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LITERACY TEST FOR VOTERS

Next fall in New York state the question of a literacy test for voters will be submitted to the people. The test will involve the ability to read and write English. This is a question of growing interest in many communities and is deserving of intelligent consideration.

There are arguments for and against such a test, anywhere. Undoubtedly it would fall short in some ways, and be the source of abuses in others. But if the effect of any law is mainly for the public welfare, the abuses soon die out in the light of public opinion.

The New York Times offers several arguments for such a measure, all of which are good but one of them especially so. In fact it is of such illuminating simplicity and truthfulness as to make contrary appeals seem weak.

"We are told, rather curiously, that a literacy test is 'undemocratic.' It is undemocratic to exclude from the rule of the people those who won't take the trouble to learn the language of the laws, the Constitution and the majority of the people?"

That is sense which it is hard to refute, since in most instances literacy in this country springs from lack of desire to learn rather than from lack of opportunity.

A DEBT TO FRANCE

Amid the general rejoicing at Germany's acceptance of the allied ultimatum, the debt which the world owes to France for that decision should not be forgotten. It was the implacable determination of France to end parleying and use force which brought matters to their final head.

Germany has not been regenerated in a single night. Her yielding came from no conviction of its fairness or of her own guilt; it came from a lively sense of what was about to happen to her if she refused.

It is unfair and unwise to assume, as many writers do, that having expressed compliance with the Allies' terms, Germany will continue her former efforts to dodge and evade. It is better for the present, to take her at her word, and assume that she is sincere in the expressed desire to meet her war obligations. But if there are ever any signs of the old game of double-dealing and evasion, again France will be found grimly on the job with her implacable armies, ready to hold Germany to her word in spite of herself.

When once Germany is set well upon the way of reparation, the mere habit and inertia of the thing may keep her at it to the retributive end. But only when that end comes will France relax her vigilance.

Much has been said, by the Germans and their friends, of French "vindictiveness." It is mainly to French tenacity in holding out for her own methods of correction, that the rest of the world today owes the hope of economic stability.

THE CANADIAN MARKET
Our best foreign customers are the Canadians. Last year we sold them \$900,000,000 worth of goods. This is said to represent one-eighth of the product of our factories.

POLITICAL HISTORY
May 19, 1861.—Federals attacked Confederate battery, Sewell's Point, Virginia.
May 19, 1862.—Union assault on Vicksburg began.
May 19, 1898.—Spanish fleet arrived in Santiago Cuba under the command of Cervera.

Eleventh President.
James K. Polk—Democrat.
Inaugurated March 4, 1845. Age, 49.
Term of office, 4 years.
Residence, Nashville, Tennessee.
Died November 2, 1846. Pineville, North Carolina.

High seas.
The rule of international law is that every country boistering on the seas has the exclusive sovereignty over such sea to the extent of only three miles from its shores. All beyond not within three miles of some other country is open or common to all countries.

ANNUAL SUPPER WILL BE HELD

SUMMERVILLE, May 18.—(Special.)—The Cemetery Association will hold their annual dinner and supper in the Masonic Hall on Decoration Day. The new chapel at the cemetery was dedicated Sunday. Rev. George Archer, of North Powder, delivered the address to a large audience.

Mrs. Ingram, of La Grande, has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with her cousin, Bessie Ingram. Helen Bliss spent Tuesday visiting her friend, Irene Paige.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glenn, of La Grande, were down Sunday visiting the home of Mrs. S. D. Ficklin. Mrs. Zweifel, of Elgin, was a Summerville visitor the latter part of the week.

Fred Hamilton is now suffering from an attack of appendicitis. W. F. Brock, of Portland, is now visiting his nephew, Glenn Brock. Miss Allie Slack has been helping Mrs. Etta Whitcomb with her sewing the past week.

Birdie Stearns and Barr Cantrell took in the movies at La Grande Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Heber Conrad returned from La Grande Monday, where they visited Heber's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kennon, of Imbler, were in town Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellog left Thursday morning for their home in Nebraska. They will visit friends and relatives on the way, their first stop being at Pocatello, Idaho. They are travelling by auto.

Miss Lydia M. Hug, of La Grande, was down Sunday afternoon to attend the services at the chapel. School came to a close Monday and most of the children, mothers and friends went to the La Grande park for a jolly time.

Mrs. Jessie Reiber returned to her home in Elgin Friday morning. Mrs. Reiber made a host of friends during her short stay in Summerville and it is very much regretted that she cannot return here in the school week next year.

Mrs. Pearl Heath is spending vacation with her mother, who lives at Marsden. Ish Littreal, of Imbler, is remodeling the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Combs.

Le Mar Westenskow has moved to the old saloon building, which he purchased from Mr. Ott, to Imbler. George Ott, of La Grande, visited at the home of his brother, Frank Ott, last week.

Mrs. C. M. Hale was a passenger on the stage Tuesday morning on her way to Lodi to visit relatives. Mrs. Elsie Marchison, of Cove, was a visitor here over Sunday. She attended the services at the new chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill, of Elgin, were also visitors here Sunday.

