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IS PRESIDENTIAL ENDORSEMENT CORRUPTION?

The democratic press which is lambasting the senate for seating Senator Newberry, of Michigan, is overlooking one important detail of the affair, that is the fact that Henry Ford had the endorsement of President Wilson, with all which such an endorsement meant.

If it was contrary to good public policy for the friends of Senator Newberry to spend a quarter of a million of dollars to elect him over the president's hand picked candidate, then it was just as much against good public policy for the president to give an endorsement which meant much more than any work which could be done with a quarter of a million dollars.

Giving the presidential endorsement was equivalent to contributing to the Ford campaign fund much more than was spent by the friends of Senator Newberry in his behalf. If one was wrong, then the other was equally wrong.


The thing which really troubles the democrats is the fact that the quarter million dollars spent by Newberry's friends (some of it spent to corrupt voters) got the desired result, while the more than a quarter of a million dollars of influence contributed by the president did not.

The Sentinel already has said that it does not seem right that those able to spend their money should be able to make it impossible for a man without wealthy backers to aspire to office, but it would be no more impossible for a poor man to back a quarter-million-dollar campaign fund than to back the endorsement of an opponent by the president.

It is well to remember, too, that Senator Newberry was bearing arms for his country during the time his campaign was in progress. That fact, together with some things said about the Ford family, probably aided a great deal in his success.

It is just as well to give both sides of the story and The Sentinel is pleased that a majority of the members of the senate had the backbone to vote their convictions. Those who voted on what they thought was the popular side will do well to show the rest of the country how it may be possible to keep backers of a candidate from spending their money for him and how it may be possible to keep a president from endorsing a

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favorite candidate, two things which we think all lovers of popular government will agree should be done away with.

MR. CHURCHILL AND EDUCATION.

Rainier Review: Commenting editorially, the Cottage Grove Sentinel pronounces a statement made by the state school superintendent as "some-what startling," meaning, of course, that the idea is not startling to that good paper, but rather, that it is likely to startle certain unwary youths who may be in school with the idea of having a good time, instead of making good their time.

The idea which Mr. Churchill gave out before the Lane county teachers institute is the same that he has carried to many another audience in this state and others as well. For he never misses an opportunity to place it before his audience, so thoroughly is he convinced of the truth of his statements in this regard. What he means is that emphasis should be placed emphatically upon those fundamental things which the child should and must know before he can master the next higher step. He does not believe in the elimination of the arts from the course of study, but he does want the fundamentals, rather than the arts, emphasized. This is being done to a larger extent in the Oregon schools than is realized.

Mr. Churchill would have the children know that school work is serious business, and he strikes the nail on the head when he places the emphasis in the grades. It is well enough to tell a college student that he owes the state his best efforts, but his response will depend upon something more than the fact that he has been told to do his best. If, by the time he enters college, he has learned that he receives in exact proportion to what he gives to his college work, then he will do as suggested—without the suggestion. If, on the other hand, he had been allowed to slide through his work in the grades and high school, he will be likely to do the same thing in college. Therein lies the nucleus of Mr. Churchill's idea on public school education. He would emphasize in the grades those things which the child needs most, not only for his next step in education, but in the possibility of his inability or failure to go on with it.

Whether we care to admit it or not, the responsibility of the rather prevalent idea of a "good time" instead of work in the institutions of higher learning rests largely with the grades and high school. What they are taught there is reflected in their work in college, university or normal school, and Mr. Churchill knows it.

A Plymouth Rock hen up in Kitchener, Canada, laid three eggs one day last week. But it or she hasn't any thing on that Cottage Grove hen who or which lays gold nuggets every year.—Corvallis Times-Gazette.

OF PROFIT TO SCHOOL BOARDS

Jane Compton's Article on Chicago Privately Commended to Directors.

La Grande Observer: Jane Compton, writing from Chicago, has an article on the front page of The Portland Oregonian telling of the remarkable stand taken by the school board of Chicago. Everyone should read it and especially should every school board read it and profit thereby.

The Chicago board bared the conditions as they exist in high schools of that city. Without mincing words the board passed the facts up to the parents, telling of the booze parties, the joy rides, the clandestine meeting places, the road house orgies being engaged in by pupils of the Chicago schools.

But the board did not stop at that—no, it went home the ringing shot that should awaken Chicago, for it told the parents straight up that so long as they allowed their boys to have plenty of money to spend, automobiles to use at will, so long as parents permitted their daughters to attend school half clad with silken hose and low neck dresses, with lip sticks and cosmetics adorning the girls' faces, with jewelry and gewgaws, that conditions would grow worse.

And the fine part of the article is that the school board of Chicago does not cast heavy blame upon the children, for it shoots straight at the home

and the parents, letting the blame rest where it belongs.

Entertainment in high schools is strongly condemned and very likely the board will do away with high school society as far as possible, putting an end to professional athletics and insisting that high schools keep in mind that children are not to be released from restriction and obedience the moment they leave the eighth grade, but on the contrary the board will probably insist that high school teachers enforce rigid discipline and study rather than the rampant social foolishness which is today eating the vitals of the public school scheme and transforming children who have been trustworthy through the grades into loafers and flappers the moment they enter what is termed high school.

