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HOW MUCH FOR EDUCATION?

One of the most vital problems in the welfare of Cottage Grove and the state is before the people for consideration.

This problem is the one of how much we wish to spend upon the preparation of our young folks for their future activities as citizens of this great country of ours.

Locally it will come before us in the increased amount of money to be asked for our local schools, admittedly among the best in a state which ranks second in the union in the matter of reducing illiteracy.

As a state it will come before us in the increase in the millage tax asked for the support of the institutions of higher learning.

The attendance in the Cottage Grove schools has increased tremendously. Extra teachers had to be employed after the opening of the school year.

What has been the case in the Cottage Grove schools has also been the case in our institutions of higher learning, only to a much greater degree.

Class rooms are insufficient, teachers can hardly be secured in sufficient numbers to properly carry on the work and other states are offering so much better salaries that it is impossible to keep the best instructors. Most of the instructors would prefer to stay here at a less salary than they can get elsewhere, but the wages being offered in eastern states are so much larger that even the more pleasant living conditions here can not hold instructors at salaries upon which they can live more than live in these days when Kaiser H. C. L. holds sway.

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since before the war. Groceries, dry goods, clothing, everything we have to buy, has doubled and trebled. It naturally follows that the cost of conducting our schools has increased and the only reason the cost has not increased to a far greater extent than it has is because wages of instructors have not kept pace with the high price of living. If we pay twice or three times as much as formerly for everything we buy, we should naturally expect to pay much more for our education. It is only reasonable that we should.

If we are not going to be satisfied with educational facilities for our children that are below those of pre-war days, we have got to pay more. There is no other way.

With the number of students so greatly increased, with the cost of everything so greatly advanced in price, the wonder is that our institutions of learning are asking such a small advance over their former revenues.

In every age the educational advantages have advanced over those of the previous age. The question now is, are we going to continue to make those educational advantages better or are we going to allow them to retrograde.

If we are going to hold our educational advantages where they are, we have even then got to provide more money. If we wish to increase those advantages we have got to provide still more.

There are no two ways about the matter. It is a dead open and shut proposition.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES.

The contest for the presidential nomination on the republican ticket seems to be narrowing down to two men, Governor Lowden and General Wood. Both are eminently qualified for the position. Both have records for executive efficiency. Both are patriots with records of the best. Both have made good in positions of trust. Either would make a most satisfactory chief executive and would bring to the office qualifications that are needed in this vital hour of the reconstruction period.

The editor of The Sentinel would prefer Governor Lowden, not alone because he was born in the country where we spent most of our life before coming to Oregon, at a spot around which were enacted many of the happy events of our past life, but because he has never failed in an emergency, because he seems to have the faculty of swaying both capital and labor to his point of view, because he has a way of gaining his ends that leaves no sore spots, because he gets the results which he says he will get, because he is a sagacious business man and as governor of Illinois has never yet fallen down when a delicate problem has come up for solution.

Such a man we need for chief executive of the greatest nation of all the world which has problems to face such as it never has had to face before.

General Wood also has many of these qualities, though possibly not to such a marked degree. We could take pleasure in supporting either man as the republican nominee.

The democratic nomination, likely to be an empty honor in such a republican year as this is going to be, seems to be having some trouble in finding a goat. Those who might seek the honor in a possible democratic year, are one by one declining to become candidates.

WHAT AUSTRALIAN BALLOT IS.

Commenting in a recent issue upon the statement in Legislative Sidelights in The Sentinel that the so-called straight party ticket did not in any sense do away with the sacred Australian ballot, the Hubbard Enterprise says:

"While there are some features of the Australian system that would still have been retained, as we see it, a very essential part of that system would have been cut out if it had been made possible for the voter to have taken the whole dose at one gulp. The alphabetical arrangement of the candidates under the office they are running for is one of the distinguishing features of the Australian ballot system—and a very essential feature. It might exist without it, but it would be living 'at a poor dying rate.'"

The Enterprise seems not have consulted Oregon's election laws. The names are not now printed in alphabetical order, so that, according to The Enterprise's statement, we do not now have the Australian ballot system and the ballot in Oregon is, to use The Enterprise's words, "living at a poor dying rate."

As a matter of fact, the arrangement of names in alphabetical order, once followed in Oregon on the primary election ballots, is not a part of the Australian ballot system. The features of the Australian ballot are its secrecy and the fact that the ballots are furnished by the government, instead of the parties.

