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ONE OF OREGON'S THE YOUTH'S GREATEST ASSETS

The Youth's Companion in a recent issue says: "Oregon tries to put a high-school education within reach of the boys and girls of every rural community. A state law provides for a county fund from which any district that, either alone or with a neighboring district, maintains a standard high school, may draw money in proportion to the number of pupils in the school. The plan was first tried in Lane county in 1908. The six high schools of that year, with 523 pupils, have increased to sixteen, with nearly a thousand pupils. Seven other counties have adopted the plan, with the result that now there are said to be more high school pupils in proportion to the population than in any other state."

The magazine from which the above is taken is one of the standard children's periodicals of the nation. Perhaps more youngsters have been brought up on The Youth's Companion and St. Nicholas than on any other two papers. Some children have been lucky enough to have both included in their earlier reading, and have profited much thereby. Therefore, it means more than mere comment when such a magazine prints in its columns information such as is given here, for not only do thousands of children throughout the East and Middle West read it, but their parents read it as well, and thoughts are thus directed towards Oregon as a state that believes in looking out for its future generations.

The neighboring commonwealth of Washington has long justly prided itself upon its public school system, which has been developed to a high degree. Tacoma, one of its cities, is perhaps most widely advertised by its magnificent high school and stadium—and while Tacoma has a newer and yet larger high school, its older buildings is still drawing annually many new families to the city. People migrate these days to places where they can not only better their own condition, but where they can be assured of a liberal and modern education for their children as well.

The little clipping printed at the head lines about Oregon is advertising that says. It is quoted here as an example of the sort of news we want to give the rest of the world about ourselves. It matters not so much that our resources are wonderful and inexhaustible—the resources of Brazil are as great. What we want the rest of the world to know is that not only have we resources and vacant land awaiting settlement, but that we have also here a system of life as advanced as any to be found in the United States, a system that not only provides comfort and progress for the grown-ups, but that provides the means of the successful advancement of the younger generation. People these days are thinking of their children's future more than of their own; and the state that can do the best for the children is the state that will grow. The public school system has made America what it is today; Oregon's advanced public school system will do wonders in making her the great state of the future on the Pacific slope.

MOLALLA SHOWS THE Molalla dis-proper spirit. The Molalla Commercial club, and has received much sage advice upon how to go about placing itself before the public. Mr. C. C. Chapman, of Portland, cautioned the embryonic boosters never to tell a lie about their resources, which coming from the source it did was good advice in more ways than one. Portland is reported not always

to have followed this axiom. Judge Dimick told the people that it would require more than mere boasting to make their club a success, and in so speaking the secretary of the Clackamas Southern railroad hit a big nail squarely on the head. Many a Commercial club has nullified its purpose by developing merely into a personal admiration society. It is very satisfactory for Commercial club members to gather together and mutually entertain each other with accounts of the greatness of their district. Such such action does not bring results. Each member of a Commercial club must constitute himself a live wire charged with activity in many ways. He or she must not only boost conscientiously and steadily, but must stand ready at all times to put a personal shoulder to the wheel of progress and help it over the rough places.

With resources such as the Molalla valley contains, members of the new Commercial club should find plenty to do. Not only should they see to it that the truth about the Molalla is known everywhere it is possible to spread it; but they should each one of them, individually, make it a personal matter to see that new settlers come to the Molalla rather than elsewhere. Sometimes it is inconvenient for a business man to pause in his work, but he should find it a prospective settler, and take him out and show him the advantages of his own locality, and practically argue him into locating there. But this is what the newer idea of Commercial club activity means in one of its aspects; and the man who finds it inconvenient or a bore to do this sort of thing had better give up his active membership in the organization.

Molalla, happily, seems to be filled with people who are ready and willing to do all that is required of them by modern Commercial club standards, and in this the community is fortunate. The valley is a home of workers, and not of drones, so the outlook for its Commercial club, and for its growth and success are bright. For this it is to be congratulated; and because of this the new organization bids fair to be a success in every way. Here's greetings to the Molalla Commercial club, and to its energy and enthusiasm. May progress and success come its way, and through it may Molalla become a better and friendlier neighbor of Oregon City.

BOOSTER DAY With the weather IS WITH US forecaster declaring that all the Northwest is to enjoy summer weather for at least twenty-four hours, Oregon City's annual festival occasion would seem to be opening under auspicious circumstances. The first straw that has appeared, and the girls have already decked themselves in their prettiest and coolest of dresses. Summer herself seems to be at hand, so the chances are that Nature will do her part to make Booster Days successful. This being Oregon, however, it may rain. Aside from that the outlook could not be better.

