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PRACTICAL THINGS in education are the favorites nowadays in all educational circles. The address of Frank Welles of the office of the state superintendent before the teachers of Clackamas county last week emphasized this feature of the work of the country schools.

Professor J. E. Calavan, county superintendent, has also that positive idea in the administration of the public school system of the county. He thinks that the schools of the county should be used to train the child for after life—not to stuff his head full of things for which he will never have the slightest use.

Under the old system of education, the faculties of the schools filled their courses with things and studies that the average child never had the slightest use for in his after life and that merely served to crowd out of his mind some of the other things that might have proved of real benefit to him.

The leaders of education have come to the point where they now realize all of this and the past few years have worked a tremendous revolution along this line. Now all of the county superintendents who are keeping pace with the trend of the times are inducing their various boards to cut out all of the useless work and teach those practical courses that give to the child some vital facts that will beneficially prepare him for his after career.

The school is the training camp for the young player on the diamond of life. The boy with the mechanical turn of mind should be given those opportunities that will give him the fundamentals of his chosen work.

Early in his school life, the trend of the child's mind is shown by the studies in which he excels. He should then be given a specialized course in those elements of that study that will be of benefit to him when he becomes a man and that will prove useful when he goes into the business or professional world.

The problem of making the courses of study practical has grown finer even than this. The county superintendent, for instance, believes in cutting from those practical courses in the schools all that is useless and trivial and teaching to the students only those parts of the studies that will be of real value later after they have finished their education and the training that they have received in school being to be used.

Mathematics, for example, is an essential in education. But there are features of the courses in that study for which the child has not the slightest use in later life and that merely take his time and crowd his mind when he ought to be devoting his energies in other ways. What good does the knowledge of cube root do a child who may become a lawyer? What benefit does he gain from one-third of the matter that is nowadays crowded into the text books or that was thrown in there only a few years ago?

And yet, it is a fact that a large proportion of those students who pass through the educational mill have not a working knowledge of the subject and cannot figure for themselves any of the daily problems with which they are confronted in the ordinary course of business.

"Reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic" are still the essentials of education, though some of our text books seem to have forgotten that idea long ago and to have tried to crowd into their pages all of the foreign matter that could possibly be placed there.

The same principle applies to English. No man is an educator today in the true sense of the word whose works are filled with words that stretch across half a line of type. Simplicity of words, concentration of thought in the shortest possible space and sentences, is now the keynote of a true education.

This is the principle of the reform in educational circles all over the country and particularly in Clackamas county. It is the keynote to Superintendent Calavan's administration. Practical things in education mean a useful education that trains the boy or girl for later life.

MEXICO HAS NO GOVERNMENT. The attempt to maintain one at the City of Mexico has broken down, and a mere military despotism has been set up which has hardly more than the semblance of national authority.

The months of deliberation and diplomatic conferences that this country has had with the authorities of the southern republic are summed up in that sentence of the presidential message to the congress of the United States.

Simple, concise, purest English that flows from the pen of one of its greatest masters in the message that the Democratic president has sent to the na-

tional halls summarizing the problems that have faced the first year of the new administration. Not more than three columns of type, the message goes to the very heart of the administrative problems of the country and penetrates to the bottom of every issue that has been presented in the months that Wilson has been at the head of national affairs.

In four words, Wilson has summed up his troubles with Mexico. He puts into those four words the work of months. He tells to the congress of the United States the end of all of his diplomatic relations, the work of his special emissaries, the accomplishments of his entire diplomatic corps.

But the president is not without hope. "Little by little he has been completely isolated. By a little every day his power and prestige are crumbling and the collapse is not far away. We shall not, I believe, be obliged to alter our policy of watchful waiting."

For the past few months, the president has been at work—waiting. He has seen the trend of the times in Mexico and he has a firm conviction that the people will not much longer suffer the iron hand of the military master on their necks.

A few paragraphs filled with the policy of one nation toward another and the hope of the protector of the western hemisphere that the other countries to her south will finally come out of the distressed and revolution-ridden conditions under which they have been laboring and that peace and constitutional order will be once more and finally restored.

The president is simply waiting. Like Quintus Fabius, his strategy consists in maneuvering his forces in such a way that he has worn out his enemy before a pitched battle can be fought. Like that great Roman leader, too, the president is winning in this policy and the enemy on the south is bringing about his own downfall without any material aid on the part of the United States.

