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## CHURCHILL STARTLES US.

From no less an authority than J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, comes the somewhat startling statement that fads in education must give way to the three R's—reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmetic. This statement was made before the teachers of Lane county in annual institute assembled, so that there is no doubt that it was meant to be taken seriously.

Mr. Churchill does not discourage the study of music and the arts, but he is firm in his belief that they should be made secondary to fundamentals.

In other words, it is the belief of our state superintendent that the basic idea of education, as paid for by the taxpayers and furnished in our public schools, should be to give to the student something which may be used to enable that student to support himself when occasion arises.

Education then, if the state superintendent has his way, is not to be a few years of pleasant social relations while taking on polish with which to appear well in company.

If the state owes an education to its young people, as it does; if the state is to spend more than half its income in educating its young people, and many older ones, as it does, then the student also has an obligation to the state, if we properly construe the statement by our state superintendent. That obligation is to thoroughly prepare in the fundamentals which will enable the student, in later life, to do his part in paying the taxes that will be used to educate the growing generation of that time.

In other words, the state owes to the growing generation preparation for its fight with the world, but education in the fads which have come to be regarded by many as part of the fundamentals of education, but which can be acquired in later life, if necessary, by those with sufficient grit and ambition and with a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals, is not a debt of the state to the student but rather something extra thrown in for good measure.

Teaching of the arts always will remain a part of the curricula of our institutions of higher learning, for it is desirable that many perfect themselves in these studies and encourage others to do likewise; it is desirable that the young shall wish for polish and refining knowledge; it is desirable that all shall wish for much more than the mere fundamentals of education; but what is desirable is not always necessary and should give way to that which is necessary.

Our state superintendent is not discouraging the study of the arts and sciences, but he is right in taking the position that the necessities of education should be put ahead of what may be termed the luxuries of education. He also seems to sense the need of forcibly expressing this fact at a time when many, far too many of both young and old, are inclined to shirk the fundamentals in favor of the less

irksome and more pleasurable, whether in school, in the home or in the business world.

## CONFIDENCE IN OUR CITY GOVERNMENT.

Members of the city council may have been somewhat discouraged by the fact that the attendance at the recent taxpayers' meeting for the consideration of the city budget was almost nil. By actual count ten were present, including members of the council and of the budget committee, but not all of the members of the council, nor all the members of the committee which assisted the council in preparing the budget, were present, so that apathy was apparent on the part of all concerned.

Citizens might easily be criticized for failure to attend and express their approval or disapproval of the acts of those who prepared the budget. Perhaps they should be criticized. But there is also a hopeful note in the fact that no interest whatever was shown in this taxpayers' meeting.

The fact that almost no one thought it worth while to attend the meeting was, as a matter of fact, as high a compliment to the city council and to the budget committee as could be paid. By their failure to attend the meeting, taxpayers expressed their opinion that the work of the council and of the budget committee could not be improved upon. The absence of taxpayers from the meeting was, it seems to us, an expression of absolute confidence in the acts of the council and budget committee.

That the budget was approved without a dissenting vote was another expression of absolute confidence. Usually those who are firmest in any proposition are on hand upon occasions of this kind. Quite evidently not a taxpayer of Cottage Grove thought that a change of any kind could be made in the proposed budget and yet permit of proper conduct of the city's business.

Not many cities have councils whose acts have been so above criticism as the acts of Cottage Grove's council, and that their acts have occasioned little criticism is all the more remarkable when we consider the number of residents and taxpayers we have who do not hesitate to express their opinions when there seems any occasion for such expression.

The members of the council and of the budget committee have good reason to feel proud of the confidence expressed by the entire lack of interest in the taxpayers' budget meeting.

## THINGS WE THINK

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

The wearing of the left hind foot of a pig you are presumed to have eaten is the latest emblem of good luck. It certainly shows that you were fortunate to have had the piece.

Many a friend who was perfectly willing to lend you money when you had a job is hard to touch when you are out of a job and really need a loan.

Don't be ashamed to do right. Your example may stiffen up the backbone of someone who is faltering.

The way some New York women are having their bust pictures taken, they certainly look as if they were in the social swim.

About the only circumstances under which we would feel certain that a man would keep a promise to his wife would be if it were made just as he was passing to gloryland.

Never a copy of the most universally advertised book of history has ever been sold—the one written by the recording angel.

# IT ALWAYS PAYS TO TRADE AT GRAY'S

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Dried apples, lb. 14c; 2 for 25c	Almonds, soft shell, lb. 30c	Seaport corn, 2 cans 25c
Seedless Sultana raisins, lb. 22c	Walnuts, Chilean, lb. 25c	Tomatoes, the can 10c
Dates, new box, lb. 23c	Peanuts, lb. 20c	Velvet, 2 cans 25c
We also have bulk figs, apricots and peaches.	Oregon grown large select walnuts, the lb. 35c	White beans, 27 lbs. \$1.00
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Kerr's hard wheat sack \$2.00; bbl. \$7.60	Kerr's buttermilk egg prod. \$2.60; ton \$51.00
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Cookies	Candy	Holland crepe toilet paper, 4 rolls for 19c
Wonder mix, lb. 25c	Plain mixed, lb. 18c; 2 for 35c	Darimade milk 2 cans 25c
Chocolate eclair, lb. 40c	Spiced jelly beans, lb. 20c	Sauer kraut in any quantity, qt. 14c; 2 for 25c
Honey jumble, lb. 23c	Gum drops, lb. 20c	Salt licks 2 for 25c
Fig bar, lb. 23c	Commercial chocolates, lb. 25c	Industrial tar soap, bar 9c or 3 bars for 25c
Liberty lunch, lb. 25c	Cream mix, lb. 30c	Phez jam, 4-lb. can \$1.23
Fruit biscuit, lb. 29c	Kiddie Mix, lb. 25c	Flaked wheat mush, pkg. 10c
Leed spiced jumbles, lb. 23c	Stick candy 6 for 5c	Armour's pancake flour 10c
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HOME MADE APPLE BUTTER IN BULK 20c POUND

A Harvard professor recently testified that a turtle is more closely related to bird than fish. That will be duck soup for the restaurant keepers.

If our rich relatives had confined their efforts to hoping a rich relative would die and leave them something, they would never have accumulated anything to leave us.

Laws of fashion are the only ones with no penalty attached that are pretty generally observed.

Along with that old adage about counting your chickens before they hatch should go one about not henpecking a man until you know he is your chicken.

Hell has no terrors for the man who has spent his life in the flat above one that domiciles a budding feminine pianist.

It begins to appear that the demand for revision upward of the tariff was not unanimous.

The man with the big muscles often does much less work than his weaker brother.

# Diphtheria

IS AMONGST US. IT ISN'T RAMPANT, HOWEVER, AS HAS BEEN REPORTED; THE PHYSICIANS ARE SEEING TO THAT.

**Don't Get Scared!**  
**Keep a Cool Head!**

Call your doctor promptly in case of illness.

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