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OREGONIAN NEEDS FACT-FINDING INSTRUMENTS.

The neighboring Oregonian continues its grandmotherly interest in us and in our welfare. It kindly and calmly argues us against faith in divining rods and belief in ancient superstitions.

The Oregonian's overzealousness for our welfare is deeply appreciated. It is almost equal to our concern for the welfare of The Oregonian, which so ably informs, instructs and amuses us. Its amusement of us is often, we admit, from no intent upon its part, but joy is no less potent in raising our spirits and in adding to the span of our years because it is thrust upon us intentionally.

The Oregonian need waste no further time and need use no further space in warning us against divining rods and against belief in ancient superstitions.

The Sentinel has no fear of evil results following a task started upon a Friday, the thirteenth. It has frequently defied the evil spirits by reading The Oregonian's editorial page upon such a day.

That is a task, The Oregonian will admit, which should be started under the most favorable circumstances.

We would not hesitate to walk under a ladder on a Friday, the thirteenth, without even so much as a glance to see that paint buckets above were not in danger of falling. A black cat crossing our path at midnight causes us not a shiver—not even a black wildcat would cause us a shudder. We may not be above suspicion but we are above superstition.

As to the divining rod, or golden wishing bowl, the names given by The Oregonian to the machines used by Dr. Olson in locating our prospective oil wells, we wish to correct statements made by The Oregonian, to the end that it may not further deceive those of its readers which have faith in its statements. We have not so far lost faith in The Oregonian but that we believe it would like to tell the truth, however difficult it may at times find that to do. We may doubt if it would stoop to correct a misstatement, but we have seen it gracefully slide from an untenable position to one with solid footing when it could do so without attracting too much attention, and it may be possible that it can be induced to do so in this instance, particularly so if the machines at which it now scoffs are vindicated by the actual bringing in of oil wells at the points which these machines have located.

Were the contrivances which Dr. Olson and his associates uses in any way similar to the waterwitch or wishing bowl to which The Oregonian refers in its scholarly discussion of their operation, we would not waste time in correcting our wayward neighbor, but inasmuch as they are not and inasmuch as The Oregonian is wasting much valuable language and space in discussing a situation or condition which does not exist, we are constrained to gently chide it and direct its wandering editorial pen into the straight and narrow path.

It has never been claimed, as The Oregonian could know if it willed, that the oil-finding instruments operate through some unknown principle of nature. It is true that there is something mysterious about them and that they seem uncanny in their operations, but the statement was made when the machines first appeared here that they were scientifically constructed, that they were as scientific in their operations as is the magnetic needle that points to the pole or the magnet that is attracted by iron. It was said then, and it has since been reiterated, that some \$200,000 was spent in developing these machines along scientific lines. This amount of money spent upon developing The Oregonian might give it the ability to detect fact when fact is as near as its own columns; might give it the ability to tell how many thousand feet it comes from truth; might give it the ability to tell how large would be the flow of truth when tapped.

That instruments have been developed which locate oil unerringly through scientific principles may be difficult to believe; but no harder to believe than many things which appear in The Oregonian and which may be as deeply hidden under an avalanche of words as Cottage Grove's oil is said to be under the earth.

The Sentinel has said, and repeats, that it carries no brief for Dr. Olson and his oil finding instruments, but it has said, and it repeats, that if it is proved that the instruments have located oil here, they will have done nothing that is not as susceptible to scientific explanation as are the mysteries performed by electricity.

We have said, and we repeat, that if oil is found here, despite the contradictory testimony of some geologists, this will not be the first time that a similar thing has happened.

We have said, and we repeat, that if oil is found here, we already have the testimony of other geologists who are familiar with productive oil fields that here are found every geological indication of oil in merchantable quantities.

We have said, and we repeat, that no one has produced any evidence that would disprove a single statement Dr. Olson has made concerning his operations elsewhere.

We have said, and we repeat, that we believe that Dr. Olson has located oil elsewhere and that if he locates it here we do not care a piffle how many said it was not here or how many said his machines were unscientific and merely wishing bowls.

We have said, and we repeat, that we believe Dr. Olson is sincere.

We have said, and we repeat, that long before Dr. Olson ever came to Cottage Grove big oil companies had leases upon large acreage in this section. Presumably they had a purpose in securing such leases and had reason to believe that oil might be found.

There are a large number here who were ready, before Olson's machines were heard of, to subscribe funds to promote oil drilling. We are going to drill a well and the chances are that drilling would have been attempted even had not Olson appeared on the scene.

We are happy to have the opportunity to have our field tested, to the end that we may definitely know whether we have or have not oil, and may live happily ever after. We are encouraged in our hope by the fact that others are willing to spend money with us in satisfying our curiosity.