Without a hostile move, by means of diplomatic negotiations, by simply waiting and allowing the enemy to play the game for him, Wilson has accomplished and is accomplishing one of the most difficult problems of the day and is doing it well.

GOVERNMENT RED TAPE has been responsible for the delay in the transfer of the title in the Oregon City locks from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to the United States. The abstract has been presented to the district attorney with instructions to act after it has been placed in the hands of the government for many months.

The federal government is the slowest moving thing on earth. It does things about as readily as a snail and it takes the official head of the departments about that long to make up the government mind that something ought to be done.

It is a far cry from the proper administration of the government of these United States, whether the party in power happens to be Democratic or Republican, when matters of importance hang fire from month to month and no action can be forced through department channels. Important and far reaching legislation in which the very life of the nation's future policy hangs and upon which may hinge vital issues are delayed through the congressional chambers while the committees and leaders of the national houses loll about and make little effort to get things into definite and concrete form.

There are some few men in the congressional houses who do actual work. Upon them devolves the duty of directing the affairs of the legislative halls. Their minds are busy with great things but the results of their work are hampered and delay by a dozen reels of red tape that have to be unwound before anything positive is done.

Proper deliberation upon matters of importance is necessary and right. Undue delay in getting results is mere foolishness. It is a brand of foolishness that is both wasteful and expensive. It costs the country more in the end and the nation gains nothing by it.

The transfer of this title is an example of some of this foolishness. With proper attention, that abstract could have been examined and approved months ago. There is no good reason why it was not even though the district attorney's office in Portland was busy with other matters. If the force of the office of the federal district attorney in this state is not large enough to promptly handle the business, that force should be enlarged. There is no reason for the continued delay in this matter. The district attorney should have the opportunity to accomplish the work of his office with the least possible delay and all matters that are brought to his attention should be handled with dispatch.

It is probably that the office of the district attorney is not to blame for this delay. The notorious habit of the Washington departments to hold matters up had more to do with the neglect that this proposition has received than any other single reason.

Prompt service and an elimination of red tape in government matters would go a long way toward bettering conditions throughout the country in every branch of the work.

WARNER IS WONDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—New York experts agree that what Connie Mack is to the baseball world, Glenn Warner is to the football world.

If anyone objects to the statement that Warner is the greatest football coach in America it can be modified to the assertion that the Carlisle Indians are the most wonderful performers, year after year, in the country.

SPECULATORS VS. SETTLERS

WANTED—GOOD CITIZENS

The concerted efforts of the Commercial Clubs are directed wholly toward attracting to the Northwest generally, and to their respective communities particularly, boni fide residents, and not a class of speculators who tend to create a shifting population, cause unrest and dissatisfaction, and to inflate unduly, prices of land.

Because of this misguided zeal in securing newcomers, there was for a time a generally concerted movement westward which brought a motley lot of people, some of them with the idea of buying land at low prices to sell again quickly at a highly increased figure.

And because of this change in the work of the Clubs it has come about that a different class of people is coming to the Northwest—people who are attracted by the beauty of our cities, the fine moderate climate, the beautiful flowers, and excellent fruits, and to the country district because an honest living, and a good competence may be drawn from the soil.

Earnest, honest men are needed, and if they come expecting to do their share, they will find opportunities do not halt on the way to meet them halfway—Oregon City Publicity.

successful in bringing all this to pass are the knockers and the growlers, the dissatisfied ones who can find no good in the country.

The people who have come here to make homes, and to become citizens of some community are for the most part immensely satisfied with conditions as they find them, liking the climate and the people, and finding more good by far than is found in many places.

This was the last game for three of Bobbie stars. Presley, center for four years, graduates in June as do Captain Anderson and Sutton, all northwest ends for the last three years.

No Occasion For Worry. "They say when a man is drowning he thinks of every wrong act he ever committed."

"Well, there is no necessity for you to worry. They'd have ample time to rescue you."—Life.

ALL STARS CHOSEN

TEN COACHES AND WRITERS PICK BEST PLAYERS

Five conference college football players were unanimous selections for the All Northwest football team by a composite vote of 10 coaches and writers. They were Fenton and Parsons of Oregon, Sutton and Miller of Washington and Chirman of the Oregon Agricultural college.

