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THE TEXTBOOK GRAFT

The Herald has devoted considerable space to the teachers' tenure proposition. It has not been alone in so doing; a large number of papers in Portland and throughout the state been generous in getting the matter before the public.

We are not belittling the importance of tenure, but there is another matter concerning the schools which is also important, especially to school patrons. We refer to the textbook proposition.

At the present time the parents of every child of school age are compelled to furnish the books required in the child's education. The man with a large family is hard hit once a year at least, and sometimes twice. If he moves from an outside community to Portland, he has an entire new set of books to purchase. Usually, too, he is the least able to meet this unnecessary expense.

The east is generally recognized as the educational center of the country. Decades back the enlightened school authorities of that section adopted the principle that textbooks were as much a part of the child's education as competent instructors, and the books are generally standardized and distributed without charge to the patrons, except through taxation.

Two factors have kept Oregon from adopting the free textbook system: The heavy taxpayers, usually children or whose children are over school age, and the book concerns, who every year take an enormous amount of money out of the state. Every dollar thus spent goes back east, never to return.

The argument has been advanced that where books are supplied free, proper care is not taken of them; that they are destroyed and a waste results. This is fallacious. As a matter of fact, school discipline and inspection serves to keep the textbooks in better shape than under parental control. In addition, eastern schools have repair departments which renew books that in this state go into the fire or the rubbish heap.

Oregon has a modern state printing plant; with the addition of some extra equipment it could be utilized to prevent the waste now occurring and relieve the men who are struggling to educate large families of children. We provide free higher education to a comparative few and spend millions in the doing, but refuse to make it possible for the far greater number to secure elementary instruction without a heavy penalization.

One of these days Oregon will drive the textbook grafters and lobbyists out of the state, eliminate the mossbacks and provide free textbooks as a part of its school system. God speed that happy day. It will lift a heavy load from the backs of a class least able to bear it.

PROTECT OREGON INVESTORS

The Eddy bill extends the power of regulation and investigation by the state over bond dealers and brokers. It requires one hundred per cent guarantee for the citizen who puts up his money.

The Ryan-Vinton bill to tax all bonds and securities issued outside the state would only make it harder for Oregon as a borrowing state to sell its own securities as it must in outside markets.

A high personal tax on foreign securities would meet with retaliatory legislation and withdrawal of financial firms that now are the largest buyers of Oregon highway, irrigation and municipal bonds.

The people of Oregon would help themselves by buying securities of public utilities issued in this state but can never do it by erecting a wall against outside securities seeking this market.

INJUNCTION AGAINST SOLON

There should be a perpetual injunction granted against allowing newspapers to use the word Solon as applied to modern legislators.

Solon was a lawmaker of ancient Greece and made a record that endears his name to the world even down to the present age.

He reduced taxes and enacted laws to enable the people who were hopelessly in debt to regain their freedom from political slavery.

He added the great island of Salamis to his country's territory, and established indirect taxation so direct taxes were not much used.

For indirect taxation he divided society into three classes so that those with the largest incomes paid double, the middle class half as much, and those having below a certain amount nothing.

Those who had the highest offices and dignities in the state were assessed in proportion to the offices they held.

It will be seen that his ideas were exactly opposite to modern tendencies and his ideals were really democratic.

TENURE LEGISLATION MAY WAIT UNTIL 1923

After several hours' discussion of the teachers' tenure issue, which at times bordered on warm debate, the majority of the Multnomah county delegation voted to recommend Senator Hume's concurrent resolution which provides that a joint commit-

The District of Columbia Should Vote and Be Represented in Congress.

By ARTHUR BRAMWELL, Washington Visitor.

One of the chief reasons for the failure of the District of Columbia to obtain the electoral franchise is the large number of residents who wish to retain their ballots in their home states and do not want to vote here. I have been coming to Washington for many years and have been interested in the refusal of congress to bestow the ballot on the district. Like any other real American, I think the people of the capital should have a voice in the government under which they live, but I am afraid it will never be granted them until the thousands of workers who vote in other states relinquish their home vote for a vote here and urge their congressmen to grant the district the franchise.

There is no doubt in my mind that the district should vote and that it should have representation in congress as well as the power of choosing its own municipal officers and public servants. The school situation in Washington has never been entirely satisfactory, simply because the people have had no voice in the selection of their school officials. No city can succeed as well under a paternalistic government as under its own rule.

Politics is necessary in any city, as it keeps some factions actively watching every movement made by the party in power, and the officials know that they must satisfy the public if they wish to be returned.

The District of Columbia cast about 60,000 votes in the recent election, all of them in other states.

tee composed of two senators and three representatives investigate the subject and report to the legislature in 1923.

This recommendation will go to the legislature with 12 members of the delegation in favor and 7 opposing the measures.

After the delegation had agreed to this plan of temporarily disposing of the teachers' problem, an effort was made to recommend Senator Staples' bill providing changes in the present tenure law with an amendment making dismissal by four of five school directors final action, and, in the event of only three votes, to dismiss the teacher, pending appeal to the trial commission. The effort failed to carry, however.

An eminent official of the Swedish government now visiting the United States expresses astonishment at this country's waste of water power. Since waste astonishes him, this observant visitor is bound to suffer a considerable number of shocks. Waste in the United States might almost be said to have attained the dignity of an established public policy.

Some one has figured out that the cities of 125,000 or more in this country would show a production of 1,200,000 tons of coarse paper stock per year if the stock now thrown on the dumps were salvaged. But it is probably a fact that most of the large cities of the country salvage all paper material from their rubbish.