It is possible that The Oregonian might save itself some embarrassment by withholding its positive assertions until such time as it has a firm basis for them and confine itself at this time to a friendly warning to be cautious—advice which it might itself at times follow with profit.

inclined to believe that they will need more money. When things happen which show an entire disregard for the rights of others, when things happen which show that the perpetrators have not been educated in the first principles of the personal and property rights of others, we are constrained to ask the question which has just been propounded, "How much of the money which we pay for education is wasted?" Youngsters who pooh pooh their parents as old-fashioned have not yet gotten a kindergarten education in the deference due to parents who usually have sacrificed much for them and have already demonstrated that they are able to take care of themselves and provide for a family—despite their old-fashioned ideas.

Youngsters who officiously attempt to tell their elders how things should be done have yet a whole lot to learn about ordinary courtesy before they will be qualified to go out in the world and earn a living. Youngsters who make the wee small hours unbearable for the old-fashioned ones who have sense enough to go to bed, are wasting time that they should be devoting to learning something about the personal rights of others.

Youngsters who take pride in the fact that they can puff a pill are not likely to have any greater attainment to boast about in later life. They are not likely to make use of the education which costs the taxpayer so dearly.

Youngsters who befoul the property of others need to be taught a lesson in common decency before the taxpayers' money is spent in trying to put some sense inside their heads.

Youngsters who deliberately break windows in a church are not only desecrating what many believe to be holy ground but they are demonstrating that they haven't any common sense with which to balance book learning.

In the case of the destruction of church property, it is possible that the youngsters felt that they had a grudge against that particular church. In such case, they would do well to spend a few days in the study of the constitution of the United States, in which the right to worship God according to one's own conscience is guaranteed. If the reason we have suggested is the reason that this particular church was selected, the youngsters have not yet received a kindergarten education in the tolerance due the religious beliefs of others.

Youngsters who deliberately destroy the property of others and totally disregard the personal rights of others are not deserving of an education. Money spent in educating them is largely wasted.

Youngsters who demand education and modern luxuries as a right should first demonstrate that they recognize the rights of others.

Those who pay the educational bills have a right to demand a regard for parental, school and governmental authority. They have a right to demand deference to age and gray hairs and womanhood. They have a right to demand tolerance of ideas that the upstarts call old-fashioned. They have a right to demand that those before whom they are so free to say what they are entitled to have any right to ask anything.

Much of our tax money is wasted upon those who have a selfish disregard for the rights of others, who have not schooled themselves in courtesy and the common decencies.

We mention these things because they are the things about which those who pay the school taxes have the spoken to us. They are things which have happened and which are happening in Cottage Grove.

And there are some who have grown to older years upon whom education has been wasted. There are many of older years who do not hesitate to steal the flowers upon which a lover of esthetic surroundings for his home may have spent days.

There are many of older years who scoff at the common decencies, who make it difficult for others to provide public comforts because of their abuse. Such persons probably will have little proffer for others to abuse, they probably never will do much as public benefactors because they are so lacking in common sense that they live only for the moment, because they live for self alone and care nothing about the welfare of others.

It is a pleasure to spend money for the education of those who are thoughtful of others, who make the most of their opportunities because they realize their cost and worth. It is a pleasure to do for those who, we know, would do for others. It is a pleasure to do for those who realize that the judgment of years usually proves superior to that of youth, who do not rail at the conventions and who accept as a rare privilege the things for which they hope to prove their worthiness, instead of demanding as a right something which they have not earned and have no idea of earning, and it is because of these that an education is provided, of which even the undeserving may take advantage.

It probably is better that much should be wasted than that the deserving should go without.

Is your beauty the kind which shines through from the inside or is it only the skin deep variety?

CHARITY SHOULD BEGIN AT HOME.

When you think other people are selfish, just try to think how many unselfish things you have done yourself during the past week.

It's peculiar how easy things come for the man who is always smiling.

The pension list is increasing, but there are few who would begrudge seeing it stay at high ebb if that would keep the "old boys" with us.

THINGS WE THINK

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

A headache will never keep a girl from seeing the right man when he calls.

EXPERT SALESMANSHIP. An agent who wants to make a hit inquires of the lady of the house who answers the door if her mother is at home.

HAVE IT LAID AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS. Pig iron in twenty ton quantities is said to be cheaper because of the new tariff. That ought to hold down the high tariff rater.

The actions of a conceited person and of an intoxicated one are about equally offensive.

BEAT THE UNDERTAKER. Easter is an appropriate day for some of the dead ones to come to life and there are 364 other days in the year upon which this advice applies with equal force.