The composite eleven follows: George Harter, Washington State college, center; Joe Harter, Washington State college, and Fenton, University of Oregon, guards; Chirman, Oregon Agricultural college, and Anderson, University of Washington, and Johnson, University of Idaho, ends; Cornell, University of Oregon, quarterback; Parsons, University of Oregon, and Lockhart, University of Idaho, halfbacks, and Miller, University of Washington, fullback.

RIVERS WINS HIS FIGHT

CROSS DROPPED TO MAT TWICE AND BLOWS ARE FEEBLE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 20.—Joe Rivers has regained at least a portion of his former prestige in his home town today by virtue of his decisive defeat of Leach Cross of New York in their Thanksgiving day meeting in the Vernon arena. Rivers won a clean cut victory, taking 16 of the 20 rounds by actually fighting all the way after coming into the ring in as good condition as his supporters could wish.

The Mexican received a few feeble cheers when he entered the arena. He departed with 5000 noisily proclaiming his "come back."

Rivers sent Cross to the mat twice during the fight. In the fourth round the New Yorker was forced to take the count, and again in the twelfth he went down from a right and left to the jaw. Rivers, however, was unable to put his man away, although after the battle he claimed that a thumb sprained in the early rounds prevented "him from doing more effective work."

Hailed in Nineteenth. Beaten in almost every round and standing up gamely under terrific punishment, Cross made his final rally in the nineteenth session. He met Rivers as the Mexican came from his corner with a volley of lefts and rights to the head and forced Joe to cover. Back and forth across the ring Cross forced back the astounded Rivers who wrapped his gloves about his head and shook under the hail of blows about his ears. It was Leach's round by a big margin.

Cross had made his last stand in this period, however, and quickly was forced back on the defensive in the last round. Rivers' finish was strong and the bell was a welcome sound to the harried New Yorker. Referee Blake gave the only possible decision when he raised Rivers' arm.

WASHINGTON ON TOP

SEA OF MUD MAKES GAME A HARD ONE TO WIN

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—In a heavy rain and a sea of mud, Washington university won her sixth conference title. This marks also the sixth year Washington has been undefeated on the gridiron. The game was full of excitement from start to finish and the score was 20 to 0.

In the first quarter, Washington scored six points. These points were made by Quarterback Smith, who lifted two field goals from beyond the 50 yard line. The other scores were made by Miller, left halfback, and Shiell, fullback. In each Smith kicked goal. Twice did Smith miss field goals by bare inches. In one case the ball hit the goal post and, in another it fell short.

Two long runs, one for 35 yards and one for 48 yards, both by Smith, were the only spectacular runs of the day.

The W. S. C. team put up a hard fight throughout the game, and in the last five minutes of the last quarter came near scoring. The W. S. C. team started forward passing, and when the whistle blew for the end of the game, the ball was on Washington's 15-yard line.

For Washington state, Harter, center, played the best game. He was in the shining star, and will have to be recognized when it comes to picking an all-northwest quarter. Miller, Shiell and Jaquet were not far behind him and came in for a good share of praise.

Merchandising success is built on service. Advertising is one of the greatest and most important factors in modern service.

It is the electric railway over which customers come to the store and goods move to the customers. Newspaper readers are becoming greater advertising readers day by day because they find it pays.

It keeps them in touch with the men who are doing the world's work in a workmanlike way. It tells them what to buy and when to buy at the best advantage and best of all it makes them familiar with the names worthy of their confidence.

What's In a Name

If it is a name made familiar to the public through persistent and truthful advertising there is frequently a fortune in it.

It improves the old proverb of a good name being better than great riches—by making the good name bring great riches. Merchandising success is built on service. Advertising is one of the greatest and most important factors in modern service.

The Fact Remains

No amount of misrepresentation by the peddlers of alum baking powders, no juggling with chemicals, or pretended analysis, or cooked-up certificates, or falsehoods of any kind, can change the fact that

Royal Baking Powder has been found by the official examinations to be of the highest leavening efficiency, free from alum, and of absolute purity and wholesomeness.

Royal Baking Powder is indispensable for making finest and most economical food.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

DR. SCHULTZE ULTIMATUM

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 2.—(Editor of The Enterprise)—The Clackamas county Medical society decline to reopen discussion of a closed incident.