The National Safety Council, in convention at Atlantic City, estimates that one person is killed every 35 minutes by an automobile. Something must be done to stop this slaughter, or the automobile will become confessedly the Juggernaut of the Twentieth century.

Official figures show the cost of living has advanced 104 per cent in six years. The man whose income has not increased in proportion will have to pinch himself to make sure he is still alive.

It is said Americans consumed 398,000,000 pounds more coffee during the fiscal year ended June 30 than in the preceding year. There was no thrill in the coffee; but the consumers seem to be full of kick.

The Philadelphia Record says some people can't even tell the difference between music and jazz. Of course not: jazz is unspendable.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY No. 18929

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, department of probate, duly made and entered on the 15th day of January, 1921, in the matter of the estate of Mary Le Ballister, deceased, authorizing, directing and empowering the undersigned as administrator of the said estate to sell at private sale Lot eleven (11), Block three (3), Oakhurst, in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, to pay the debts against said estate, the undersigned will on and after the 19th day of February, 1921, offer the said property for sale and sell the same at private sale to the highest bidder, subject to the confirmation of such sale by the aforesaid Court; and, that

The aforesaid sale of the aforesaid property will be made for cash only, and said land will be sold subject to the terms and conditions of a certain contract for the sale of said lands entered into between the deceased and one Mrs. L. P. Graham, upon which contract of purchase there remains unpaid a balance of Five Hundred and 41-100ths (\$500.41) Dollars, payable in monthly installments, due on the 22nd of each month, of Eight (\$8.00) Dollars, including interest on deferred payments at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; said contract open to inspection by interested parties at the office of H. P. Arnest, Attorney at law, No. 9133 Foster Road, Portland, Oregon.

Bids may be submitted to the undersigned at the office of H. P. Arnest, his attorney, at No. 9133 Foster Road, Portland, Oregon, at any time after the aforesaid date of February 13, 1921.

Date of first publication, January 21, 1921.

Date of last publication, February 11th, 1921.

A. D. KENWORTHY,
Administrator of the Estate of
Mary Le Ballister, Deceased.

H. P. Arnest, No. 9133 Foster Road.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah.

Elizabeth P. Fefles, Plaintiff,
vs.
Andrew Fefles, Defendant.

To Andrew Fefles, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed by the plaintiff above named in the above entitled suit against you within six weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before Friday, the 11th day of March, 1921. If you fail to answer the complaint herein within said time, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: for a decree and judgment against you forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony between you and the plaintiff herein, and that plaintiff's maiden name of Elizabeth P. Wilson be restored to her, and for her costs and disbursements and for \$150.00 for her attorney's fees in this suit, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. P. Kavanaugh, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, made this 26th day of January, 1921.

Date of the first publication is Friday, January 28th, 1921, and date of last publication is March 11, 1921.

W. S. UREN,
Attorney for Plaintiff, Oregonian Building, Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah; Probate Department.

In the matter of the Estate of Carolina Johnson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Carolina Johnson, deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, Department of Probate, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, or to my attorneys, Gebhardt, Scudder & Hendrickson, 610 Spalding Building, Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers, duly verified, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published, February 4, 1921.

Date of last publication, March 4, 1921.

SVEN P. JOHNSON,
Executor of the last will and testament of Carolina Johnson, deceased.
Gebhardt, Scudder & Hendrickson, Attorneys-at-Law, 610 Spalding Building, Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 19234

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah; Probate Department.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, A. D. Kenworthy, has been appointed administrator of the estate of E. Lavino, deceased, by the Honorable George Tazewell, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department, and that he has qualified as such.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, duly verified as by law required, at the office of Howard P. Arnest, 1210 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication, February 11, 1921.

Date of last publication, March 4, 1921.

A. D. KENWORTHY,
Administrator of the estate of
E. Lavino, Deceased.
Howard P. Arnest, Attorney for
Administrator, 1210 Yeon Building,
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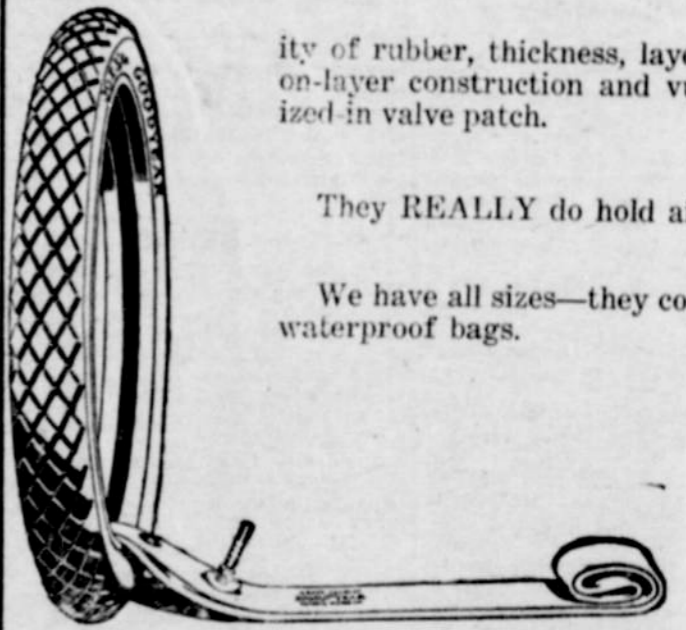
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