their own devices in the soil, instead of being gulped up in plowing season.

It may be difficult to persuade farmers to love the crow at this late date. But they should seriously consider this proof that he earns his living, for the most part, honestly.

One of those Spanish adding machines has figured out that it would take an expert bank teller 192 years to count out a billion dollars, if he worked eight hours a day, and six days a week. We'll settle with any old bank teller for what he counts out in the first ten years.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, the most strenuous effort is being made to rebuild the city of San Francisco.

Elevating Standards of Living

If our forefathers who crossed the continent in prairie schooners had consumed everything they produced from year to year we would still be crawling the plains behind ox teams. Since the progress of civilization and improvement in our mode of life is dependent upon the spending of our collective income, the more rapidly the national accumulation of producing capital is increased through saving, the more quickly will the standard of living rise to such a point that the elemental needs of the world for food, clothing and shelter will be met. The realization of this principle has been vastly quickened by the dramatically taught lessons of the world war, and the progressive nations of the world are now taking steps to educate their citizens to the personal and national benefits to be secured through intelligent saving and investment in government securities.

To retain and develop this benefit of war-taught thrift for the United States, our government continues to offer the attractive War Savings stamps that has become so popular with the small investor because of its convenient denomination, accessibility for purchase, high rate of interest, and unquestionable safety. Citizens with the stamp habit should keep it up. Others should form the habit without delay.

The wireless telephone has been perfected to such a degree that it is possible now to carry on a conversation with a steamship passenger from the time he sails from an American port until he lands in England or France. That is, if the victim doesn't jump into the drink before he lands.

GRAIN CORPORATION MAY HANDLE THE WHEAT GUARANTEE

Secretary of Agriculture Notifies Director of Extension That Present Policy Is Best

Carrying out the guaranteed wheat price agreement of the United States is to be left in the hands of the federal grain corporation, unless President Wilson designates the department of agriculture as the handling agency, says a recent notice to O. D. Center, director of G. A. C. extension. The secretary of agriculture believes the grain corporation is best fitted by organization and experience to go ahead and close up its work. The guarantee act seems to assume that this should be continued. It would be difficult for any other agency to set up machinery for handling the matter, and a great deal of duplication would be bound to result.

"The task is of great magnitude and the time till the 1919 crop begins to move is short," the secretary tells Director Center. The secretary has called the president urging continued use of the grain corporation, but says that if the President desires the department to handle the guarantee it will assume the task and do the best it can.

OBSERVER WAS IN ERROR REGARDING PROF. DAVIS

Announcing yesterday that the Easter services in the Presbyterian church would be conducted by Prof. Davis, the Observer failed to credit him with his proper connection. Prof. Davis is head of the English department of Whitman College, Walla Walla, "Hesperian University," where the Observer located his chair, seems to be an entirely imaginary institution.

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LONG ENOUGH TO HATCH A GOOD ONE
I REALLY EXPECTED SOME RESULTS BY EASTER!
WORLD PEACE TERMS

NEW FICTION RECEIVED AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

A number of new books will be placed on the shelves of the library this evening. These are the second shipment of new novels received since the war. No new fiction was purchased during the war. The liberal purchase of new books is one possible reason for the large circulation this spring. During March 2523 volumes were issued, the largest number since the establishment of the library.

Includes the usual assortment of wild west stories and detective tales, the - over include this list:
The Trench, by Max De la Pasture.
McAllister's Grove, by Marion Hill.
The Beauty of Fortunate, by John L. Campbell.
Jettisoning, by Selma Lagerlof.
Sunshine Bonanza, by Sidney McCall.

Hermione and Her Little Group of Socius Fighters. This is made up of the newspaper magazine copy of Lou Marquis, and is a delightfully amusing notice on the superficial study of various movements, by fanatics of the type common to large American cities.

Watermarks, by Archibald Marshall, generally spoken of as the modern Anthony Trollope. Several more of Trollope's novels have been added.

Come out to the Kitchen, by Alice Duer Miller.
Apple's House of Dreams, by I. M. Montgomery.

Parasites of Wheels, by Christopher Morley.
The Man with the Broken Ear, by Edmund Spenser.

Symone Solbakken, by Bjornson.
The Yambullis, an Indian romance, by J. C. Cooper. This is an Oregon story.

Castle Backrent, and The Absence, by Martha Edgeworth.
Ship that sank in the night, by Beatrix Harraden.

A Mountain Sealed, by Anne Thon.
The Mountain, by C. D. Snodgrass. This is better known under the original title of the Coward of Thermopylae.

A Cry in the Wilderness, by M. E. Waller.
The Dairy Chain, by Charlotte Yonge. Several adaptations of actual events have kept over this time and sentimental tale of family life. The modern sophisticated world can say not to be touched as it, but many of the older people will be glad to read

it for old time's sake. In spite of its old-fashioned qualities, it has enough human bite-out to have kept it in print for over sixty years.

TREASURER'S CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS

NOTICE. The undersigned treasurer of Union county has funds on hand with which to pay all warrants issued on the general fund and endorsed not paid for want of funds prior to April 3, 1919. Interest ceases on the above warrants on April 5, 1919.

JOHN FRAWLEY, Treasurer of Union County.
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NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by my wife on or after April 14, 1919.

4-14-19. EVERETT E. WALKER.

BAKER-LA GRANDE AUTO STAGE
Caviness & Thomas
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Pauline Lederle