

**Let's Give Oregon a Chance**

Were there no opposition to the 1925 Exposition, we would think we were wrong," said Ira F. Powers, chairman of the campaign committee handling the special tax election, in discussing that phase of the situation. "Everything that was ever done for the good of Portland and Oregon has been fought tooth and nail. You want to look out for anything that goes over unanimously—there must be a hook in it. Why we even had to fight disaffection here at home during the war drives.

But go back to the beginnings of progress here in Portland and see what happened. It is on record that the very name of the city was opposed and we narrowly escaped being christened Boston.

When some progressive citizens suggested it would be well to build a bridge across the river the chronic kicker wanted to know what was the matter with the ferry: it always had been good enough, why change?

When the bridge project was tackled in earnest, the objectors threw it into court. For six years the building of a bridge at Morrison street was delayed by court action. Every night during that time a man set out in a row boat at twilight and lighted a lantern that twinkled through the night upon the partly completed pier in midstream so that river craft would not run into it in the darkness. Every morning he rowed back and put the lantern out to save coal oil.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson later found colon bacilli, the cause of typhoid fever, in the Willamette river water that Portland was using for drinking purposes and a warning was issued that a new and pure supply must be found. It was suggested that Bull Run river, many miles away, be tapped and the water piped to the city. How the objectors stormed and jeered! They pooh-poohed any idea of a change. They even doubted that there was such thing as a typhoid germ. Due to their opposition the project of bringing in Bull Run water was delayed about two years. Of course this delay was criminal, because during that time more persons died from typhoid. But now no one is so dull as not to appreciate that Bull Run water is the greatest single advantage Portland has.

There was a long and hard struggle when the Burnside bridge was built. The objectors raised the usual anvil chorus and declared we did not need it. Again, when the Broadway bridge was proposed it was fought bitterly and the project was held up in the courts for a long time.

The building of the municipal auditorium was delayed several years.

When it was first proposed to light the city with electric arcs a terrific howl went up about extravagance and spending the money for nothing.

The men who proposed the Columbia River Highway won a lot of kicks and cuffs. A fine crop of opposition sprang up and it took a lot of work to overcome it. The Pacific Highway, too, was fought bitterly by these persons who are forever looking backward.

Great numbers of them rose up and declared the Lewis and Clark Fair was the bunk and only a valiant handful of courageous men pioneered the project through its earliest stages. I doubt if we would have any city here at all if the recurring groups of objectors had carried the day. Who would want to go back to the old Knott ferry at the foot of Stark street, back to oil lamps lighting the streets in the residence districts and only gas lights in the down town business section, together with all the other out-grown facilities for which the objector has always stood?

Let's give Oregon a chance. Let's keep on growing. Opposition to the 1925 Exposition is just as unreasonable as trying to keep Portland from having bridges across the river, giving it Bull Run water and electric lights. The Exposition will, beyond a doubt, be a positive cure for unemployment here during the next few years. Naturally we all hate taxes and we are slow to vote them. But this is a tax that will reduce taxation, as it will add to the value of all property within the state, and this applies to the little home on the outskirts of the city and the farm in the country as well as to the down town business property. Best of all, this tax will be painless, because it is so small in the first place as to be negligible. Then it will be paid in installments and the first of these will not be due until 1923, or at a time when the Exposition work will be well under way and every one will be prosperous. The 1925 Exposition will do more for Oregon and every person in it than any other one thing. The results of the 1905 Fair were certainly great and Henry E. Reed, secretary of the 1905 Fair, says the benefits of the 1925 Exposition will be fully three times as great. After a consistent record

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**

Mr. Fletcher gave, both the first and second foot ball squads and also the yell leader and foot ball manager, a luncheon Tuesday, November 17th. After luncheon Mr. Fletcher gave a short talk on foot ball. It may be mentioned that the second squad played an important part in foot ball this Fall, in rounding out the first team for all their games.

New members of the Philatheneum will entertain the old members at their annual initiation Thursday, November 17th, after school. The play, titled "Every Girl," has been decided upon for December 16th. The cast has not been completely decided upon as yet.

The Alumatum, a fore runner of the term paper, the Tumulom, appeared Thursday, November 10th. The four mimeographed sheets filled with local news and jokes proved to be a great success. The students are eagerly looking forward to another issue.

During the week, November 7th to 11th, James John was the scene of a unique event in "Tag Day" history. To promote good English during good English week, the students attached one tag for every mistake noted. Hunting season for don't for doesn't, rang for rung, here and that there opened on Monday morning and continued throughout the day. Tuesday was a day of rest, while Wednesday and Thursday were open season for grammatical errors. A prize was awarded to the student who secured the greatest number of points during the entire week. Points were awarded as follows: One point for each tag given to a student. Two points for each tag given to a member of the faculty. Ten points for going without a tag all day.

The Senior class will give all foot ball boys a dinner in school hall Saturday, November 19th, at six o'clock.

"Pep" describes the fourth term party given November 10th in the High School gym. Musical games provided the major part of the evening entertainment. Ice cream and cake added the finishing touch to the most happy evening.

Mr. Young, a Portland attorney, visited James John last Thursday, November 10th, and gave an interesting talk on the value of good English in the business and professional world and the importance of raising ones self to a higher position by the use of good English.

During the study period Monday, November 14th, the classes of James John held their monthly meetings in which they elected two members of each class to serve in the clean-up campaign, November 18th. Each class also elected one member to serve for the advertising for the coming carnival, December 2nd. They also decided on the stunts to be put on for the carnival.

Good book week is being observed by the James John pupils. Posters suggesting the use of good books are in the hall. Miss Cooley of the Meier & Frank book department spoke on the value of good books in Thursday's assembly.

Fred Gerke and Henry Bauer, former students of James John, arrived in port November 12th on the "City of Reno," which came from Europe. They visited school and said they would return soon.

Thursday, November 10th, the James John boys held the Washington aggregation to a 56 to 0 score. The boys played fine ball, considering the opponents and came once as close as five yards to Washington's goal line.

At Tuesday's assembly, November 15th, two faculty members, Miss Davis and Miss Gore, gave talks on disarmament. The background of historical events which led up to the Conference was presented clearly by Miss Davis, and Miss Gore then gave short characterizations of the principal delegates, showing the way in which their life-work and associations had prepared them for the work of the Conference. A foot ball rally followed, with announcements by Clifford Coon, foot ball manager, and team members concerning the Benson-James John game.

of progress, let's not turn the clock back by refusing to authorize another great improvement, the greatest and best of the series, the 1925 Exposition. —Reported.

A man's home may be his castle, but if you want to find him you are more likely to locate him in the garage on the rear end of the lot. —Klamath Falls Herald.

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