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Our Reply to Dean Straub

Our old and highly esteemed friend, Dean Straub, of the Oregon university, answers the questions we propounded to the Portland Oregonian recently relative to results being obtained by what is termed the higher institutions of learning in this state.

But in answering them the worthy Dean indulges in such remarks as "college graduates won the late war." Those who have not been to Dean Straub's college or other colleges hesitate in making such remarks for it has been the belief of the common people that all the boys who enlisted won the war. Union cadets had twelve hundred in the war, some were college boys and many were not. They all did their best and we fail to see or understand, where the college graduate did any more in winning the great conflict than any other soldier.

The college question is one that is going to be discussed regardless of whether the Dean desires it or not. People have begun to think very earnestly on this important matter.

Men who strive hard and raise a child to work are wondering whether it is not better to content that child with a good eighth grade education and a trade rather than take a chance in sending him to one of the colleges and have him come back addicted to the social whirl and the sport of the workless majority. That is the problem, Dean Straub, which is causing anxiety—much more and much deeper anxiety than the money it requires to run the colleges.

Many have come to the belief that our "colleges" are not getting the results—that a large percentage of their product is not what it should be, and for that reason the future will not be as lenient on everything put forth under the name of education as it has been. The time has come to make the colleges show why they exist; the time has come to bring the school men of the state forward and join them in looking the situation squarely in the face.

In the deepest of seriousness, Dean Straub, our belief is that too much "educating" at the top is being done and not enough at the bottom; we see in Oregon almost everything being showered upon the university and the agricultural college, when as a matter of fact the fountain head of practical education is in a good normal school. The normal school is the institution that coaches and prepares teachers to hand on the good work to the boys and girls in the rural districts and the smaller towns; the normal school is the greatest artery of education and in Oregon we have pinched, throttled and almost severed that great artery.

Years ago our several normals were purely political pawns for legislative trading. It was through the courage of Jay Bowman, when he was in public life, that this condition was wiped out and instead of several normal schools the hope was to have one good normal school, making it strong and useful. The Monmouth school is good. It is doing excellent work as far as it goes, but the Monmouth school has been compelled to eat at the second table and stay upstairs when company came while the university and agricultural college did the water-

taining. It goes along in its modest way without complaining, but the time has now arrived when university and agricultural college training, are below par—look at your graduates by the score seeking minor office jobs—while the normal school graduates are in demand as teachers for the young over the state.

To our mind the very best educational move that Oregon can make is to draft J. A. Churchill as head of the Monmouth normal, take funds from the waste and impractical departments of the "two colleges" sufficient for him to build a normal school of some size. Let the state command him "to build us a normal that is a normal—a normal school that will train teachers so the boys and girls whose parents cannot afford to endow them with an 'allowance' to attend the university or the agricultural college may have the advantages of a good grade education in the rural districts and the country towns." In other words, say to Mr. Churchill, "build us a normal like the one at Emporia or Greeley."

No, Dean Straub, the writer is not against education—he is for education that gives the boy or girl good, wholesome American training so that he can make his way in the world, but he is opposed to the expensive, impractical methods which so many colleges practice in transforming a working boy into a lounge lizard who comes home and, instead of helping his father carry the load, demands that his "allowance" be continued.

Editor Rynearson, of the Labor Press in Portland, has been warned by the Ku Klux Klan that he is about to be man handled on a dark night by the night shift organization if he does not recant in his newspaper some of the articles he has been writing about the secret body. Rynearson may have trembled with fear, but nevertheless he made the whole affair public and Mayor George Baker has ordered a special policeman to see that the labor editor is safely cared for. Such threats are pure bunk and emanate from some sap head whose ideas have been warped by bad literature.

And now comes an osteopath who says it's water on the brain that causes us all to make monkeys of ourselves at times. He contends the average "nut" can be restored to normal mental conditions by drawing off a spoonful of water from the brain and let the blood circulate in place of the water. But will the worthy osteopath please define what a normal mind is, for that is a question that has baffled scientific research for several centuries? And what will the Portland osteopath do with that class of people known as "bone-heads?"

Judge John McCourt, who hears a good many divorces along with other court matters in Multnomah county, has evidently reached a point of sheer disgust and can now excuse our old friend, Henry McGinn, who, when on the bench, used to deal out some caustic lectures. Judge McCourt in hearing a woman's plea for divorce a few days ago, took a hand in the talking and said: "You can't please a woman—some come here for divorces because their husbands make them work and others come for divorces because they have no work to do. I tell you work is what people need and any woman who is not raising a family and keeping house ought to go to work. The hotel idlers stepped in idleness are no good." Wow, John, you're a regular Billy Sunday.

WITH US TODAY



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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN.



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The casier reformers make the task of being good the less many of us seem to care about trying it.

First Add Village Blacksmith Parody
 And makes a lotta jack,
 By tinkering with motor cars,

When they get outa whack.

Notwithstanding our vigorous crusade for the abolishment of the 275 mustache, we keep right on noticing them.

Verily, us reformers has a hard time.

Little Lizzie Ford, born 1894—family row numbers 2,700,572, up to January 7, 1920. Total all makes of cars in U. S., 6,982,200.

I'd like to throttle
 The far from few
 Who show their learning
 By saying, "Boucoup."

We opine that if any woman had all the clothes she wanted, the rest of the women would have to go around in barrels.

Everything is relative, as Dr. Einstein says. Your ambition, perhaps, is for a chateau in the Alps, or a foreign motor car, or a sunburst of platinum and diamonds, or a chew dog. Ours is for a piece of elderberry pie with ice cream on top.

It has been said that a "Domestic Slacker" is a woman who wheels a tea-wagon around the house while friends husband is pushing the baby-buggy around the block.

One bright young La Grande youngster says mother can always find out what Father did when he stayed out until 3 a. m. She asks him to tell all the things he did and then she knows all the things he was afraid to mention.

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For any kind of wear, soft or hard finish materials in patterns following closely those of the new Autumn suits. An extra pair of trousers that would match an odd coat you may have, would be a great saving. Better look them over.

"HANDCRAFT" SOFT COLLARS

Have your neck piece among the men of La Grande who like the comfortable soft collar. They are made with starched reinforcements on the inner band and keep their shape as a linen collar. Try one you'll buy more. Sold exclusively here.

New For Fall Silks, Woolens, Velvets.

As beautiful an assortment of dress materials as has ever been shown at such an early date. No doubt in passing directly from the summer season to the new fall things is slightly overstepping at this time but with so much that is new and rich with the coming of a new season, it is hard to confine ourselves to a brief list of remaining summer materials—we must tell you of the new.

Here are woolen skirts, stripes and plaids, to be more popular than ever. Priced at \$1.59 to \$6.50 yd.

And there are a number of woolens, such as Tricotine, Parlet Twill, Flannels and Wool Wool Coatings. Also Wool Jersey and French Serges. All these comprise a wonderful assortment for early dressmakers, and at a noticeable decline in prices over those of a year ago.

Monte Carlo Crepe is a new silk material for fall. In a variety of colors. Priced at \$6.00 yd. Beautiful new panne velvet in blue, black and brown, 46 inches wide. For dress suits, children's coats, etc. Priced at \$6.50 yd. Inspection invited.

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