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THE KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.—Revelations 11:15.

## OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



any other districts in the county. Why should they be compelled to maintain their schools for the benefit of those around them when they are only partially reimbursed? Should not the entire community served help provide sufficient high school opportunities? Must we send our boys and girls away from home to get an education or shall we have the needed schools in our midst? During the war time we had to stringently economize on our schools. In fact, the war is not over yet with many people. The rural schools have suffered greatly. Poorly equipped schools and cheap teachers have driven a great many away from the rural to the city school. The result has been the dying out of the rural school and the over-crowding of the city school. Any community is measured by its school. People in looking for a location are very apt to ask, "What kind of a school do you have and how far is it?"

The Oregon law provides for three kinds of high school: district, county and union. The schools of Union county operate under the first kind mentioned. As noted in last week's report these schools receive tuition for those pupils outside of high school districts. The tuition received never is sufficient to reimburse those high school districts. On the other hand, people living outside think they are paying too much high school tax.

Under the second kind, we would have a county high school probably built and operated at the county seat, the entire county building and maintaining it. That would be a fine proposition for the people living near at hand, but how about those at a remote distance. We should not encourage such a plan at all if we expect to give pupils over the entire county a chance.

The third kind of high school is the union of two or more districts for high school purposes only. This has been found to be the most successful plan. The territory served by a certain high school is financed and controlled by the people of that territory. The valuation being greater makes the load of taxation more uniform and lighter. The organization of a union high school district is very much the same as organizing a new school district. No old debts or buildings assumed.

Many false notions get started because people are guessing at the facts. The people of Union county are informing themselves on some of these questions. Several communities are moving forward for better schools. We do not need to be extravagant, but we should expend enough money to make our schools a success.

Several districts are going to have nine months school next year when formerly they had but eight. Some are going to pay better salaries. They have a right to expect better service. We need the best teacher in the one-room rural school. The teacher must deal with all eight grades and all ages of children. Why shouldn't she be a trained and an experienced teacher? Yet many times the rural boy and girl must be practiced on from year to year by beginning teachers. Should they not have a change?

Of course, the teacher must begin somewhere. Why not begin in the city with one grade and plenty of supervision? When sixty per cent of the boys and girls of America receive their education in the rural schools why shouldn't they have as good a chance for an education as the city boys and girls?

E. A. SAYRE,  
County School Superintendent.

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### HONORING AN INVENTOR.

In this age when there is always "a picture ahead" and when every family has a camera one is apt to take it for granted that man has always had cameras and photographs or to forget that scientists and inventors have spent many years in first discovering the method of taking pictures and then perfecting the machinery with which to take them.

Over in Paris experts in photography from all parts of the world attending the international photographic congress have paid tribute to Joseph Nicéphore Niepce, who died in Chalon, France, in 1833. The average layman has never heard of the man but students of the history of photography know him as the man who made the first photograph plate and who took the first photograph.

Like many other scientists and inventors Niepce did not live to capitalize his invention. He joined partnership with Louis Jacques M. J. Nicéphore, after whom the daguerrotype was named, to make commercial use of his photographic process but died in 1839, before the first "daguerrotype" was perfected. The honor and profit due Niepce went to Daguerre.

The name of Niepce has been meaningless to the people of this and other countries. A quarter of a century ago the name of Daguerre was universally associated with photography. Improved methods of photography have made the daguerrotype obsolete and Daguerre unknown to the rising generation. When another quarter century shall have passed Daguerre, like Niepce, will live only in books on the history of photography.

### BUDGET AS A MICROSCOPE.

Budget Director Lord has told the governors of the several states that what the federal government has accomplished in the way of economy by means of the budget plan can be accomplished by state and local governments.

It is possible that Director Lord may have been over-enthusiastic in giving the budget all the credit for the lowering cost of the national government, although there is no doubt that the budget was an important factor.

If the federal government through the intelligent use of a budget can prune \$1,203,771,929 from the executive estimates for the departments of the government at Washington, what might not be done in the same direction by the state, county, municipal and school administrations if they would employ the budget plan as intelligently?

The history of the budget bureau at Washington has proven that the mere adoption of the budget plan does not guarantee governmental economies. Innumerable state and local governments are spending more money under the budget plan than they spent before adopting the plan. To effect savings through the budget it must be used as a microscope for the analysis of governmental expenditures. Up to this time no other instrument has been as effective in disclosing governmental waste.

While the budget has achieved the desired retrenchment in the cost of the national government, there would have been neither budget nor retrenchment had the public not been vigorously insistent on both. And just as soon as the taxpayers demand the curtailment of the expenditures of their state, county, school and municipal administrations the success of the federal government will be duplicated there.



### OFFICE CAT

By JUNIUS

Did anyone ever hear of a hen who mislaid an egg?  
It is getting to be that Christmas ought to be spelled Giftmas.  
Women are the same in at least one respect; they do you good for every cent.

### RULES FOR SUCCESS.

Rule No. 1.  
If you have a chance is offered—Gossip, parlor, light subdued. First, all closely, very closely. Talk and look as if infatuated.

Rule No. 2.  
Now success will make you bitter. The key hand into your own. Slip your arm around her gently. Tighten until effect is shown.

Rule No. 3.  
Act impassioned, whisper fervor of your love for her alone. And, with opportunity offered, Press your lips against her own.

Rule No. 4.  
You won't need the book now.

It is easy to tell by a man's laugh whether your joke amused or bored him.

Married people should remember that neighbors always know more about you than they let on they do.

Some how a fellow gets into a lot of things it's hard to get out of. Jail is one of them.

Footprints in the sands of time are not made by sitting down.

A foreigner, here to learn American business methods, is charged with having forged a check for \$5000. "How quickly they do learn!"

Another good thing for the complexion is to put it to bed before 2 o'clock a. m.

We see red every time we think of those blue laws.

Disappointed lover: "Wander your name, Gertie?" Sweet Young Thing: "Lizbeth." D. L.: "Well, tonight you can Ent. Drink an' be Merry."

A spendthrift is a guy with a full beard who wears a necktie.

The half of today is the brawl of yesterday.

Many a man keeps his nose to the grindstone so his wife can turn her's up at the neighbors.

### PIONEER OF 1845 DIES

INDEPENDENCE, Ore.—David William Lewis, 89, died on the family homestead. Mr. Lewis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Lewis, and was born January 11, 1845, in the state of Missouri. He crossed the plains with his parents when six months old. The family settled on the old donation claim which later became a settlement, and was named Lewisville, and where the family still reside.

As a young man Mr. Lewis married Susan Williams, a daughter of J. J. Williams, an early Benton county pioneer, who died about two years ago. To this union were born seven children, all living: Mrs. Ida Grant, Perry and Claude of Lewisville; Mrs. Jessie Brinkley and Lester of Portland; Mrs. Veda Madison of Portland and Mrs. Frank Smith of Tillamook. Funeral will be held from the Evangelical church, Lewisville, tomorrow, Rev. Edward Simpson officiating.

### Jerome Says This Is Record

JEROME, Ariz.—Nobody in this little town of 4,000 inhabitants left it to "George" when The American Legion's drive for a \$5,000,000 endowment fund for disabled veterans and orphans of veterans was staged recently. Everybody contributed, and as a result the raised almost six times its quota. A total of 3,012 personal subscriptions were made by inhabitants in raising a total sum of \$2,522.49, averaging a little more than a dollar each. Jerome thinks this establishment a record.

### THE OPEN COURT

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