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### OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Something is radically wrong with the present system of public school education.

The average high school pupil of today can neither write grammatically nor spell correctly, and the penmanship is abominable.

The lack of good manners and ordinary politeness on the part of scholars is appalling.

And this is true not only in Medford, but elsewhere.

What is the use of fine brick schoolhouses, of high taxes to support them, if youths who have industriously attended the schools for ten and twelve years cannot write an ordinary sentence correctly and have not absorbed enough culture to be courteous?

Public schools of today have many frills unknown in the days when the "Three Rs" formed the curriculum. Scholars of today enjoy many advantages over those of past generations, but the results are not as satisfactory. Pupils of an earlier day at least learned thoroughly the rudiments taught.

Progress in the world is nearly as much dependent upon etiquette as upon knowledge. Of course the home is the place to inculcate it, but many homes are without culture, and it should be part of the work of the school to correct the deficiencies of the home; and etiquette is not part of the curriculum of Medford schools.

Perhaps the instructors, rather than the system, are at fault—but most of the teachers are themselves products of the system, and so it must be the latter.

Results are what count in this world—and the proper results are not forthcoming from our public schools.

Reform, with a big R, is needed.

### PORTLAND'S NEW PAMPHLET.

The Portland chamber of commerce has issued a beautifully illustrated pamphlet entitled "Oregon, the Land of Opportunity."

The booklet is very artistic, the most costly and elaborate yet put forth by local commercial bodies in conjunction with the Southern Pacific and Sunset Magazine publicity departments.

Much of the space is devoted to the resources of Oregon, the balance to Portland. This is as it should be, for upon Oregon's growth depends the future of Portland.

It is an encouraging feature to see Portland taking more interest in the state. Too long has the metropolis been indifferent. As yet but little has been done for the state at large—practically nothing for southern Oregon by Portland.

Numerous colored plates adorn the booklet, among them being orchard scenes in the Rogue River valley. A picture of Crater Lake in colors adorns the back cover. Statistics and records of fruit growing in this section are also designed to attract attention to it.

In spite of its numerous colored plates and more elaborate scope, it is doubtful whether the pamphlet is really as attractive as the Medford pamphlet. Certainly its cover is not, and Medford may still boast of issuing the finest community booklet ever put forth for publicity purposes.

And this is as it should be, for if Oregon is the land of opportunity, Medford certainly offers more opportunities than any other part of it.

#### Bunch of Joy at the Savoy.

Why not laugh? Well, attend The Savoy tonight and you will laugh until the tears roll down your cheeks. You will forget that your mother-in-law is alive and that she has come to stay. You will laugh away all trouble.

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October 4 will be the last day for the payment of the second instalment of taxes, and all taxes unpaid by that date will become delinquent. Those who paid only half their taxes last spring will do well to keep October in mind and pay at any time on or before that day.

After October 4 certificates of delinquency will be issued to anyone who pays taxes on property that has been neglected or overlooked by the owner. This certificate bears interest at 15 per cent until redeemed by the owner, and unless redeemed within three years, the holder of the certificate becomes entitled to a deed.

### TAMA JIM SAYS LABORERS LIVE BETTER THAN ELIZABETH

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—"The average laborer today is living better than Queen Elizabeth did in her time," is the astounding remark credited to James Wilson, secretary of agriculture. Let's see. Queen Elizabeth's wardrobe was replenished from the richest goods of the orient. She lived amid luxury. Her table was famed for its lavishness and its prodigality. She may not have had all the "modern conveniences" in her palace, but she possessed material comforts in the greatest abundance. If Mr. Wilson had said that the average laborer of today lives better than the laborer of Queen Elizabeth's time it would have been nearer the truth, although no more to the point in the argument he was attempting to make.

### FORMER ASHLAND GIRL WEDS IN CALIFORNIA

(Santa Cruz News.) This afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride, 515 Ocean street, William J. Mitchell, the popular young manager of the Beach company's ice cream department, was married to Miss Charlotte Crowson, the youngest daughter of Mrs. George Crowson.

The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. L. DeJarnette in a bower of palm branches, ferns and pink lilies, was witnessed only by relatives of the young couple.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS

At the Nash—Charles C. Feles, city; Emil Capelle, J. Hale, Evansville; R. C. Bishop, San Francisco; Bart Geraman, Fremont; V. Hart Deaton, Toledo; R. J. Cole, Coles; H. Nash, Pokegama; R. L. Wells, G. S. Meister, Fred L. Belcher, Portland; F. J. Cobbe, Cadillac; L. Hoehua, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Young, Pomona; Robert C. Fozdney, Portland; V. H. Mendelson, San Francisco; M. Sander, San Francisco; Charles Roberts, Klamath Falls; Minnie Smith, Anita Vogel, Bly; G. E. Hamilton, San Francisco; William J. Brant, Colorado Springs; A. B. MacClellan, San Francisco; William Moore, Baker City.

At the Moore—L. L. Breede, Portland; G. Walling, J. C. Donovan, Albany; Augusta Fischer, Portland; A. J. Campbell, Ashland; H. D. Gaskell, Oakland; O. W. Farrar and wife, Gaylord; B. G. Washburn, P. J. Neff and wife, H. W. MacFadden, Portland; Mrs. Helen O. Dillon, Hot Springs; Mr. and Mrs. D. Goodfriend, Hot Springs; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, San Francisco; John F. Mossburg, Portland; S. S. Pentz, Butte Falls; A. L. eorge, Portland; R. D. French, Portland.

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**Buttered Bread With His Thumb.**  
Cat's meat is the only survival of a way of serving meat that prevailed in this country before the introduction of forks, for it was the custom in mediaeval times to serve roast meat on a spit and to pass it around the table for each guest to cut off what he liked, a method that did not allow one person only to secure the carver's tit-bits. In France one still finds chicken livers and bacon served on small spits, and to the Britisher it always suggests at first sight the food of the domestic cat. It is probable that many people continued to prefer fingers to table utensils, even after these were perfected and in general use, for knives were certainly invented at the period when Charles XII. chose to butter his bread with his royal thumb.—London Chronicle.

**A Wave of Water.**  
There is no necessary connection between the advance of a wave and the forward movement of the water composing it, as may be seen by running the fingers along the keys of a piano. An inverted wave travels along, but the keys merely move up and down. Similarly a wave may often be observed running along the ripe ears of golden grain, while the stalks are firmly rooted in the soil. The onward progress of a sea wave is easily perceptible, and by watching some light substance floating on the surface the fact is revealed that the water is not moving with the same velocity.—Chambers' Journal.

**The Town of Bushire.**  
Residents of a miserable seaport on the Persian gulf called their town Bushire (Boosheer). It has narrow, dirty, ill paved streets. The city is visited by earthquakes and simooms and stunts its children of wholesome air and fresh water. It appears, however, to have enjoyed high repute among the ancient Elamites, who have left buried about under moldering heaps bricks with cuneiform inscriptions. In summer the citizens of Bushire live in a heat that is almost unbearable.

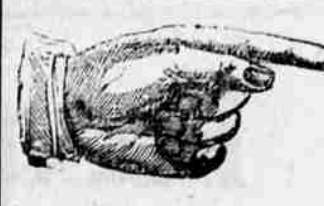
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