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**W**E had the pleasure of hearing a long harangue the other day about the inadequacies of the public schools, from one who most likely was utterly incompetent to say anything about the public schools.

In the first place the schools were condemned for starting children in at the age of six. Evidently this person like most others who complain about the public schools, never tried to teach a public school and knew nothing about the causes that have set the age limit at six years. In the first place a child might just as well be in school at six as some other place. They will learn about as much one place as another, but the child who attends a place of instruction where the work is arranged on some plan will probably be in better position to take up the work of later years. The normal child is amply well developed at six years to do the work that will come to it in school. If it is reasonably bright its mind will be busy along some line and it might as well be at work along lines that have been accepted as desirable. In the second place most parents are more than anxious to have their children in school at six or even younger. We believe that a majority of children start to school under six, and in many instances several months short of the legal limit, because their parents are so anxious to be relieved of the responsibility of looking after them. In fact observation leads us to think that this is the prime motive in starting children to school. If it were not so we would not find so many parents forcing their children into school as soon as they can be legally entered, even though they must be at a decided disadvantage in entering a class that is weeks ahead of them. In the city of Portland parents are required to certify to their children's ages yet it is a positive fact that almost every primary teacher in the city has children enrolled who are under age. Who then, is to blame for children beginning school prematurely?

It is also stated that the schools do not prepare the children for the life they later find it necessary to live. We believe that, too, is the fault of the parents, at least has been in the past. The ambition of most parents in this country has been to "educate their children so they will not have to work like we have had to do." Elementary education has been laid out with the intention of preparing for the university, or for professional training. Being a lawyer, a doctor, a minister, or a clerk, has been looked upon by parents as being more respectable than being a good mechanic, a good laborer, or farmer. The individual who becomes professionally proficient may have a more desirable or useful calling but the professions are surely no more respectable than other occupations that require mental or physical skill, and we doubt whether the mechanic or the laborer is not just as necessary and useful as the professional man, and if he is his work is entitled to all the respect that attaches to any worthy undertaking. When parents get done training their children for easy jobs, according to their views, then the public schools will arrange the studies to meet their demands.

A good deal has been said about the expense of school

books. A recent investigation by the government in regard to cost of educational agencies estimates that the average cost per child is around seventy-five cents, or about two percent of the annual expense of schooling. If the usual outcry were well founded this cost might be 25 percent, or even higher.

**A** REFORM that is due in the Mt. Scott section of the city is an enforcement of the city ordinances in regard to keeping the streets clean. The mere fact that streets are not hard-surfaced is no excuse for dumping all sorts of rubbish into them, filling the gutters with rotten potatoes, apples, and old paper sacks, and every other sort of thing. There is a city ordinance covering the throwing of trash into the streets. An effort should be made to have that ordinance enforced. The local patrolman will be instructed to exercise his authority in keeping trash from being thrown into the streets. The probabilities are that some one will be willing to contribute to the charity fund of the city a few minimum fines, at ten dollars each, but if that gets the desired result, all well and good. Most of the trash thrown in the streets is thrown there unthoughtfully by persons who drop the wrappers from their papers, the bags from their merchandise, or other matter that is valueless to them. There is some complaint to be made against some of the merchants who dump their trash into the streets, but the most of the complaint should be taken by the people who drop things while on the way home from town, valueless mail, paper sacks, or newspapers. A trifling care would relieve the tag end appearance to the streets and greatly improve conditions all over the city. Let every one take the matter up with himself and see what HE can do to improve the looks of the streets in this feature.

Don't forget there is two more big days of the State Fair—Friday and Saturday—ample time to get your money's worth. Trains leave several times each day for Salem.

School boys may feel inclined to request a postponement of studies in geography until the rearrangement of the maps is completed.

Thicker tree bark is said to indicate an early winter, but it may be that the trees are trying to grow a protective armor against shrapnel.

Blended with the sobbing September winds are the heavy sighs of small boys confronted with unwelcome educational facilities.

Little girls may be as averse to school as are little boys, but they have the diplomacy of their sex and so they conceal their

What a long time the world has been going along since our forefathers predicted that it was going to the dogs.

Hunger is sure to come to those who sit around and wait.

A little widow with a dimple is a dangerous thing.

The last word is the favorite with all women.

Believe us, the pumpkin pies are fine.