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The family of W. A. Daniels has moved to Palmer Junction to spend the summer. They will return home when school begins this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hammersley

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have moved to their ranch north of town to spend the summer. Mrs. Miles Woodell and Mrs. Bart Oliver gave the eighth grade examination at Dry Creek. Lois Ryoce, of the Sacred Heart Academy at La Grande, spent the week-end at her home here.

Hole in Pin!



A hole bored straight through from pinhead to point in the foot performed by William Humans, watchmaker of Cambridge, Mass. Photo shows Humans and the pin through which he drilled the hole.

Much in Little. A baby will make love stronger, says shorter, night longer, bank roll smaller, home happier, clothes shabler, the past forgotten and the future worth living for—Office Topics.

FORUM

Editor Observer: After looking over La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley about a year and a half ago, we wrote an article to the Observer, stating that conditions, as a whole, were the best for poultry in the state. Poultry, as a rule, in this locality, has been held as "a joke." But, all around conditions with poultry, eggs and feeds have been brought to the foreground this winter and spring and action to counteract the selling of the products by the producer and get feeds at a reasonable rate by organization. Therefore, a few progressive poultrymen got together and organized the Eastern Oregon Poultry Producers Association, with headquarters at La Grande, with L. M. Jensen president and C. S. Schultz, secretary.

Members are being enrolled regularly and we have a healthy organization. Meeting the first Saturday of each month at 2 p. m. A special meeting was held Saturday last, the 4th, for the purpose of forming some committees. One is a "Feed Committee," with C. M. Stackland, chairman, R. F. Greene, secretary, and J. K. Lant, assistant. This committee is to purchase wheat corn oats, barley and other such grains from farmers adjacent to La Grande, that are being used for poultry feeds, and those who are interested in a market for their grains should confer with this committee.

Another committee was named, on "Markets and Storage," with L. M. Jensen, chairman; J. H. Day, secretary, and F. E. White, assistant.

This Committee will keep in touch with the markets and know when and where to dispose of our products; and if a market is not available, then we may place them in storage until we can realize a fair margin for our products.

There was also an "Advisory and Inspection" committee named, with J. W. Burns, chairman; Harry Avery, secretary, and W. C. Pickett, assistant. This committee was named to look out for the field work; making an inspection of flocks; to give advice on further buildings, care and feeds for best results, also the necessity of hogging or trap-netting, as the only sure method of building up flocks to make a success in the poultry business.

The co-operation of the several lines of business are essential for the growth of that business. Hence, we co-operate. The best authorities we have in the state are unanimous as to the really logical point for a Central poultry clearing house for the northwest, and that is La Grande. We are in the center of the grain-producing section; sizes of farms to suit; soil never failing; raising everything produced in any other section of the state. To those who are looking for ideal conditions for large or small poultry plants, do see our wonderful Grande Ronde valley. Kindly confer with our secretary.

R. F. GREENE.

Quadruplets!



Michael Seise of New Haven, Conn., knows how "the old woman in the shoe" felt. He's raising home team twins to help care for the quadruplets the same presented to his wife recently. Their combined weight at birth was 20 pounds.

Too Many for This Mother



● Mothering her 21 pigs—a record family—has so overwhelmed this sow that she has had to bid foster mothers to help her at dinner time. The sow is owned by Miller brothers of the famous 101 ranch near Arkansas City, Kan.

Dog Racing Is Latest in Oklahoma



● Dog racing is the thing in Tulsa, Okla. Dogs race out of morning for horse racing, and the sport has grown rapidly popular. There is no doubt the future is bright for dog racing in Oklahoma.

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DANCE

At Rex Hall, Friday night, May 20. Given by Castle Five Orchestra.

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MODERN WOMEN OF AMERICA—La Grande Chapter No. 7143 meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in the K. of P. Hall. Visiting fraternities welcome. H. C. HALL, V. C. JAKE ROOSTOCK, Clerk.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41. A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Fridays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons.

F. O. BAULES—Aerie No. 267, meets every Friday night at Eagles Hall. Visiting members welcome. W. P. WILDSHILL, Secretary.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Camp No. 163. Meets every first and third Monday at Eagles Hall. All visiting neighbors welcome. Dues payable at the office of the clerk, Room 21-22, La Grande National Bank Bldg.

L. O. O. F.—La Grande Lodge No. 200. Loyal Order of Moose, holds regular meetings every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. in Eagles Hall, next to Elks Building, on Wednesday evenings. Visitors always welcome. Dues payable at La Grande Pharmacy and at J. G. Holm's Grocery Store.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27, meets every Monday evening in Castle Hall (K. of P. Hall) at 8 p. m. A Pythian welcome to all visiting knights.

WOMAN'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION of the Moosebore, La Grande Lodge No. 25. W. B. of M. Lodge meets first Thursday at 8 p. m. and third Wednesday at 8 p. m. at K. of P. Hall. Visiting Sisters welcome.

WOLA B. MACKEY, Commander. MARJORIE KATON, Record-Keeper.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 12. O. E. S. holds stated communication the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Visiting members cordially welcome.

HULDA HUMPHREYS, W. M. FLORENCE BACON, Sec.

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