Oregon once tried the alphabetical arrangement of names, which The Enterprise seems to think a most necessary and vital part of the ballot system, and the result was that the best qualification a man could have for office was to have a name starting with one of the first three letters of the alphabet. The A, B, C members of the legislature attained some fame because of this distinguishing characteristic and the rotation of names upon the primary ballot seems to tend towards a much better set of officers than those elected under the a, b, c system.

The Enterprise is a live newspaper with a live editorial page and Editor McShane should be more careful about doling out misinformation to his readers. The so-called straight party ticket bill, since vetoed by the governor, added to the ballot, but took nothing away. It left the ballot as it now stands but added the vehicle for voting her straight if one so desired. Of course this would have benefited the majority party, or it was thought by the members of that party that it would benefit them, but it left the voter free to vote as mixed a ballot as he might choose.

A point missed entirely by those who have commented upon the so-called straight party ticket is that the easier it is made for people to vote, the less study they are going to give to men and measures. Possibly it would not be possible for them to give such

an important matter less attention than they now do, but the straight party ticket would not tend to increase interest in the qualifications of candidates.

Evidently Editor McShane has not been voting regularly or he would know more about the ballot.

THINGS WE THINK

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

Cannibals must have easily-satisfied palates.

Some folks are lucky not to be paid for what they know.

To the married man the bachelor is a man of singular ideas.

Somehow it seems as if things never turn out as bad as we wish.

An optimist is a man who believes two can live as cheaply as one.

No one does just as he pleases—much as he may brag that he does.

It is quite often the case that there is more to a slender girl than to a plump one.

The bachelor who enjoys being free often wishes that he didn't enjoy it quite so much.

Some men would never amount to anything anyway—and others marry illustrious women.

A girl loses half the pleasure of married life when she has to keep her engagement to herself.

The months with r's in them are also the months when the mortality of grandmothers is lowest.

There is not such a cry for higher education as there is for just common, ordinary common sense.

Every home should be a sunshine club and every member should be a full-fledged solar system.

A mosquito lays 40 eggs a day. It might be well to let a few run with your hens for breeding purposes.

Women don't make historians. Their memory of dates reaching back more than 25 years is too treacherous.

People in this old world seem bound to be unhappy. The man who fails to win a girl is not satisfied—no more than the man who gets her.

Seven hundred missionaries went to Africa during the past year, so we are told. That will greatly relieve the high-cost-of-living situation among the natives for a time.

Leap year is well on its way but it seems there will be plenty of girls left for the man who hasn't been asked.

Why a woman has any trouble in picking a hat is a mystery to us. One seems to be just as bad as another.

When a man gets so he doesn't enjoy a picnic an inspection will show that his head carries many gray hairs.

There are many noted fishermen who have a reputation for veracity in their every day business life.

If Opportunity doesn't stop at your house, hide in the corner of the door and knock it on the head as it goes by.

Flour and hard are getting so high that bakers have found it necessary to reduce the size of the hole in the doughnut.

The things you did yesterday do not relieve you of your duties today any more than the things you plan to do tomorrow.

Those who oppose kissing the strongest on the grounds that disease germs are spread that way, probably wouldn't object very seriously to a little inoculation by osculation.

A young Illinois swain, after receiving a very decided rejection from his sweetheart, sent her a statement of \$371.63 for flowers, candy, opera tickets, etc. If he can't do any more cooling he seems determined to keep up the billing.

IS AN OCTOGENARIAN THINKER

Mrs. Caroline Doolittle Has Ideas of Own on "Woody's" Acts.

Dorena, Ore., March 10.—(To the Editor.)—Being a constant reader of The Sentinel, as well as The Oregonian, I have concluded to write you of a notion I have been entertaining for some time. I am in my eighty-first year and a widow of a veteran of the rebellion, so you can understand the reason of my detestation of "Woody Willy" since HIS league has been offered us. I have wondered why. Now I begin to see that he needs the self-determining law of the people of various countries, or would he countries, and especially of the glorious confederacy, mess they all still worship. He is entirely unconstructed, so now if the confederacy can manage self-determination and he can manage to throw our cherished Monroe doctrine into the discard, then HE can call on England to come to our rescue, as they tried to do in 1861, and behold King Woody with perhaps \$15,000,000 worth of golden dishes and Cuba with all the rest of the islands. His petted Mexico—his crackbrained dreams show to him—well a hint to the wise is sufficient.

Yours for the country,
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