

EX-WALLOWAN ANSWERS CALL

WALLOWAN, Ore. (Special) — Word was received here by relatives Monday morning telling of the death of John Anderson, at Payette, Idaho. Mrs. Anderson has been working for the past several weeks, and left Monday for Idaho accompanied by her son H. O. Anderson, and two daughters, Leola Anderson, and Mrs. Bud Simms of Enterprise. Mr. Anderson came from the east to this county with his family about 24 years ago, taking up a homestead on Whiskey creek, where he lived for a number of years, he later disposed of his holdings here and moved to a small place near Welser, Idaho where he lived until about two years ago when his health became too poor to operate the place, since that time he has made his home with a son living near Payette. He is survived by his widow and four sons, and two daughters as follows: Robert of Payette, James of Hood River, John and H. O. Anderson of this place, Mrs. Sade Simms of Enterprise, and Leola Anderson of Wallowa. Mr. Anderson was about 77 years of age.

Quite a large number of grange members from this section attended the Union County Pomona meeting held at Elgin last Saturday.

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Correspondents Must Submit Their Names to the Editor if They Desire Letters Printed.

To the Editor of the La Grande Evening Observer:

My dear Sir:

As you have so generously given space in your paper to a discussion of a certain school law enacted by the legislature of the sovereign state of Tennessee, perhaps you will be so kind as to print another opinion on this matter.

Many states have for years passed laws concerning this matter of "education." These laws have dealt with various and sundry matters all the way from taxation to teacher's qualifications and text books. As a matter of fact through the selection of text books and the course of study. The state has long since been arrogating the right to dictate what of knowledge shall be taught, and to what shall not go into their stomachs. The same principle at work in the Anglo-Saxon citizenry that still incline toward Protectionism, Fordism, Introspection and rigid righteousness wrote one law in the statute of Oregon, a second in those of Tennessee, and a third in the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of U. S.

It is those few people who feel that their privileges have been abridged and that the spirit of the Constitution has been violated — I say perhaps some who feel in accord with those basic principles may feel inclined to consider if one might not as well reside in Germany under the old regime or in Russia under the new where the state dictates the whole procedure of life, when the child is born, how he shall be educated after the state ideal; when a state arrogates the rights to: (1) specify a definite place where a child must acquire his knowledge; (2) and may not that knowledge be taken home and educated after the state ideal; the sovereign right of the citizen to regulate his own child.

Nevertheless so long as we are citizens of these United States, so long as these U. S. remain a democracy, no less as the "ill-

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mate right of power to legislate and to choose its legislators is vested in its sovereign people and not in a few mental giants that long will that sovereign people continue to make its own laws. I would venture to suggest to those who are so upset over the action of Tennessee's legislature that they speak to Associate Justices McReynolds and Sanford or to the Democratic and Republican national floor leaders of the house, all of whom are Tennesseans, about this matter.

Until the sovereign people of these United States can be persuaded that they have no right to, and are not fitted to govern their own state, I do not think we shall have to worry about with the laws they pass. Nevertheless as it seems to be an attribute of human nature that people prefer to see the cowboys in the houses of their neighbors than to take the pains to sweep down their own, the best solution I know is for those who are so "hot up" over this matter to take a general hiatus consisting of their own premises before they venture too far afield. For if there is any one thing Tennesseans are cranky about it is "their business" and they are mighty suspicious of people's judgment who live in "class houses."

It is my understanding of a shilling citizen of the U. S. that once a law is passed by the majority of its sovereign people, that the only alternative is for one to abide by that law. So long as we live in a democracy where the majority rules—and are apt to continue to rule—laws will be passed and will be enforced regardless of whether a minority consents or denies the inherent intelligence of that law.

Thanking you for your courtesy in printing this opinion, I am,

Yours sincerely,
L. C. HENDRICKSON.

Memorial Service Held

WOODBURN, Ore.—Representatives from Salem, Silverton, Hood River and Woodburn G. A. R. posts and Women's Relief Corps attended the meeting of Marion County Veterans' association in this city. Luncheon was served to about 100 at noon.

A business meeting was held with the president, Mrs. Francis H. Goude of Silverton, presiding. In the afternoon, there was a memorial service led by Mrs. Ray Tyson, president of the Woodburn corps, for those who had died during the year—six veterans and eight members of the corps at Salem, four veterans at Woodburn and one at Silverton. This was followed by a program by school children.

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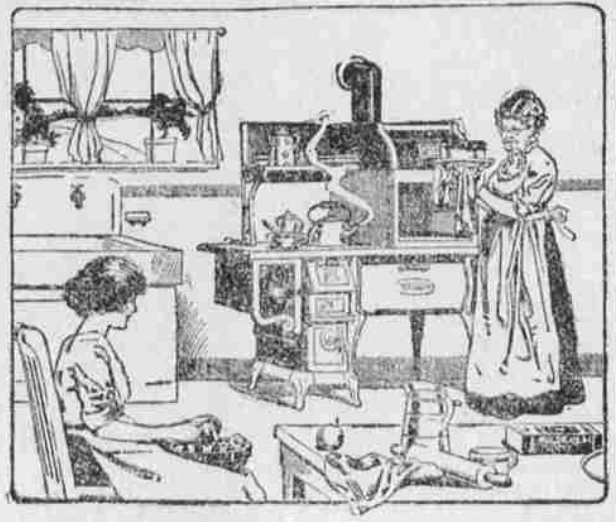
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MOVE ALICEL POST OFFICE

ALICEL (Special)—Dick Ryland who has a store here in having a building razed where he will move his goods in the near future. The postoffice will also be moved. Some fifteen entered Dick White blacksmith shop Thursday evening. Several things were missing the next morning although there was no great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Marney have moved to the John McKinnis home.

William Stein has moved into the Van Housen home.

Last Thursday morning when Kevin Moss was on his way to La Grande his car caught fire and was badly damaged. No one was injured.

The county school superintendent, E. A. Bayre, visited at the Alt school recently.



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