

DIVIDING THE MONEY

F.M. Gill Presents More Equitable Plan For School Fund Distribution

Larger Percentage of County and School Moneys Would Go To Districts Where Most Needed.

To the Editor:—Just now the Oregon school question is a very interesting one. Those who are working for the referendum on the appropriation for the State University are excusing themselves on the ground that the money should be spent in giving high school advantages.

I strongly favor the union high school and have been an advocate of it ever since the idea was suggested, but I believe the calling of the referendum on the University of Oregon appropriation from a business standpoint at least, to be folly. The cost of calling the referendum on this appropriation to the taxpayers will probably exceed \$30,000. If the bill is referred the people will sustain the appropriation by a large majority, I am satisfied.

Instead of diverting our energies into an unprofitable channel, why not apply them directly to the bettering of the conditions of our rural schools? Can any who are fighting the University appropriation suggest any way to better the condition of our schools?

I think the greatest evil in our school system is in the distribution of the school moneys. There are several districts in Clackamas county that have more money than they need, while there are as many districts which do not have half enough. This is enough to condemn the system of money distribution.

The state of Washington has the best system of distribution of school money that I have any knowledge of. Under her system the money is distributed not per capita, but according to the total days attendance for all the schools in the county for the county school tax, and according to the total attendance in the entire state for the state money. Thus, if the total attendance in Clackamas county were 500,000 days and the taxes \$50,000, each district would receive ten cents per day that each pupil attended school in that district.

This method of distribution is excellent in that it is its own equalizer. We will suppose that a district like No. 88 of this county, which as a rule keeps but four months school a year, and does not exceed 10 pupils as a daily average, wished to extend its school so as to keep school nine to ten months. It now has a total attendance of 800 days in the year. Under the Washington system this would be the basis upon which they would receive their school money. Now, all that is necessary for the people of this district to do is to vote a sufficient amount of tax to keep ten months of school. They would then have 2000 days attendance to draw money instead of 800 and would receive two and one-half times as much. Every year after that they would be able to keep ten months of school. This extra money would come from the surplus among the more populous districts and would never be missed.

Another advantage of the Washington system is that it encourages the parents to keep the children in the schools, and discourages the idea of keeping them out for every trival thing as many of the patrons of rural districts do. It would make it easier for the proper officers to enforce the compulsory attendance law we now have. I hope we shall soon have the Washington system in operation on this side of the Columbia.

I think there ought to be but two normal schools, one east of the Cascades and one west. Teachers are a great deal like poets; they are born, not made by normal training. Eighty per cent of the teachers of Oregon

will always come from the common schools and high schools. When I began teaching I had twice the education any normal school in the state could give, yet the normal school graduate began his teacher's experience with a State diploma, while I had to content myself with a third grade certificate. The normal school will always be an expensive luxury.

But the work of the Agricultural college and State University is entirely in a different class. They have a course of study which is long enough to be thorough and practical. They are necessary to the best interests of our state and should be liberally provided for.

I favor presenting a bill to the people by the initiative embodying the needed reforms in our school system. The proposed referendum will accomplish nothing. The initiative will strike the ax to the root of the evil.

F. M. GILL.

Estacada, May 8.

Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Edward Phillips of Barclay, Md., writes: "I wish to tell you that I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My little girl, Catherine, who is two years old, has been taking this remedy whenever she has had a cold since she was two months old. About a month ago I contracted a dreadful cold myself, but I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was soon as well as ever." This remedy is for sale by Howell & Jones.

TWENTY-TWO GRADUATES.

The commencement exercises of the Barclay school will be held in the Shively theater on Tuesday evening, June 11, when a class of 22 will be graduated. The salutatory will be delivered by Mary Arvesta Scott, the valedictory by Elva Emily Watts and the class oration by the president of the class, Alvah Ray Groat. Other members of the class appearing on the program are Harry David Frost, Harry August Schoth, Alice May Goetting, Olga McClure and Winnie Florence Jackson.

After the program by the graduates President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon will make a short address. The school closes the Friday preceding, the exercises being set for the following Tuesday so as to not interfere with school work.

The school has not been in so flourishing a condition for many years as at the present time. The enrollment and percentage attendance is the larger for the last of the school year than for many years. Out of a class of 22 only two have lost out of the eighth grade and those on account of illness. Forty pupils will complete the course of the eighth grade, Mrs. Emilie Shaw's room at the Eastham school, the largest class in a long time. The school is desirous of adding two grades by the opening of the fall term and should those grades be added there are certainly 30 Oregon City pupils who will be ready to enter the eleventh grade.

Before Decoration day, veterans from the G. A. R. will visit the schools and talk to the children. Neither the representatives nor the day have been decided upon.