All roads lead to Oregon City, and all roads are being steadily traveled. Probably never before have there been so many people in town, and while the State Sunday School convention is responsible for some of the throng, the fame of former Booster Days must be held accountable for the greater part of the crowds. And there is something here worth seeing, too. It is good for a city to have a day such as this; it is good for the community of which the city is the center. It gives people a chance to get acquainted, it promotes rivalry, it leads to a greater striving for perfection—it works for the benefit of the country and the city.

All that remains is for Oregon City to do her part. Providing the entertainment and the space for displays is only half of her duty. She must extend the glad hand of fellowship freely and sincerely, she must listen to the requests of her visitors, and inasmuch as they suggest changes for their convenience, she must yield. The city cannot thrive without the support of the surrounding country, and the city must do all that it can to make the residents of the country want to come here to trade or to enjoy themselves. Indications

are that Oregon City will acquit herself nobly, and this is as it should be. Here's a welcome to all who come, a pledge of good times for them, and an assurance that they will find here much that is instructive, and much that will make them want to come back again and again, and he real good neighbors.

ONE BENEFIT Certain disgruntled ALREADY SEEN folk who have found fault with the county cruise of timber lands are somewhat deprived of their arguments by results of the cruise so far conducted. To date, about half the timber land in the district has been gone over by experts, and as a result there will be considerable increase in assessments next year. One tract which in 1912 was assessed at \$19,200 has been found by the cruise to contain 43,000,000 feet of timber, and aside from this it has been determined that the soil from which the timber has sprung is some of the best in the county and will easily be worth \$15 an acre when cleared in the rough for agricultural development.

Another tract, formerly assessed at \$11,200, has been found upon cruising to contain 49,000,000 feet of timber, and next year will be assessed at \$27,000. Washington assesses its timber regions by means of cruising estimates, and thereby gets some adequate return from the holdings of the big companies. Assessing timber land by guess work is not suitable to modern times, and permits too many chances for mistakes, if not for favoritism. Money that the county may spend on this cruise will be more than returned to the taxpayers by the increased assessment, and the placing of the burden of county upkeep where it rightfully belongs. The more nearly their own shares of taxation that the timber interests bear, the less will be the surplus and wrongful shares that other interests will have to bear.

Salen heard about Booster Day, and heard good news of it. Says The Sa'em Statesman: "Many high bred horses and cattle were the principal attraction at a two-days carnival in Oregon City yesterday and the day before. Everybody from the surrounding country came in and assisted the enthusiastic Oregon City people to make the occasion a gala one. Some surprise was shown over the display of livestock, the majority of the visitors not having been aware that this portion of the state possessed so many animals of the quality exhibited."

MR. BOOSTER His Birthday (CONTRIBUTED) "Wal, I cum to town yestern, an' everything wuz hummin', I tell ye. Couldn't sell my 'aters 'cause there wuz so much a-doin'. Bands a-playin', squawks a-squawkin', cows a-battin', horses a-sartin' an' prancin', purty gals—coddies of 'em all dressed up in white an' lookin' jes like angels, only they didn't act like angels at all—jes' crazy over sody-pop an' ice cream. No angel could act like that. I didn't know what all the doin' wuz, so I siddles up to a respectable lookin' chap and axed 'im what all wuz fer, and he says, says he, as it wuz Booster Day.

Mr. Booster's birthday it wuz, says he, and he axed me if I didn't know what all Mr. Booster had done fer the county. I axed 'im 'bout a cheap 'cause I didn't know, an' I axed away from 'im 'bout sayin' 'bout, and axed 'nuther chap who Mr. Booster wuz? He allowed he wuz some relation o' Mayor Jones, an' sed I c'd find out more by axin' him. So I mooses over to his store, and axed him right out bold who wuz this here Mr. Booster. 'Axed 'im 'bout his wuz some relation o' him. Mister Jones, he kind o' looked round sideways as if he wuz ashamed of this here relation, an' 'ot red, an' says, says he, that Gram Dimick knew more 'bout 'im than he did.

So I goes up to Judge Dimick, an' axed him jes' as bold as I'd axed Mister Jones. The judge, he smiled like he wuz glad to see me, an' says 'says he: "Sure I know 'im, he's goin' to be president o' my 'aw railroad. Cum in tomorrow mornin' at nine o'clock, an' I'll introduce you. He'll be glad to meet ye."