MINISTERS VS. DANCING.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)—Young people and ministers should not be allowed to defame and demoralize the art of dancing by associating evil thoughts and customs with it. Too many of our young people of today have but little refinement about them, whether we find them in the ballroom or elsewhere. I believe this to be true because of a lack of proper home training. Children are given to us the most innocent, sweetest, dearest of all the gifts of God. Yet many of them grow up and become disreputable citizens that are a menace to civilization, defying any kind of discipline. Teachers and managers are at a loss to know what to do with them, yet they are expected to do the things that parents have utterly failed to do. Such young people bring immorality into any public place of amusement.

While ministers blame the art of dancing for these evils, let us not forget that we do not need to go out of the ministry to find men responsible for the downfall of women.

Shall we say that because of the rag and jazz music that there shall be no music? Just as well as to say that because of rag and jazz dancing there shall be no dancing. People both old and young should be taught the sacredness and holiness of the sexual relation and the marriage laws, to think only beautiful thoughts and to look upon nature undorned with no thought of evil. If it were comfortable and customary to wear but little clothing, who would censure the short skirt?

A minister who voices evil thoughts in connection with the art of dancing is doing as much harm and following in the path of Jeroboam as fully and surely as the villain who assumes an improper position with a girl on the ballroom floor.

If we would destroy an evil, we must attack the source of it, which will be found in the mind of man; so why waste precious breath in a vain attempt to destroy an art to which evil is as foreign as to the church itself?

MRS. E. A. STEEN,
Teacher of Dancing.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

A woman loves a man sometimes just because no one else will.

A person can't expect to collect his thoughts unless he has some out.

If the moon is as dry as scientists say it is, how does it get full so often?

The messenger boy is one of the coming young men who is a long time arriving.

Nothing makes so big a hole in the family circle as the absence of the littlest one.

The man who closes up like a trap will catch the garrulous ones nearly every time.

Gold is returning to Europe, after an interesting study of the financial system of this country.

A cheap way to get a start in the poultry business is to take out a second class road show.

Some of the best after dinner speakers look as if they had never had a square meal in their lives.

Rockefeller says he expects to be an angel bye and bye. Probably on the theory that "money has wings."

The white slavers have souls blacker than the skin of the blackest black slave that ever served a master.

People do not enjoy doing things nearly as much as they do having people talk about their having done them.

A baby with lusty lungs that wakes up at the psychological moment beats a bulldog for scaring burglars. Keep one or two around the house for your own safety.

One hundred high school girls, in writing essays on "The Ideal Husband," said he was one "capable of living the real life." A diagram should go with that.

It is remarkable what a considerable quantity we common people are getting to be with the trusts, corporations and combinations, now submitting without protest to the laws of the land.

No wonder male jurors kick on the treatment they get. In a western court a case in which one woman is suing another for selling her a corset which she alleges does not fit and pinches her in places, has been given by the judge to a jury of women. This certainly was shabby treatment of the men.



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The latest thing in ghosts is the kissing spirit. We're superstitious.

The man who tries to steer a middle course is protected from neither side.

Think good healthy thoughts, then live what you think and you will be all right.

We are all more or less people of destiny—but we do not have to take it ready made.

The very latest in skirts is slit both side and front. September Morn may have serious competition yet.

When a woman oversleeps on her wedding day we know which member of the household will get the family breakfasts in after life.

We have just learned that the latest fashion edict is that women's clothes must conform to their hair. We understand now why they're bobbing it.

Too many folks are like the hen who not only is satisfied to have what she produces taken away from her, but advertises the fact that it is there to be taken.

An actor is securing some fame because he recently took eight parts in one play. It's peculiar a man with those qualifications has never taken to politics.

An eccentric Hoosier left as a monument a thousand whisky jugs he had emptied. Thank goodness he has gone to a place from which his spirits are not likely to return.

Put your troubles off until tomorrow.

Just because a person has been sold is no sign he can be bought.

A woman's looks, optical and sartorial, are what get the men.

A man who is a republican or a democrat because his father was, is a dead one.

A man who always does as his wife says won't raise much of a commotion in this old world.

When you're tired and fagged out or have the blues, a good hearty laugh will do wonders. Try it.

A Pennsylvania professor has declared that brain work does no harm. There are a lot of people who were in no danger even before this discovery.

The lawyer who charged only \$200 for collecting \$25,000 has destroyed a well founded tradition as to the business sagacity of members of the legal fraternity.

The man who fools you the worst is the one who can look you straight in the eye when he knows the purpose of your inspection—and there are many who can do it.

A preacher has advised his flock to grow mushrooms as a solution of the high cost of living. His idea greatly resembles the plant, the growing of which he advises.

What would the socialists do with the women? Would they help them with their work, so that the household duties wouldn't be as unequally divided as they now are.

We admire the person who doesn't do things by halves. We'd rather set out a guidepost to glory for a real dead one than to attempt to guide a half dead one into the path of progress.


Rockefeller says he can do a bigger day's work now than he could twenty years ago. But even if bodily infirmity should overtake him, the chances are that Mrs. Rockefeller would not suffer for plenty of everything to cook and keep house with.

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