An agricultural college teaches poultrying with moving pictures. A picture of a hen getting a move on would be something like it.

AN UNSOCIABLE NEIGHBOR. Most of us would be more favorably disposed towards wealth if we had opportunity to get on familiar terms with it.

THE WISE BIRD. The wise window dresser who has some article to which he wishes to draw male attention places it in the same window with the ladies' hosiery display.

Disagreeableness is the most contagious disease.

WHEELS OUT OF ADJUSTMENT. We never see a woman with superabundant protuberance of hair attached to the rear extremity of the seat of her brains but that we think she must be very poorly balanced.

There's no use living if you can't make somebody happy.

A DOUBLE-EDGED QUESTION. A high army official says the United States has never whipped a foe worthy of its steel. What is England's opinion on this delicate subject.

If it were not for men's wives there are many whose praises would go unsung.

SOMETHING FOR HIS MONEY. When a man subscribes to a campaign fund he thinks he ought at least to appear among the list of those who predict the election of the party ticket by a magnificent plurality.

The more life there is in football, the more there are that get killed.

PLEASANT SLEEP. An eastern inventor is out with a device for prolonging sleep. We are going to have one arranged so that we will automatically commence to work the next time we dream we have fallen heir to a million dollars.

A man with a large line of real estate to dispose of is never a pessimist.

SOME RECOMPENSE. We should think it would be hard on the Mormon youth to have so many mothers to obey—but the extra supply of grandparents might be convenient to have around during baseball season.

Cross-eyed people are expected to see both sides of a question at the same time.

Prohibition puts the liquor business on the hog—usually a blind one.

A man with wheels can be expected to get out of gear.

Caesar had his Brutus and the president has his office seekers.

PROBABLY TAKEN INTERNALLY ANYWAY. Remoetampa leucostigma is a recently reported discovery. We are in a quandary as to whether it is a new breakfast food or a cure for fleas.

A real friend is one upon whom you can impose at any time, but who never thinks of imposing upon you.

When silence is golden we wonder where all the headdresses come from.

JOB FOR X-RAY. To display any more of the body than does the up-to-date society gown, some method will have to be devised for making the body transparent.

Not one man in ten will accept blame if there is any way of slipping out of it.

The man who can't invent excuses for his shortcomings will never make much of a reputation as an original thinker.

Many people get ahead of us by doing just what we intended to do.

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. You never really know how much a man thinks of himself until he begins telling you why he should be elected to office—and he never realizes how little the people think of him until the votes are counted.

Some folks are so lazy that they won't even expend the effort required to think out an excuse for being so good-for-nothing.

The more brains a man has the less likely is he to have the big head.

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An Open Letter
To the People of Cottage Grove and Vicinity:
After spending thirteen years among you folks I feel you are my friends and I purpose writing this letter to you as such.
It has always been my belief that small towns and communities are as much entitled to good things as larger places, that they are as much appreciated in the former as in the latter, and that, to a certain point, an investment in a business or an undertaking that is modern in its appointments and service, will prove as profitable in the small place as in the larger. Therefore, acting upon my convictions, I purchased about two years ago the corner upon which stood the old Oregon Hotel and today you see in its place a modern structure 47 by 145 feet housing ten modern apartments on the second floor. Each apartment consists of living and sleeping rooms, kitchen and bath, electrically equipped throughout, piped with hot and cold water, and steam heat.
These apartments shall be known as the Omer Apartments in honor of my father.
The ground floor of the building is occupied by five business institutions, namely: The Cottage Grove Sentinel, The Electric Store, Graham's Picture Shop and the Postal Telegraph company's office, Kem's for Drugs, and The Gray Goose Tea Room. Three of these are entirely new and all deserve your confidence, as they are modern, up to date and reliable.
At this time your attention is especially directed to The Gray Goose Tea Room, which I am pleased to announce will be open to the public for business next Saturday, May 12.
In this venture we have brought to our little city a thoroughly modern institution equipped to serve you with foods and drinks of quality amid pleasing surroundings. We have seen to it that the whole shall be in harmony for your pleasure and comfort. We want you to feel at home here and to enjoy whatever service we are able to render you.
It is with considerable pride we dedicate The Gray Goose Tea Room to your service, and we want you all to feel the same pride in having such a place in our community. We hope to make you feel this is one of the places to which you will want to bring your friends, and to direct strangers, for their refreshment.
The place will be open during reasonable hours for your thorough inspection and it will be a pleasure to acquaint you with its excellence.
Realizing we have taken a considerable step, but thoroughly convinced of your appreciation of our effort to give you the best, we now ask your support upon the basis of quality and service which we purpose rendering you. You will have your part in making this a success.
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