They still consider that the charges against their erstwhile brother, Dr. J. W. Norris were unfair, unjust and untrue, trumped up for effect during a heated political campaign. As president of that association the writer was delegated to place the matter before the public from their point of view. He had not read a single word of the newspaper squabble nor attended any of the proceedings which resulted in the resignation of Dr. Norris. The latter is authorized for every statement the writer made, certainly a much more reliable source than the spell-binding methods of a partisan paper or a soapbox orator. However, all this is ancient history, of which the public are weary, and the writer emphatically refuses "to chew the rag" at the behest of a small caliber preacher.

He accepts the "challenge" for a "meeting" and as the "challenged" party has the right to name "the time and place and weapons" hereby agrees to "meet" him in company with Dr. Norris at the latter's office at any time he may specify. The "weapons" will be a "tongue lashing"—and the dominie may prepare as before said to learn "some wholesome if impartial truths."

Before "retreating precipitately" and finally from threatened "wordy-war" the writer recommends the reverend to keep his long-winded wordiness to inflict upon his suffering parishioners. He furthermore kindly suggests that the functions of a political stump speaker and a preacher of the gospel are diametrically opposed. Their conjunction in one individual is liable to bring to mind the idea of the "man who stole the liver of the court of Heaven to serve the devil in—"

Personally, the writer does not pose as a "shepherd of the sheep" or an "example to the flock" but for such a man he recommends Mr. Spies' prayerful study of the following specifications as laid down by the Apostle Paul to Timothy and Titus: "The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men—apt to teach—patient."

"Moreover he must have a good report of them that are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil;" "God, not self-willed; not soon angry;" "not double-tongued;" "avoiding foolish questions and contentions and striving about the law;" "in all things showing himself a pattern of good works."

DR. W. C. SCHULTZE.

SPORTING BREVITIES

Gilmour Doble has been harboring secretly a scheme to land at the University of Wisconsin next year. Bill Wisconsin Daily News, Germany Schultz has the jump on him. "We want Germany Schultz back," says the screamer. Schultz helped Janean a little this fall.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Fines totaling \$700 levied during the past season of the American Trotting association will be divided among injured or needy drivers who participated in race meets, it was decided today by the board of appeals of the association.

Bobby Steele who played with Moose Jaw last season, is to get a tryout with the Victoria Bees in the spring.

According to the Boston papers, the release of "Hap" Myers, former Spokane first baseman, by the Braves, has not done to his efforts in behalf of the players' fraternity. It is claimed that waiters were asked and received early in the season.

Pitcher Johnson and Outfielder Webber, California semipro, have been signed by the Victoria club for next season.

Now comes the real reason why the St. Louis Browns sold Catcher Alexander to the Oaks. While in the big show, the little pad artist broke a record by striking out 33 times in 42 games.

PORTLAND STAYS IN NORTHWEST LEAGUE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The big Northwestern Baseball league delegation here left happy tonight and well repaid for the trip to San Francisco for at the opening session of the Pacific Coast league's annual meeting permission was granted to allow Portland to remain in the Class B circuit. The scheduled clash between the two sets of managers did not take place, although the discussion of whether or not Portland was to have continuous ball was gone over thoroughly.

In the end the Coast league managers voted the northwesterners the fight to invade Portland in 1914, but the intimation was given that it will be the last year the Coast league territory will be open to the minors.

REAL ESTATE

United States to John W. Tate, by Benjamin Harrison, the president, 1-2 N. E. 1/4, section 22, T. 4 S., R. 2 E.; by patent.

W. A. Wood and wife to R. J. Moore tract nine, Molalla; \$100.

Zelda Pfoeger to Alice E. Guthrie, N. W. 1/4 N. W. section 22 in T. 2 S., R. 7 E.; \$400.

William L. Berthwick and wife to Alice E. Guthrie, N. W. 1/4 N. W. 1/2 section 22, T. 2 S., R. 7 E.; \$10.

William Eaton and wife to H. Coburn and wife, tract in block 77, lot 8, Gladstone; \$650.

Walter Owen and wife to William H. Bees, tract in Charles Stokes Tr. L. C.; \$1.

William H. Bees to Walter Owen and wife, 9 acres in sections 17, 20, T. 3 S., R. 2 E.; \$1.

Ella Skeen to T. S. Stipp, 60 acres in William Russell, D. L. C.; \$188. Real estate transfers filed with the county recorder Saturday are as follows:

Ralph E. Green and wife to John V. Green and wife, part of block 157, Oregon City; \$1.