The graduating class of '07 includes Chester Carothers, Harry David Frost, Alvah Ray Groat, Hazel Lucy Glinther, Millard Irving Gillett, William Mitchell, Strohmeyer, Genevieve Leighton Capen, Rosa Christena Moehne, William Jackson, Winnie Florence Jackson, Harold Vernon Waldron, Myrtle Gladious Cross, John Peterson Teiford, Harry August Schoth, Gilbert Eugene Long, Alice May Goetting, Lela Eldora Young, Elva Emily Watts, Ethyl Park, Olga McClure, Elizabeth Lewis, Mary Arvesta Scott.

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DRUG TRUST HARD HIT BY DECISION

Following are the principal provisions in the sweeping decision against the drug trust rendered by the United States District court at Indianapolis, Thursday:

The defendants, 92 in number, who are members, officers, directors, agents and attorneys of the National association of Retail Druggists, the National Wholesale Druggists' association, Tri-Partite Proprietors, "Blacklist manufacturers," Direct Contract Proprietors, Wholesale Contract Contract Proprietors, and Charles C. Baumbaugh are perpetually enjoined from combining and conspiring to restrain the sale of drugs, fix prices by agreement, blacklist retailers who cut prices or to refuse to sell any retailer on equal terms. All publications of blacklists are forbidden and all contracts and agreements covered by the charges are declared void.

The direct contract serial number plan is prohibited, as well as the securing of the adoption of schedules for the sale of drugs.

Relief from Rheumatic Pains.

I suffered with rheumatism for over two years," says Mr. Rolland Curry, a patrolman, of Key West, Fla. "Sometimes it settled in my knees and lamed me so I could hardly walk, at other times it would be in my feet and hands so I was incapacitated for duty. One night when I was in severe pain and lame from it my wife went to the drug store here and came back with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I was rubbed with it and found the pain had nearly gone during the night. I kept on using it for a little more than two weeks and found that it drove the rheumatism away. I have not had any trouble from that disease for over three months." For sale by Howell & Jones.

LARGE CROWD AT C. S. FREE LECTURE

Rev. Francis J. Fluno, M. D., C. S. D., of Oakland, Cal., lectured at Wilamette hall to a crowded house, Thursday evening, under the auspices of the First Church of Christ Scientists. His subject was "Christian Science vs. Finite sense." The lecturer spoke nearly two hours and the interest of his hearers was evinced by the close attention given by the large audience. He was introduced by Miss Laura Beatie.

A special of three cars on the O. W. P. brought 160 Christian Scientists from Portland, and a large number came from Salem, Albany and other places.

Rev. Fluno spent several days in Oregon City and was visited by scores of people during his stay.

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WITHDRAW INVITATION TO DRAMATIC CLUB

Estacada, May 10.—Mrs. Florence Duncan visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis of Garfield, Wednesday evening.

The Garfield Dramatic club will not play its comedy at the Eagle Creek grange hall Saturday night. For some reason, the committee of the Eagle Creek grange withdrew their invitation. The club has decided to play in Estacada, Friday evening, May 17, if suitable arrangements can be made.

The referendum petitions must have all blanks filled properly. Be sure to put in the place of residence, if in the

country, the name of your precinct, if in the city your street and number. Also write the postoffice address and voting precinct in proper place. Don't use ditto marks. If you fail to watch these things, the petitions will be returned to you.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by Howell & Jones.

WILD MAN ANNOYS MOLALLA PEOPLE

John M. Stewart of Molalla, who was in Oregon City, Thursday, reported that a supposed crazy man has been annoying the people up there lately. He stays in the woods, only coming out to farm houses to demand something to eat. Mr. Stewart was advised to swear out a warrant for the man's arrest. He phoned home and was told the man had disappeared again and so did not ask for the warrant.

WEST OREGON CITY SCHOOLS REPORT

Report of West Oregon City schools for the month ending May 3:

First Primary—Enrollment, 27; days absent, 58; times tardy, 0; neither absent nor tardy, 8. Mrs. Grace Chapman, teacher.

Second Primary—Enrollment, 24; days absent, 51; times tardy, 0; neither absent nor tardy, 6. Albina Thibert, teacher.

Intermediate—Enrollment, 15; days absent, 52; times tardy, 1; neither absent nor tardy, 0. Jessie Blank, teacher.

Bolton—Enrollment, 30; days absent, 23; times tardy, 0; neither absent nor tardy, 2. Clara Koerner, teacher.

Advanced—Enrollment, 14; days absent, 37; times tardy, 0; neither absent nor tardy, 0. F. P. Kendall, principal.