So I thanked 'im, and says I'll be there, an' I'll bring the hull family, too. I sure want my folks to see this here man Booster, that they're making such a fuss 'bout. Your uncle, A. J. HASKINS.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE ONE VIEW OF IT (To the Editor)—Lately we have witnessed several unprovoked, cowardly, brutal assaults upon a number of our prominent citizens by a local newspaper, wherein the aforesaid persons were held up to ridicule, scorn and contempt, and a number of other people, friends of the blithful editor, were extolled for their many good qualities.

It is not our purpose to say who is right, and who is deserving of rebuke, but it ought to be that a decent minded, honest, conscientious man, a taxpayer and a factor in the community, be protected from vicious assaults of men suffering with cancer of the innuendoes, or catarrh of the brain. One's good name is the most valuable asset he can have—a possession more worthy than anything else he can possess. If we are greeted to a spectacle of men's good names dragged down to the dust and ruthlessly trampled upon by whom? Is it right and fair that one should set himself above his fellows and say "I am holier than thou"? Is it fair that men deserving of respect should be abused like felons? Can any good purpose be thus served? Will society or government be benefitted by these tactics employed by a man who is a "knocker," one that attempts to destroy in his feeble might without trying to build up.

A number of our prominent citizens are to be congratulated on their broad mindedness and charity and good will toward people of the type we have just described, or these character wreckers, these scoundrels in human form that prey upon those of their kind who be serving terms in the penitentiary or answering as defendants in civil actions for libel. The best way to treat these fellows is to let them rave. It has always been thus. How great a blessing is a good health, and those that are sick, or weary are to be pitied. A. J. HASKINS.

HOW ABOUT THIS? DAMASCUS, Or., April 25.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—We have another case in our circuit court, that would not be there if we had had a Blue Sky law. Last year in this state, The Co-operative Supply House of Portland was incorporated in Salem on the 29th of April, 1912, with a capital stock of \$3,000,000.00 one half of which was subscribed by three or four "bumbo artists." They were incorporated for the sole purpose of fleecing the farmers of this state out of their cash, and they succeeded in selling in neighborhood of 17,000 shares at \$10.00 per share, 12,000 of which were sold for cash and the balance were sold for notes and some farmers even gave mortgages on their homes for shares in the company. The concern worked a good deal on the same plan as the Columbia Orchards company, which went bankrupt and left so many farmers in the lurch. They sold their stock to farmers principally at a par value of \$10.00 per share, and represented that on the 1st day of December the shares would be worth \$12.50 and they would advance to \$15.00 on the first of January, 1913. They also represented they could and would pay dividends on their stock by the first of May, 1913, amounting to 12 1/2 or 15 per cent, as they said about Nov. 1, that their sales amounted to over \$1,000 per day. The agents of the Co-operative Supply House represented to the farmers that they owned the large 4-story concrete warehouse at E. 1st and Mad-

son streets which they occupied, and that they also owned all of the goods, wares, merchandises and machinery contained in the building, and that they owned the land on which the building stood, as well as the vacant lots adjoining.

On Feb. 20, 1913, the Co-operative Supply House was declared insolvent and R. S. Sablin, secretary of the Merchants Protective association, was appointed as receiver. On March 8th a meeting of the stockholders was called, and a great many "suckers" attended only to learn that they had been "bunked," some of them to the tune of \$5,000.00. The so-called "suckers" appointed a committee of three to investigate the books of the company and they learned that the Co-operative never owned more than one-half of the stock of goods on hand, and had only one year's lease on the building and real estate. There was about 14 carloads of canned goods on the building and real estate. There was about 14 carloads of canned goods on the building and real estate. There was about 14 carloads of canned goods on the building and real estate.

At the request of the teachers particular attention will be paid to individual child study, rather than to subject matter, and a course of social hygiene will also be held. The training school will occupy the three weeks between the opening date and the annual Chataqua, and most of the teachers will remain over for the Chataqua sessions, which this year will be arranged especially with the teachers in view. While the complete course for the training school has not yet been formed, it has already been arranged to have present representatives of the publishing houses putting out the new standard text books, who will explain and demonstrate the best methods of instruction from them.

