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SELF-PRAISE:—Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips.—Proverbs 27: 2.

The New Year will not be very old before Oregon politics take definite shape and Oregon candidates get very busy in primary work. Candidates will make formal announcement and will recite their platforms in detail. The last lingering aspirants will toss their hats in the ring and the race will start. Fresh measures will be filed for decision by the people and good measures will appear on the same ballot. So it looks like another interesting election year.

POLITICS FOR POLITICIANS.

Down in Portland last week at the annual gathering of Oregon teachers in official convention there was much speculation as to the future of the schools in the state and how they can be financed so as to make progress possible and back-sliding unlikely. Naturally they delved somewhat into politics in connection with school finance and there were many in attendance who thought an income tax should be favored as a means of getting school revenue.

On the same program appeared C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon voter and well versed in the ways of politics, politicians, and such things as taxes—and Chapman proceeded to tell the teachers' association that its members should go back home and teach school and stay out of politics. That was the advice indicated by his address in which he told them that such a legislative program was wide open to the criticism of any opposition and that "if the Oregon State Teachers' association desires to enter the political field, I suggest it investigate and find out what the political situation is."

A storm of protest followed his speech, according to Portland covering the convention, and we imagine it was justified. Regardless of how right or wrong the teachers may be in their conclusions or recommendations, they surely have as much business in the political field and in politics as editors or business men or farmers or anyone else. Chapman may have been quite sincere in telling them to stay out of politics until they investigate the situation, but he would be kept woefully busy if he sought to give similar advice to everyone now in politics who entered without thorough investigation of the situation. And if he is to give attention to all legislative programs that are wide open to criticism, he will be frightfully cramped for space to accommodate it all in the Voter.

Politics has been defined as the science of government. And since this is supposed to be a government for, of, and by the people, it might be said that politics is the science of citizenship. From all that we can discover, most Oregon teachers are citizens, as are the farmers, the bankers, the workers, the business men. We know of no law that prevents a private citizen entering the political field or concerning himself about politics. Teachers have a profession in which they are interested, as do editors and farmers. If they do not show interest in that profession and its problems and its future and its finances, we are at a loss to know who will do it. Their solutions may be wrong in that they are disapproved by a majority of the people, but they can at least serve to stimulate interest in the needs of the schools.

To investigate the political situation thoroughly is sound advice from Mr. Chapman, but they have a perfect right to interest themselves in politics with or without an investigation. Politics is not something reserved only for politicians, much as those individuals might wish it. Neither is it reserved only for those who have "investigated the situation." If it were, we would have very, very few people in politics—and a greatly decreased number of politicians. What Oregon needs and what the country needs is more people who will study politics and think intelligently along political lines. And we imagine that the average intelligence is about as high among teachers as among editors, that to interest them in the study of politics is a fairly good start toward the improvement of citizenship generally.

If the teachers of Oregon want to enter politics, let them go to it. They can't make matters much worse and they might eventually help a great deal. You never can tell. Some of them may be radical and impractical and foolish and unintelligent, but the same could be said of some of the rest of the professions and vocations. The average level of citizenship and the progress being made to elevate it—that is the important thing.



Gladys says she knows a La Grande man who leaves his neck dirty so that his last shirt looks clean.

When Adam gave Eve that first kiss she probably told him he was an awful amateur.

Life is the lemon which we suck between halves of eternity.

It is getting so now that it isn't necessary for girls to get in the sunlight.

Clerk—I've made a great discovery, sir.

Grocer—Well, what is it?
Clerk—I've found out that the heavy end of a match is the light end.

Next to hen's teeth the scariest things are coal dealers who are hoping for mild weather.

Even if women do have more sense than men, a man never has to wonder if his knees are showing.

A lady who had shopped for two hours without buying anything, finally said pompously: "Well I must go now, I see my imported limousine is at the curb." "Just a minute, madam," said the clerk, "and I'll unroll a stretch of carpet across the sidewalk."

And as a special feature of the program, Mr. de Kay will sing "I Call My Lady Radiance Because She Shines in the Dark."

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

Modernism—One youth learning to make an article; time learning to sell it.

It may be proven that a woman can swim the English channel, but it never will be a favorite method of a crossing the channel for the feminine sex.

Candidates favorite verse of Scripture is, "They shall run and not be weary."

The corkcrew is always willing to do its turn if it can find an opening.

NATION OF IDEALISM VISIONED

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crucified with Jesus.

How It Works.

"The same process can sometimes be seen at work in the present day. For instance:

Education, when it is fulfilling its real aim, is much to be admired, but when we think that God has a weak spot in his heart for the educated man, or when it leads to a feeling of superiority over others and so places a barrier between human beings, such an ideal of education is worthy to be crucified.

So we can understand St. Paul's attitude toward the law when he sometimes praises it as exemplifying God's moral code and at other times reads it when it is merely becoming a barrier between God's people and divides the Jew from the Gentile.

"With this understanding, he is able to speak to the Gentiles and show them that God by his law has never intended them to live without Him, but has been drawing them nearer and nearer to Him, so that now in Jesus Christ it is possible for the Jew—Jew and Gentile—to become one flesh—Christians.

"And a work seems to be being carried out in the America of today when, due to immigration, God is drawing together in our hands the varied nationalities of the world and we can conceive of the best national characteristics of the various nations all being joined together to form a new flesh, the American of the future.

"In this new nation of the future, no national characteristics of any will be lost, and only the best will be preserved. To him the words of St. Paul, any day, saying that which would tend to put a barrier in the way of the divine ideal, right, will be crucified.

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"No aggravated social distinctions.

"No party politics, since all would work for the good of the whole.

"No economic pressure, due to barriers between the rich and the

poor.

"So Paul saw God subordinating neither Jew to Gentile, nor Gentile to Jew, but making the twin one new man, and so making peace as we should in a new American enriched by the blessing derived from the practice of the presence of Christ's catholic love."

Nazarene Services.

The enthusiastic crowds at the Church of the Nazarene heard the address, education-inspired, of L. W. Dodson, who represents the denominational college at Nampa, Idaho, throughout the northwest. The college, which is but a few years old, has now an enrollment of nearly 300 and is growing rapidly, the speaker said.

His theme Sunday morning was

"The Christian Contribution."

A host of young people from the college sang a program of religious and college songs.

The beginning of a new year of promise and prosperity was a thought woven into the services followed by the pastors of the several other churches of the city.

LAND BEARD GALENA STRIKE

ROSEL, Idaho—Embracing a body of about 25 feet wide, the shale struck in the Livingston mine by the W. H. McGinnis Metals company, is said to be the greatest in the history of southern Idaho. It is in the same region as the first find, on which Henry Ford is operating.