STRAWBERRY FAIR FOR OREGON CITY

Captain J. P. Shaw is advocating the holding of a strawberry fair and festival at Oregon City in June. There is an immense acreage of strawberries grown in this vicinity, and such a show would advertise the fact and be of great encouragement to the growers as well.

Captain Shaw has resided at Hood River where the basis of the reputation of their berries was built by such means. In every particular with the possible exception of shipping qualities, the Captain says the Oregon City berries equal those of Hood River, and in flavor far exceed any irrigated ground fruit.

Such a fair would not only attract attention but it would bring many strangers to the city.

STRAYED.

Strayed, from the residence of A. Thomas at Beaver Creek, one Indian saddle pony, light sorrel, with bald face, three white feet; branded E on shoulder and jowl; weight about 850 pounds. Finder please notify A. Thomas, Oregon City, R. D. 3; telephone Mutual Home 2, Beaver Creek.

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CITY AND COUNTY BRIEFS.

F. E. Albright of Molalla was in town, Thursday.

W. H. Mayfield of Eliwood transacted business in Oregon City Friday.

The Cazadero dam is 60 feet high; the one proposed higher up is to be 150 feet high.

Miss Hattie Wilson is suffering with stomach trouble. She has been ill three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Settle of Falls View are happy over the advent of a son at their home.

Mrs. Charles Albright, after a long and serious illness, is able to be up and around the house again.

W. B. Shively, Sr., has returned from a 30 day's trip to San Diego, and other cities of southern California.

The Umpqua News says timber wolves are reported as being numerous in the Glide neighborhood and are doing much damage by killing sheep and calves.

H. Wunder of near Monmouth made \$1512 last year off 45 acres, which includes an estimate for living expenses. Hogs lead with \$390, cream \$180, prunes \$100, eggs \$90.

The Mt. Pleasant Improvement club has appointed the following committee to go before the county court in its interests: J. W. Partlow, A. C. Warner and S. T. Roman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilson returned from Rainier, Wednesday, where they had been to attend the wedding of Miss Georgia Silva, a niece of Mr. Wilson.

George Gardner is expected in from his homestead at Carlton, Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. William Gardner and family will move the first of the week to their new place at Meldrum Station.

At The Dalles eight of the Norris & Rowe men struck for their wages, and one of the big black horses was attached. The trouble caused a delay and circus performance did not start until 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Leila Johnson of Lafayette visited her mother, Mrs. O. A. Cheney, the first of the week and went from here to Clackamas for a visit with her husband's people. Mrs. Cheney has been very ill but is somewhat improved.

The Dillon jury stood six for conviction and six for acquittal. Two jurors got in a wordy scrap and soon all were lined up on one side or the other. Then it was good bye to all

chances of agreeing. They staid out six hours.

Portland rose carnivals and Hood River apple fairs will have to take a back seat to Oregon City's strawberry carnival. "The good Lord no doubt could make a better fruit than the strawberry, but he never did make a better fruit than the strawberry."

Sheriff Beatie had the unusual experience of collecting the cash on an execution Wednesday. It was against August Erickson, who owns a half-dozen saloons in Portland and considerable real estate in this county. The execution was sent from Multnomah and was in favor of Hans Wurm for \$446.65.

Fred Bittner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bittner, who formerly resided in West Oregon City, has been visiting old friends here. The family are now living at Klondike, but Fred has attended school this winter at Seattle. Before going home he will visit his grandmother and an uncle and an aunt at Springwater.

At the meeting of the young people of St. John's Catholic church, held at the residence of Father Hillebrand, about 26 were present. It was decided that on May 19, when the corner stone of the new school is to be laid, ice cream and cake, candy, lemonade and coffee and sandwich boons would be conducted. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at the same place to perfect further plans for the occasion.

In reporting on the strawberry acreage of Clackamas county, Fruit Inspector A. J. Lewis overlooked one section of the county, near Mt. Scott, where one neighborhood alone has over 20 acres in this fruit. There may be other instances of oversight on the part of the fruit inspector that if included in his report would increase the acreage to over 200.

There is at present a great rush of settlers into Harney county, and the number increases as fast as the stage lines can handle the passengers. The land owner has been doing a larger business than for several years. Land that has been looked upon as worthless, such as greasewood land, which does not even produce good grass is being taken by the settlers from Colorado and Utah to be fine land for growing sugar beets. If it proves to be true Harney valley will be the greatest sugar producing section in Oregon. The oldtimers in that locality they say, are doing all in their power to discourage settlers, but very few are leaving as they know that no richer soil can be found in the state, and that all the country wants is new people who will farm instead of herd stock and cut wild hay for feed in the winter or let their herd rustle for themselves.

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