There will also be conducted for the three weeks a model "country school" of one room, in which all eight grades will be taught simultaneously. Miss Bigelow, the United States road roads expert will also be on hand to enlighten teachers on what they can do to better the good roads movement; and Miss Grace Launkin, the nationally famed expert on playgrounds will attend and demonstrate to the teachers the benefits of "constructive games," in which "grown-up kindergarten" methods are employed to develop the older children.

Arrangements have also been made to have present a number of normal school students, and other young women who are planning later on to take up teaching as a profession. Through the courtesy of the management of the Chataqua, free use of the grounds and restaurant, as well as the water supply, will be given the county for the teachers. The same charge will be made for tents for the three weeks of school and for the Chataqua course as is made for the school year alone, so that practically all the teachers who attend the school will continue coming right on through the other gathering.

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In asking that a three-weeks course in teacher training be substituted for the former institute, the teachers voted four to one in favor of the new system. In making up the program every effort will be made to provide the teachers with the material that will be most helpful to them, and speakers and authorities from all parts of the state, as well as from outside institutions, will be invited to be present.

With regards to the model school that is to be held, Mr. Gary is in somewhat of an odd quandary. Speaking of this matter, he said: "Usually, when there is a model school held for exhibition purposes, the very brightest children are selected. This time, as a demonstration of what may be done by modern country school methods, we don't want bright children. We want dull ones, the duller the better. But just how we are going to get dull ones we have not yet found out. We cannot very well advertise for dull children, and even if we did I don't suppose we'd get them, for everybody thinks their own children are bright, and they wouldn't send us any at all if only dull ones were to be accepted. However, we shall hope to get some, in some way, that will really make the demonstration worth while, and that will show what can be done by modern methods with a single room, eight-grade school."

Local commercial fishermen wish to emphasize the fact that there will be no discrimination against outside boats. In assessing the charge of \$25 a boat they feel that they are perfectly fair, and that as long as Columbia river boats come here to spread their nets, they should pay a share of the expense of securing open river fishing privileges in this district. The assessment this year will be collected before the season opens, and it is believed that as all boats will be asked to pay the same amount no trouble will result in securing the payments.

Boats that refuse to bear their fair share of the expense necessary to maintain a representative at Salem will be perhaps deprived of certain privileges on the fishing grounds, but as the assessment will be absolutely the same at all, it is not believed that any will balk at the slight assessment.

TEACHERS SCHOOL FOR THREE WEEKS

COUNTY TRAINING COURSE WILL OPEN AT GLADSTONE PARK JUNE 17

NEW LAW PROVIDES FOR SYSTEM

Instructors to Have Use of all Camping Sites Before Chataqua

The first teachers' training school to be held in Clackamas county, as provided for by the law passed at the last session of the legislature, which makes it optional with the instructors whether they will have an annual institute or a training school, will be opened at Gladstone Park June 17, this year, in charge of County Superintendent T. J. Gary. Over 75 per cent of the teachers in the county have requested that a training school be held, and arrangements are now being completed for a thoroughly comprehensive course of work.

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EQUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISHING BOATS

Oregon City commercial fishermen have declared for an open river, with favors to none, and will place no restrictions upon Columbia river gill-netters who may come here, save that they pay an equal assessment with local boats upon the cost of securing fishing privileges on the Willamette during the season. A meeting of the Oregon City Fishermen's Union was held Tuesday night, at which these matters were settled.

At the meeting it was the unanimous opinion of the union that each boat engaging in the fishing this year should pay an assessment of \$25 towards the expense of maintaining an agency at Salem to see that adverse legislation to local fishing interests was not passed. In former years the Oregon City men have borne their burden alone, and boats have paid from \$25 to \$75 to maintain a representative at the state capital to look after their interests. Outside fishermen have enjoyed the privileges that resulted, and it is thought that it is only fair that this year all boats engaged in fishing pay their share of the upkeep of the Salem bureau.

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JUDGE FILES SUIT IN HIS OWN COURT

The somewhat unusual spectacle of a judge filing a suit in his own court occurred Friday, when Judge J. U. Campbell of the circuit court, entered an action, through W. A. Dimick, his attorney, to clear title to certain land located in the Andrew Hood donation land claim. Over 40 defendants are named in the action, some two score of them being cited personally, and the others referred to in general terms, or as the heirs of certain parties now deceased. The case, naturally, will not be tried in Judge Campbell's department, but will be heard by Judge Aiken, who presides over the other department of the circuit court for this district.

