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AT THE TOP OF THE EDITORIAL COLUMN of the Oregon Journal, given a position second in importance only to the name of the paper, is a line, "An Independent Newspaper."

The Journal just at the present is displaying its independency by trying to blast the reputation of Justice Hughes and now and then firing a shot or two at Governor Withycombe.

The Journal boasts of its independency for one of two reasons. Either it is ashamed of its political allegiance or it believes it can accomplish its ends with greater ease by proclaiming to the world that it is independent.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times once remarked, soon after the Journal began to fool the farmers with a "morning" edition, that now the Journal was grandstanding two times a day instead of once, as of old.

THE MOLALLA PIONEER gets at the bottom of one of the conditions that hinders the development of rural districts in America when it declares that it is almost impossible for an industrious and well meaning family to secure a country home unless supplied with money to pay for it.

"The settler on public lands has been treated by the government as if he was trying to steal his claim. Every embarrassment has been thrown in his way and it has often been impossible for him to make good.

"The different treatment given to the settlers by the Dominion of Canada has attracted thousands of progressive Americans to that country and their appreciation is fully demonstrated by the way their sons are at the front fighting for their adopted country.

"The different rural credit plans which are being worked out are designed to help the farmer by giving him money at a low rate of interest and for a long time loan.

"In Denmark one can buy a farm on fifty years time and pay three per cent on the money and one per cent per annum on principal.

"In Australia land can be bought by paying three per cent down and the balance extended over a period of thirty-one years at four and a half per cent interest and one and a half per cent on principal.

"The one thing that will enable this country to develop its country life as it should is cheap money and long time loans. To compete with other countries this must come."

The eighth grade graduates of the Estacada school have adopted a bright, optimistic motto, "Begin right and begin right away," while the high school seniors have selected, "Tonight we launch, where shall we anchor?"

BOYS AND GIRLS, men and women are graduating from the grammar schools, high schools, colleges and universities of the country by the thousands this month. Diplomas are handed out in every town, village and city.

The speaker at the average commencement exercises is likely to precede the handing out of the diplomas with an oratorical outburst in which the graduate is given to understand that the world awaits his coming with bowed head, ready to be conquered.

Some of our greatest Americans did not receive more than a common school education. The late James J. Hill, Charles M. Schwab, Theodore N. Vail, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Thomas A. Edison and Henry C. Frick, the industrial kings of America, began as poor boys and without the advantage of a college education worked their way through difficulties of every kind to success.

A college course, the ambition of a majority of high school students, does not offer practical knowledge as a rule. Even their courses in the so-called practical subjects must be supplemented by actual experience before they can be of practical benefit.

IF YOU ARE ONE OF TWO THAT ARE THROWN OUT OF A JOB... SEE THAT YOU ARE THE ONE THAT HAS A BALANCE SAVED UP IN THIS BANK. GET WILL MAKE MATTERS LOOK A LITTLE MORE SUNSHINY FOR YOU AND YOURS.

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discipline, and a diploma from a school of high standing opens many doors and leads to many friendships which otherwise would be impossible. Colleges, high schools and universities, however, do not make men.

PRINCIPAL AMONG THE ATTRACTIONS of Victoria, B. C., are the roads, 67 miles of hard surface not only in the city but in the surrounding country. Victoria is a beautiful city, and the native and the tourist have the opportunity to take advantage of the natural beauties by an unrivaled system of the only lasting and practical road—hard surface.

Clackamas county, with scenic resources equal to Multnomah county or the southern part of Vancouver Island, should take some steps to develop them. Not to the hindrance of the improvement of the farmers' road to market, however, these scenic roads should be bettered along with the highways used by the producer.

Take the road to Estacada, for instance. Some of Clackamas county's best farm land lies along the Clackamas river and many rich rural communities, not directly bordering on the Clackamas, are dependent upon the roads paralleling the Clackamas to get to Oregon City.

Other roads in Clackamas county could be improved to the advantage of farmer, townsman and tourist. And Clackamas county needs improvements of this character as much as it needs industries, more farmers and better markets.

THE MUCH NEEDED FEDERAL AID in road building seems to be assured at last. Each of the houses of congress has passed a bill, and it is now chiefly a question of harmonizing their differences in conference.