Nothing but the harmony of friendship soothes our sorrows. Without its sympathy there is no happiness on earth.—Mozart.

## NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

The next meeting of Mt. Scott Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Rodian. The business hour will be followed by a Government Quiz led by Mrs. J. H. Donaldson. This will be on Tuesday, Oct. 12th.

The county convention held at Central Methodist Church on Saturday and Sunday of last week was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Mrs. Mattie Sleeth was again elected county president; Mrs. Ward Swope was made vice-president at large; Mrs. Mildred Hansen, recording secretary; Mrs. Rachel Kelly, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James M. Donaldson, treasurer.

In the gold medal contest held during the county convention, Miss Irene Hollenback, who won her silver medal in the Lents school contest last year, carried off the gold medal. This makes two gold medals held by pupils of the Lents school and is a pretty good start toward a double gold medal contest which leads up toward a diamond contest.

The convention very boldly took the stand of antagonism toward mankind by announcing a program by which it is believed smokers will be debarred from the privilege of securing the amount of liquor allowed by law for family use. The convention also declared against the introduction of national defense instruction in the high schools of the city.

## CHERRYVILLE

Regular Oregon Fall weather.

No one ought to go hungry in Oregon with such an abundance of fruit and vegetables in every direction.

Dr. Botkin and his son James have leased their farm one-half mile east of the postoffice to a couple of families from Hillsboro. One of the parties is recently from south-eastern Missouri where they had a terrible run of bad luck. For three years there has been nothing raised in that part of the state. For two years there was severe drought that destroyed all manner of crops and this year there were violent floods that swept everything away and these people narrowly escaped with their lives. The husband got away by swimming along by a wash-tub containing their babies while his wife accompanied him on the piano and not a very cheerful tune she played either. They say that part of the country is frightfully hot in summer and very cold in winter while the extremes in weather and the insect pests and snakes are something fierce. Dr. Botkins and his son will return to Portland where they have property, but will retain the smaller houses here for summer homes. We are sorry to lose them as they are desirable citizens and have done a great deal to build up this part of the country.

The writer acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the final report of the Industrial Commission also a special edition of the report on the Colorado strike from Hon. Frank Walsh, chairman of the Commission. In view of the statement issued by a subsidized press, notably the Oregonian, that is an ex-parte or one-sided report, colored by prejudice against the corporations. What becomes of this part of the report. "No statement or conclusion of fact adverse to the attitude or interest of any person or group of persons is submitted except as declared or assented to by the person or by the individuals comprising the group affected." The conclusion of the whole matter is that this is the worst wallop the greedy and grinding corporations have ever received in this country and will go far towards hastening their utter destruction. Every dog has his day and the monstrous greed and avarice to say nothing of the heartless cruelty displayed in this official and absolutely truthful report marks the beginning of the end of blood-sucking monopoly in this country. John D. Jr. is now out in Colorado trying to smooth matters over and making greasy smiles at the miners and their families whom his gun-men have left alive.

Rev. Ranyan returned from the railroad land grant conference at Salem Saturday a week ago, and says he appeared to be the only one present in a delegate capacity from the county. The delegates appointed by the County Court failed to show up. Members of the Legislature from this county were present as well as others, but many who should have been present, particularly the U. S. Senators, were conspicuous by their absence. Mr. Ranyan says he did not like the part played by state Treasurer Kay on this occasion, and also the line of procedure proposed by Representative Schubel of this county but he is warm in his praise of the part taken by Walter Dimmick of Oregon City and A. W. Lafferty of Portland. The Governor read a sort of non-committal Miss Lizzie Molly-Coddle-milk-and-water address in which he deprecated the idea of instructing congress as to the course they should pursue in this matter as he thought it would be an insult to the dignity of that body. The right of petition is not denied nor abridged by the constitution to the humblest citizen in the land. The Governor is very tender and solicitous about the rights of the railroad in this matter—a corporation that has set at defiance and

utterly ignored all the laws of the land on this question. There lives near Sandy, a man, who twenty-two years ago, bought 40 acres of land of this railroad company and made a payment on it and entered into a contract to complete payment for the land at certain stated periods. When the next payment came due the railroad company would not receive payment. Nor at any subsequent time would they receive any other payment, neither would they refund the payment made. Let us suppose that a private individual did business in this matter. What would happen to him? A rich malefactor should not be shielded any more than a poor malefactor. The resolution calling upon congress to enforce the law entered into years ago when the land was granted to the railroad company called forth many arguments, but before an expression was called for from the conference Mr. Lafferty told them that if there was any doubt about the viva voce vote he would demand a roll call and put every member on record. When the question was called not a single member dared vote in the negative although a lot of them did not vote at all. The people all over the state are aroused in this matter and the politician who endeavors to thwart their wishes on this long delayed and utterly unjustifiable settlement of so important a problem will get hurt at the polls.

## PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. W. L. Kesterson left Tuesday for Bellingham, Wash., where she will join Mr. Kesterson who is employed in the government forest reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. John Olson of Missouri, who have been visiting with Mr. Olson's brothers, Fred and A. B. Olson, left Wednesday for their home.

Will Donley is spending a few weeks in San Francisco and vicinity, taking in the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Campbell have returned from a six weeks trip through Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. They spent a few days at the Pendleton Roundup, on their way home.

T. J. Krueger of Creston was a Valley visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. G. H. Richey and son Lester came down from Corvallis Friday and visited with friends at this place over Sunday.

Pleasant Valley Grange held an interesting session at its regular meeting last Saturday. Much business was taken care of and an interesting program was rendered during the lecture hour. A vote of thanks was tendered friends and neighbors, not members of the Grange, who contributed their products of field, orchard, garden, dairy, art and handwork to the Grange exhibit and which aided very materially in the creditable showing made by Pleasant Valley Grange at the Multnomah County Fair.

## BELROSE

The Epworth League of Bennett Chapel gave a corn roast Friday evening on the grounds near the church. A bonfire was built around which the young people gathered and enjoyed roasting their corn. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games. About forty young people were present and all report a good time.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Davis of Park Drive was the scene of a pretty home wedding Sept. 29, when Miss Leona Creasy was married to Mr. Wright Davis, Rev. D. C. McColm officiating. The bride was gowned in white pleated crepe de chene, trimmed in beaded over-lace. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Miss Adeline Martin was bridesmaid and wore a white satin gown and also carried a bouquet of carnations. Mr. Jesse Farnsworth was best man. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Shotwell, sister of the groom. Immediately after the reception a wedding dinner was served. About thirty relatives and friends of the young couple were present and wished them many years of happy married life. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left Wednesday morning for San Francisco. After their return to Portland they expect to make their home in this community.

Fred LaMear was accidentally hurt Monday while playing football at school. In some manner he was thrown against a barb-wire and his left arm was badly cut. He is able to be about and expects soon to be able to use it again.

## Salt

The average person seldom uses salt except to season his food. There are many other ways, however, in which it may be helpful to Mr. Common People. It is frequently used as a medicine as a wash for the tonsils or eyes. It is beneficial when used this way but should not supplement medical treatment. In case no doctor is at hand, it may be used to hold in check a sore throat or to strengthen sore or strained eyes. Salt may also be used as an emetic and a laxative.

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## Pickles

"There are no pickles like home made pickles." The first element of assured success in pickle-making is that all materials employed be of the very best. So much depends not only upon the raw products, but the careful selection of vinegar and spices. The safest kettles to use are the agate or the porcelain lined. Wooden spoons are to be preferred in the mixing. A few bits of horse-radish give "life" to the vinegar and prevents mold. Since cauliflower is in season just now, a "tried" recipe for "Cauliflower Mustard Pickles" is given below:—  
Divide a large head of cauliflower into pieces, wash and boil, with a dozen white button onions, in salted water until about half done. Drain the cauliflower and onions and add a dozen dill pickles cut into half inch cubes. To two quarts of vinegar add two cupfuls of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of celery seed and one teaspoonful of mustard seed. Bring the whole to a boil.  
Mix together three-fourths of a cupful of flour, a quarter pound of ground mustard, a tablespoonful of tumeric powder and enough cold water to make a paste. Add this mixture to the boiling vinegar and continue the boiling five minutes longer, then add onions and cauliflower, reheat and seal. The above makes about a gallon of pickles.  
—Miriam Haynes.

## A Far Cry.

Bella—Miss Antique says she wishes she could step to the phone and call up her happy college days. Bella—if she did she'd have to employ the long distance phone.—Florida Times-Union.

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