The defendants named in the case are: Adeline Howell, Thomas Howell and wife, Hettie and John Smith, Henry Howell and wife, John Howell and wife, William Howell and wife, Stanford Howell, Jr., Joseph Howell and wife, Matilda and William Potter, Ida and Edgar Kiehl, Frank Howell and wife, Louise Dolloway Post, John Post and wife, Edith Post, Clara and Joshua McKnight, Anna Post, Thurston L. Johnston and wife, Miles S. Johnson and wife, H. H. Johnson and wife, Violette Post Foster and E. Lucas Foster, Rex G. Post and wife, Henry Foster, Louise F. Skinner and Guy E. Skinner, and the heirs of Ivson and Phinney, as well as all others claiming right or title to the land.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS BALL TEAM

Not to be outdone by other organizations of recreation and rivalry for its initiations, and also to furnish a novel members, the Oregon City commercial club is going to have a ball team, and organization and financing have already been taken care of. There is a lot of championship material in the club membership, many members of former winning Oregon City teams being enrolled, and these will all come out.

Among those who will volunteer for the team are: "Brick" Carothers, "Auk" Smith, Pete Long, Fred Freeman, "Trink" Rittenbush, Johnny Mulkey, Jack Telford, Ed Lavier, "Nine" Long, Oliver Frost, Hugh Burdon, "Switz" Vonderahe, Clyde Stokes, "Mott" Ross and a few other local players.

The first trout will be held Sunday and those chosen will make up the team. When the team is fairly well organized they will give a dance in Busch's hall to help defray the expenses of the season. The uniforms will be gray with green stripes and will be made for the team by the Oregon City Manufacturing company. "Commercial Club" will be carried in script on the shirts and "O. C." interwoven on the sleeves. The club will pay teams in Portland, Salem, Astoria, Eugene, Corvallis, Albany and other teams in the state.

The officers elected were as follows: Gilbert E. Long, captain; R. L. Holsclaw, manager; Ralph L. Sheppard, secretary; B. T. McElain, president of the Commercial club, was elected honorary president.

CONVENTION ENDS; MUCH WORK DONE

(Continued from Page 1.) elected by the executive committee as follows: Roy F. W. Emerson, of Albany, president; Charles A. Phipps, of Portland, re-elected as general secretary; office secretary, Mrs. F. W. Ormsby, of Lents; elementary department secretary, Mrs. Ollie Clarke, Lents; teen department, Mrs. F. W. Ormsby, Lents; adult department, L. S. Hopfield, of McMinnville; teachers training, Mrs. H. N. Smith, of Oak Grove; home visitation, J. H. Bennett, of Portland; missions department, Mrs. J. T. Wilkins, Astoria. Mrs. I. A. Danenhauer, Mrs. Geo. E. Paddock, Mrs. S. W. Ormsby and Mrs. M. D. Meacham were graduated from the teachers' training department, of which J. H. Bennett is supervisor. Resolutions thanking the city and the people for this hospitality were adopted and ordered engraved.

BROADEN SCOPE OF GIRLS' WORK AIM OF STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 1.) Jennie Pierce, Salem; secretary and treasurer, Miss Stella Wilson, Portland. An advisory board consisting of Mrs. S. W. Ormsby, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Britts, Mrs. Danenhauer, Miss Lillian Miller, Miss Helen Watts, Miss Myrtle Mills, Miss Mildred Carlyle, and the secondary superintendent of Grants Pass was also appointed. The nominations were made by Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Mrs. E. B. Andrews and Miss Alma Hoskins. In closing the first day's session the convention adopted the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the First Girls' Conference of the state of Oregon extends thanks, first to the people of the Presbyterian church who have given us the use of their church building; second, to Mrs. Andrews and the ladies who so ably assisted her and the young ladies of the decoration committee; third, to Mrs. Ormsby, Mrs. Danenhauer, Miss Wolfe, Miss J. Corey, leader of the Camp Fire Girls; and all who have taken part in the program; fourth, to the railroad companies for their kindness in giving rates to this convention."

MOLALLA STREAMS YIELD RARE TROUT

Trout streams in the Molalla district are reported to be plentifully supplied with fish, the result of the public spirited work of citizens of Canby, who stocked the streams with 50,000 trout of different varieties last summer. The fries have thrived well in the streams, and have attained good growth and sporting qualities. The fish are now from four to six inches long, and are said to be exceptionally gamey.

Next year it is expected that the streams that empty into the Molalla river will furnish a good quota of fish that will later find their way into the Willamette, and that will furnish sport for lovers of the seductive trout.

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