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Commerce Bldg.THE MASCULINE JUDGE AND
THE FEMININE SKIRT.

The proper length of a girl's skirt is the question which has aroused the whole neighborhood in an eastern state where the school board dismissed two girls from school because the said board thought that the skirts worn by the girls were such as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the schools.

Skirts should be three inches below the knees, was the ukase of the school board, although no authority was delegated to anyone to have jurisdiction over the knees which were to be concealed three inches above the edge of the skirts. Possibly the members of the school board themselves had in mind attending to that little detail, but at any rate the case and the skirts did not stop there and the parents of the girls have gone to the district court to compel the school board to permit their daughters to expose their knees while attempting to fill their heads with wise and useful knowledge.

The case has aroused so much interest that serious-minded women have written the judge pointing out the merits of short skirts from a sanitary standpoint, although it is not indicated that skirts three inches below the knees would be as likely to attract dirt from the streets as to attract the admiration of those of the masculine gender.

One woman wrote that "morals and short skirts have no connection. The skirts, in particular, seem to have little connection with morals, or with much of anything else. They have a high plane of their own upon which they travel and they saucily disclaim acquaintance with anything on the lower levels.

We presume that what the erudite judge, or anyone else of the male gender, may say will have little effect upon the length that the fair feminine wears here skirts, besides one of the masculine sex, the much-flouted stronger sex, should be above being affected harmfully by the length, or lack of length, of the feminine skirt. Let him keep his morals above such things and they will then be high enough to ward away moral turpitude.

As long as there seems to be need of some set rule as to the length of the feminine skirt, we suggest this easy plan: Let woman be permitted to wear her clothes one inch from the ground for every year of her admitted age. We're willing to bet this would prove a more satisfactory arrangement than any judicial order.

Whether or not it is progress, it is certain that times are changing. A few years ago the chautauqua was an institution that seemed certain to grow larger each year. Today many cities have abandoned it, and even the Gladstone chautauqua, the most successful that Oregon ever had, has become a money loser and may be abandoned. There is talk of abandonment of the Lane County fair and other county fairs. The whole country used to go to a county fair, now the gate receipts won't pay expenses. We have too many activities, business and social. The busy man has hardly an evening at home or an hour of the day that he is certain is his own, which may account for loss of interest in such things as chautauquas and county fairs.

How time mellowed old differences, with a consequent change in opinion of each other by the participants. A few years ago this writer started a campaign against a certain county official who left office two years later. A few months ago that former county official sat on a jury that disagreed over giving a verdict for several thousand dollars against the editor, and the former county official was responsible in large measure for the editor's narrow escape.

When a person makes a great show of honesty when only a few cents are concerned, we wonder what chance there would be if a large sum were concerned. Also we have seen people who thought it no crime to keep a few cents that did not belong to them who would be absolutely honest if a large sum were concerned.

It is a lot of fun to some people to be sarcastic, but as a business proposition it is not much of a success.

The small boy is a mighty big problem for his parents.

A radio engineer at Newark, N. J., claims to have been successful in neutralizing gravity to such an extent that he can suspend a 50-pound weight in the air. That may not be so wonderful, we have seen 180-pound men that should be able to stay suspended in the air indefinitely.

A Christmas seal is a little thing, but it may mean much to some poor sufferer. Put the little sticker, which may mean health to someone, on every Christmas package.

It is now claimed that saxophones were used in the stone age. We can easily believe that to be the truth, but why do we have them now?

Wouldn't there be a terrible turmoil in this old world if we performed half of the dire things we work out in our minds?

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
School expenses seem to be a bitter pill for business men in Eugene and The Guard complains that they have no right to kick unless they attend the budget meetings. We think The Guard is hardly correct. What show would an average citizen have in a budget meeting? A budget is a technical matter. It would require some months of intimacy with the inside of the school management for an outsider to project anything definite into a budget argument. The budget is made up by the people most interested in spending the school money. It is turned over to the budget committee for its guidance in making up the budget. The committee passes and accepts it as is. The public meeting is called. Nobody comes, or only a handful. The people are hopelessly in the grasp of the school trust and they know it. In Eugene, the efforts of one intelligent and well-informed man at the budget meeting succeeded in saving \$10,000 which The Guard says was not worth considering. That's the attitude of the school authorities. A few thousand more or less is immaterial. Now Eugene is to vote on an increase of \$60,000 in school expenses. Fortunately, only taxpayers can vote on a school levy, and there is some chance of justice. Inasmuch as the superintendent generally makes up the budget, and the school board hires the superintendent, the law should go further and permit only taxpayers to vote on school directors. Under such a law, school expenses would be cut to where they were legitimate by doing away with the frill courses. Albany, Roseburg and Salem are the only towns of importance in Oregon that have reduced their school expenses. That's sensible and we have faith to believe that school efficiency will not be impaired. Indeed, if taxpayers were required to pay for only legitimate courses with the facts and frills off the curriculum, the students would be better off. But whether they would or not, the fact remains that there is a limit to what children ought to be taught in school at taxpayers' expense. We mean, of course, that there ought to be a limit. Thus far there seems to be none.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL
SERIES NEARING CLOSE

Final games in the interclass basketball series of the high school will be played this afternoon and Tuesday, unless there is a tie, in which case the tie will be played off Thursday. The sophomores and freshmen will play this afternoon and the seniors and juniors Tuesday afternoon.

