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TIME TO REGISTER

Registration for the general election closes on October 7. If you intend voting in November, you must register now.

CONSTITUTION DAY

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The principle of natural, inalienable rights, upon which the Declaration of Independence is based, was embodied in the constitution of the United States. Inalienable rights, rights which not even the government can take from the individual, these are safeguarded in half a dozen different places in the constitution; safeguarded against invasion by the federal government in the first place and then in that great charter of individual liberty, the 14th amendment, safeguarded against violation by the

various states. If, for example, the people of Oregon, carried away by the present wave of intolerance, should adopt the school monopoly bill, the 14th amendment would prevent the destruction of private schools for "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

It cannot be denied, however, that there is a growing tendency to forget the doctrine of inalienable rights embodied in the constitution and to assume that all rights are conferred by the state and none by natural law. It is well on this account that Constitution day should be observed that citizens may find opportunity to meditate on the great work of the founders of this republic and learn to see the danger of departing from those fundamentals of human liberty which the fathers so carefully safeguarded.

COUNTING THE COST

Discussing the condition of the city's schools at the opening of a new school year, the Oregon Journal expresses the hope that the additional bonds and taxes voted for the schools will permit a more efficient administration of the schools than has been possible in the recent past. Of the handicaps suffered by the local schools the Journal says:

"For lack of money it also has been necessary to dismiss teachers, eliminate useful and necessary subjects of instruction and crowd unreasonably large numbers of children into school rooms. Buildings have been continued in use until they became obsolete. Some of them have become fire traps. At Holladay and Sellwood schools there would have been tragedies caused by fire had it not been

for the efficiency of fire drills." When the city faces these grave difficulties in providing proper equipment for its present school population it would appear to be not exactly the height of wisdom to destroy the private and parochial schools of the city which are taking care of more than 5000 pupils this year.

From data compiled by the City club of Portland and published in the Oregon Voter we learn that on the basis of city school costs it would have required \$642,659 to provide for the pupils of the private and parochial schools of Portland last year. This sum, be it kept in mind, is exclusive of the building investment which the same authority estimates at \$2,431,000 to provide room in the public schools for those now accommodated elsewhere.

But these figures, though large, do not tell the whole story. When the efficiency of the private and parochial schools is compared with that of the public schools it is seen that the quality of instruction is enormously in favor of the private institutions. In this regard we quote a paragraph from the City club's report as published in the Voter:

"It would seem that pupils in private and parochial schools get more teaching attention than those in public schools. The advantage of this is regarded by educators generally as of great value in the education of the pupil. Number of pupils per teacher in the three kinds of Portland grade schools are as follows:

Number of Pupils Per Teacher	
Public.....	40.34
Private.....	7.31
Parochial.....	20.28

"This would indicate that in parochial schools each pupil gets twice the teaching attention given in a public school, and that the pupil in a private school is given more than five times the teaching attention. Should the so-called compulsory education bill be enacted, all the pupils of private and parochial schools would be sent to the public schools, where they would get from one-sixth to one-half the teaching attention, assuming that adequate provision for school rooms and teachers were provided by the taxpayers."

From every viewpoint the school monopoly bill becomes more detestable the more it is studied. It would violate fundamental religious and civic rights; it would substitute a more expensive system for the present arrangement and it would lower educational efficiency not merely by increasing the number of pupils per teacher, but by shutting off a fruitful source of educational experimentation furnished by private initiative.

NEEDS MENDING

Wholesale forgery of signatures on the graduated income tax petitions was disclosed this week in the circuit court. A newspaper report of the trial, however, makes this statement: "There is no reflection against the deputies in the office of the county clerk contained in this discovery for the signatures were not compared, only the names being checked against typewritten file cards in the registra-

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tion office."

The law covering the verification of petitions specifically requires a comparison of the signatures, but it appears that the law is disregarded because the county clerk has insufficient funds at his disposal to provide the necessary staff. Large numbers of names are presented for verification within a few days of the time limit and it is a physical impossibility for the regular staff to make the comparison required by law.

It is apparent that this an extremely unsatisfactory condition of affairs; fraud is not merely not prevented, it is invited. The experience with the income tax measure suggests that other petitions, such as the school monopoly bill, be investigated.

NOTES AND NEWS

Time will tell how many tons of freight are moved by Attorney-General Daugherty's injunction against the striking shopten. The sweeping character of the instrument was such that the president felt called upon to say that it would not be used to abridge personal liberty. Many persons will find it hard to see why the ordinary processes of law are not sufficient to deal with attacks on persons and property growing out of the strike.

The secretary of war thought it necessary to rebuke Rudyard Kipling for saying that the United States quit the war before it was finished. But probably not many persons were led astray even in England by Rudyard's outburst. The documents published at the time of the peace conference brought out very clearly that both England and France were anxious for an armistice at the earliest moment compatible with securing their main objectives. They are not to be blamed for that; their people were weary of the war and its bloodshed. It seems ungrateful for an Englishman to complain of America's contribution to the victory, but then gratitude has been defined as a lively appreciation of favors to come and Kipling sees no more favors in prospect from this side of the Atlantic. National pride is a curiously jealous thing. We read in a French paper the other day a long review of a recent history of the war; though the article ran to 3000 words or more it had no mention of the American army or, for that matter, of the British army. The French won the war.

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One hundred and thirty-six thousand, four hundred and forty-one boys and girls were enrolled in agricultural extension clubs in 1921 for training in various phases of livestock work. Last year these boys and girls owned 76,148 head of farm animals and 554,286 fowls, representing a total value of \$3,605,176.

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Two—Sure, he would be 300 years old.

Mr. Spendix—Any installments due today?

Mrs. Spendix—No, dear, I think not.

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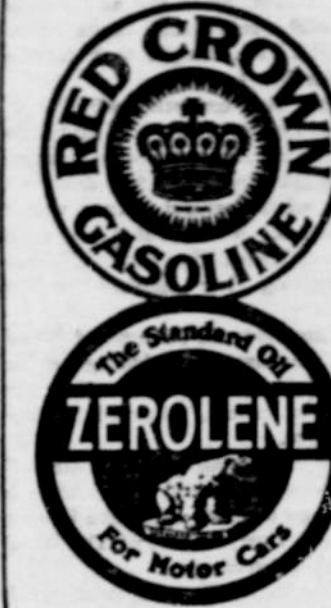
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