J. R. Horton to John C. Allott and wife part of section 9, township 2 east south range 3 east; \$1.

T. W. Wilson and wife to C. A. Cass and wife, half interest in section of land in township 2 east, range 5 east; \$10.

Henry S. Clyde and wife to John W. Lower, block 20, Clackamas Highlands; \$10.

Carrie Miller and husband to C. F. Wiegand and wife tract of land in section 12, township 2 south range 4 east; \$100.

Mary C. Mowrey and husband to East Side Mill & Lumber company, N. W. S. E. 1-2, section 20, township 2 south, range 4 east.

S. F. Grover to the Frank A. Sweeney Co., lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, in block 13, in addition to Oregon City, and lot 1, block 3, in Maywood; \$10.

Frank Plympton and wife to R. P. Larikin parts of the Thomas Westbury D. L. C.; \$10.

William M. Rose to Josephine Rose, south 1-2 of lot 55 of Jennings Lodge; \$10.

A. B. Graham and wife to J. N. Graham and wife, Jessie Fuchs and husband, Annie M. Morris and husband, M. W. Anderson and husband to Ralph Green, lot 1, block 157 in Oregon City; \$465.

Charles J. Clement and wife to C. P. Agnins, C. H. Maginnis, S. H. Rothorn, Eleanor Latogrette, one-fourth interest in south 1-2 S. E. 1/4 section 27, S. W. 1/4 N. W. 1/4 N. W. 1/4 S. W. 1/4 S. W. 1/4 section 26 and in N. 1-2 N. E. 1-4 N. E. 1-4 N. W. 1-4 section 17, all being in township 2 south range 4 east; \$10.

Real estate transfers filed with the county recorder, Monday are as follows:

W. E. Simpson to Ida E. Simpson, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 4, Mountain View addition to Oregon City; \$1.

Julia A. L. Casto to Charles W. Casto and wife, W. 1-2, S. W. 1-2 S. W. 1/4, of section 32 township 3 south, range 2 east; \$1.

Nora Criswell and Charles Criswell to Estella Criswell, 20 acres in W. 1/2 sections 3 and 10, township 3 south, range 2 east; \$1.

Nora Criswell and Estella Criswell to Charles Criswell, lot 1, block 145, Oregon City and part of section 10, township 3 south, range 2 east; \$1.

Charles Criswell and Estella Criswell to Nora Criswell, parts of sections 10, township 3 south, range 2 east; \$1.

Real estate transfers filed with the county recorder Tuesday are as follows:

Suckow Brothers to R. E. Jarl, tract of land in S. E. 1/4 N. E. 1/4 section 22, township 2 south, range 4 east; \$50.

James H. Reid to Margaret Reid, lot 7, block 70, Minthorn addition to Portland; \$1.

R. E. Jarl to Leo Rath, 40 acres in S. W. 1/4 S. W. 1/2 section 23, township 2 south, range 4 east; \$1.

Leo Rath to R. E. Jarl, 40 acres in N. W. 1/4 N. W. section 23, township 2 south, range 4 east; \$1.

Real estate transfers filed with the county recorder, Wednesday are as follows:

Charles Leaf and wife to E. R. Leaf, 100 acres in E. 1-2, S. W. 1/4 and E. E. 1/4 N. W. 1/4, section 10, range 3 south, 5 east; \$1.

Henry John Huber et ux. to Jacob August Huber, tract of land in N. 1-2 of Foster D. L. C. No. 43, in section 21 township 2 south, range 3 east; \$1.

Ange Anderson and wife to Henry Harkson and Louis C. Otto, tract No. 16 and 17, in Foster Acres; \$1.

Anton F. Will and wife to Maurice Cohn, tract of land in section 8, and 7, township 5 south range 1 east; \$1000.

Augusta Schaubert to H. J. Bligh part of lot 3, block 35, Oregon City; \$1.

Andrew W. Boid et al. to Joseph A. Fletcher, tract of land in Foster D. L. C. No. 37, township 2 south, range 1 east, and part of section 32 township 2 south, range 4 east in Eagle Creek; \$1.

CLACKAMAS ABSTRACT & TRUST COMPANY. Land Titles Examined. Abstracts of Title Made. Office over Bank of Oregon City.

The voters of the Hood River school district have authorized the construction of a gymnasium building that may cost as much as \$10,500 and will contain quarters for domestic science and manual training departments.