The sophomores are leading, having won two games, and the seniors and freshmen are tied for second, each one having won and lost one game. The juniors are in the cellar position, having lost two games. The sophomores have defeated the seniors and juniors and the freshmen have won from the juniors and lost to the seniors.

The freshmen-senior game was played Friday afternoon, the seniors winning in the last quarter 8 to 6. The score was tied 4-4 at the beginning of the last quarter.

The interclass series is preliminary to an interschool series which will start after the first of the year.

May Have Been Paralysis.

There have been several reports that the case of the McCollum lad of Creswell, who was taken sick at Culp Creek, developed into infantile paralysis. The city health officer at Creswell, however, has received no such notice from the county health officer and the period of danger has now passed. The county health officer, in making his weekly report, listed a case of paralysis at Creswell, and this probably was the case referred to. This case was reported as poisoning or internal disturbance of some kind.

Mrs. George McCoy Dies.

Mrs. Martha Ann McCoy, wife of George McCoy, died Saturday in a Eugene hospital. She is survived by her husband and six children, Ernie McCoy, Portland; Mrs. Mary Erickson, Eugene; Mrs. Myrtle Coe, San Francisco, and Elmer, Versie and Genevieve McCoy, all of Cottage Grove.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Mills chapel. Pastor Fred Hornshuh of Eugene will officiate. Interment will be in the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Henry Sanders Dies.

Henry Sanders, who lived two miles above Culp Creek, died suddenly Sunday from heart trouble. He was aged 49 years, 8 months, 9 days. He was a native Oregonian, having been born April 2, 1878, in Woodburn.

He was a son-in-law of B. Plummer and is survived by his widow and several children.

Services will be held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon at the chapel, Father Curley of Eugene to officiate. Interment will be in the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery.

SOCIETY

The Constellation club was entertained Thursday afternoon at Masonic hall, with Mrs. S. L. Godard, Mrs. D. A. Forbes and Mrs. Charles Hall as hostesses. Mrs. D. P. Cameron and Mrs. L. W. Colner were additional guests and about 35 members were present. At a business meeting the club voted to serve a banquet December 10 for the Masonic lodge. A social hour followed the business session. A delicious luncheon of chicken noodles was served. The dining table was attractively decorated in keeping with the holiday season with holly, mistletoe, red streamers and red candles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Garoutte entertained Thursday evening for the Bona Tempo club, inviting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cruson as additional guests. The evening was spent playing bridge and Mrs. Glen Smith and Mr. Cruson held high score and Mrs. Cruson and G. A. Sanders low score. A luncheon was served at midnight. The rooms were attractively decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. The club will hold its Christmas tree party December 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spray.

Mrs. L. L. Harrel, retiring secretary of the Eastern Star, was hon-

ored Thursday evening with a surprise party at the home of Mrs. Joe T. Smith given by the elective officers of the Eastern Star who have served during the past three years. An attractive gift was given to the honor guest. The evening was spent playing five hundred and delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. D. H. Hemenway, Mrs. L. McAbey, Mrs. Ira Groves, Mrs. C. H. Vandenberg and Mrs. F. E. Mendenhall will entertain Wednesday afternoon for the Presbyterian ladies' aid society in the church parlors.

Miss Lucile Land of Creswell and Virgil W. Gowdy of this city were married at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Land of Creswell. Only immediate members of the two families were present. Mr. Gowdy is a son of Mrs. Anna Gowdy of this city and was born and reared here. The bride is a teacher in the Creswell schools. Both are well known here.

The W. C. T. U. was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. McAbey. Eight members were present and plans for the coming year's work were made. A social hour followed the business session and dainty refreshments were served. The group will hold its next meeting on the second Friday in January with Mrs. Henry

Mason.

The Research club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the city library, with Mrs. A. L. Van Odel as program leader. The club will take up a study of the four leading Italian statesmen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Richmond entertained Sunday with a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Griswold of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Umphrey and children Donald and Dorothy and Wilbur Watkins.

The O. L. H. club will hold its annual Christmas tree party Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Morgan in Eugene.

The Social Twelve club will hold its annual Christmas luncheon and tree Thursday at the home of Mrs. Herbert Eskin.

The Utopia club will hold its annual Christmas tree Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elbert Bede.

The Tuesday Bridge club will be entertained with a 1 o'clock luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Elmer Frans.

Plaster, Bede Cars Collide.
A Ford driven by James Plaster and a Willys-Knight driven by Elbert Bede collided shortly before or shortly after 5 o'clock last evening at the Main and Seventh

streets intersection. The Bede car was just leaving the intersection traveling west and the Plaster car, which had swung into Seventh street in making a reverse turn on the intersection, again turned into the intersection. The Plaster car was without lights. Another car was passing the Bede car traveling east, which made it impossible for the driver of the endangered car to

swing out and avoid a collision. Chief of Police Pitcher was standing a half block away at the time of the accident, but did not see the crash and did not attempt to fix the blame.

Neither car sustained any great injury, due probably to the fact that the Plaster car, in making the turn, was traveling at slow speed.

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