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It is strange what apathy exists in communities as a general rule in affairs relating to public schools. When a director is to be elected or a tax levy adopted, a very few take any interest whatever in the result. And yet the schools are of almost as vital importance as the city government, or possibly more so. Why is so little interest shown? It is hard to explain.

The splendid efforts being put forth by Governor West to aid the unemployed in securing work during the dull winter months are worthy of the highest approbation. Few governors would go to the trouble Mr. West is going to to secure employment for the needy. But it is something that will not soon be forgotten even if his noble efforts are not crowned with the success they deserve.

That special elections seldom bear good fruit was again demonstrated in Portland last week when all the measures before the people were voted down. Somehow people will not come out at special elections to vote, and the true sentiment of the whole populace is but rarely secured. The best plan is to vote on all special measures at a regular election.

The "Spugs," who believe that Christmas should not be commercialized, are rapidy growing in numbers. They believe only in the giving of inexpensive gifts at Christmas time. There are a great many people who would be glad if it was the universal custom to give presents that cost the donor not to exceed ten cents. Christmas would then be anticipated with a great deal of pleasure, and not lose its charm by the many sacrifices made to give more than one can really afford.

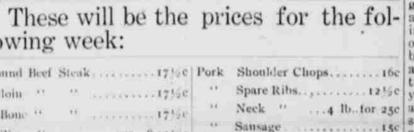
The method of taxation in Orea little property is the goat, and have a little home of his own. all the advantages and benefits of a community, are practically immune from taxation, and the man with a family and struggling to pay for a home of his own must help to bear the burden of public indebtedness. There is no good reason why a bachelor with no one to support but himself should not be assessed for taxation purposes as well as the property owner. In many of the Eastern states an occupation tax is exacted, which is fair and equitable, and should be in force in Oregon. In such case the bachelor drawing a salary would have to pay according to the income received. But as it is, the ownership of a home is fast lostaxation. Don't send that dollar away Spend it in your home town A dollar put in circulation here is worth any number in the mails or in the mail order house's pocket. When you send that dollar away some other com munity makes the profit that Phone Columbia 368 might just as well be made by yours. Dollars attract dollars, For every dollar in use in your locality another dollar will come. Conversely, every dollar that is spent sent away has a pulling power on another dollar that is left behind. A dollar spent in your home town helps to make same way that the community does. When there is plenty of money in circulation everybody keep just as many dollars here as you can instead of sending them away. By patronizing home in-



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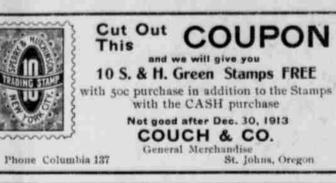
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