The senate bill also eliminates the provision of the house bill for federal maintenance of roads and throws upon the states the entire burden of maintenance. In this way every dollar that comes from the federal treasury will go into actual construction, and, moreover, every dollar so granted must be matched by a dollar from the state wherein the road lies.

These are effective provisions against anything like "pork" in the distribution. There has been some outcry in the east against the whole proposition as merely a new form of "pork barrel."

But federal good roads aid is a very different proposition from the time-honored "pork barrel." If the rivers and harbors bill, for example, proposed to appropriate \$100,000 to deepen Skunk creek, on condition that the district give a like amount, and agreed in addition to keep the creek navigable after the work was done, it would be a long time before the dredges reached Skunk creek.

If the Bankhead bill, or something like it, becomes law, it will stimulate every state to a vigorous good roads campaign. Minnesota, for example, the Journal declares, will be impelled to put with the annually increasing allowance from Washington, in order to build through state highways.

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PAPERS REFERRED TO DIRECTORS TO INVESTIGATE PROCEEDURE

Grade Teachers Submit Petition for Salary Increase of \$5 a Month—Wagner and Forbes Elected Instructors in Schools.

C. G. Miner, principal of the high school, filed charges with the school board Thursday night against City Superintendent Tooze, charging, among other things, that the superintendent is guilty of writing anonymous letters; that he attempts to take unto himself the credit that properly belongs to his subordinates and that he failed to hold fire drills at the high school as provided by the school law.

Mr. Tooze is accused by Miner of writing an anonymous letter to the city superintendent of The Dalles school, where H. F. Pfingsten is principal, and it is stated that an attempt is made in the anonymous communication to discredit Pfingsten and his wife. Pfingsten was Miner's predecessor as principal of the Oregon City high school and his relations with the city superintendent were marked by considerable friction.

The school board took official cognizance of Miner's charges, which were filed with the chairman of the board by Attorney Livy Stipp, by referring them to Directors Hedges and Eby for the purpose of procedure in the matter. Miner did not indicate what evidence he possessed, if any, in support of his charges, nor has he suggested what action be taken. It is understood that enemies of Tooze hope that the school board will conduct a public hearing and make a thorough investigation of the charges filed by the high school principal.

The action of Miner is the outgrowth of a spirit of opposition in the high school against Superintendent Tooze, which had its inception last fall and has continued throughout the school year. It is well known that members of the faculty of the high school have lined up for and against Tooze, and that at least three high school teachers declined to become candidates for re-election because of Tooze.

While the school board is not unwilling to investigate any charges that may be presented against Tooze, they first want to be fully informed as to their proper attitude toward the latter, and to act in accordance with law. It is certain that definite disposition will be made of the whole question, insofar as the charges are concerned, within the next few days.

The grade teachers of the Barclay and Eastham building filed a petition at Thursday night's meeting for an increase of \$5 a month salary, and the board laid the matter over for further consideration. Miss Nora Wilson and Miss Grace Crooks appeared as spokesmen for the teachers, as did City Superintendent Tooze. The board has figured that the increase asked will mean about \$765 per annum, which would necessitate a special tax of about one-quarter of a mill. Grade teachers in Oregon City are paid less than in other Oregon towns of equal population, with the sole exception of Albany.

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COUNTY COURT WILL HEAR ARGUMENT FOR ARMORY ON THURSDAY LIVE WIRE COMMITTEE SEEKS APPROPRIATION FROM COUNTY TO AID IN BUILDING.

Oregon City does not propose to lag behind in the matter of preparedness insofar as its company of National Guard is concerned and will endeavor to obtain for the company of local militia an armory adequate to its needs.

With this end in view, George Randall, chairman of the Live Wires committee, has arranged for a conference with the county court Thursday, with the ultimate idea of obtaining an appropriation of \$10,000 from Clackamas county to defray a portion of the cost of constructing an armory here.

Associated with Mr. Randall on the committee are George A. Harding and C. Schuebel, and the following Live Wires have been named to present the case to the court: W. A. Huntley, H. T. Mellain, Dr. L. L. Pickens, W. P. Hawley Jr., O. D. Eby and Grant B. Dimick.

The city has agreed to donate the Cross block on the hill for an armory site, and with an appropriation of \$10,000 from the county, it will probably be possible to obtain \$15,000 or more from the state, as it has been the custom for the state to apportion to any city as much as the city and county together may raise.

Most towns of the size of Oregon City and smaller have good armories and the Live Wires committee proposes to conduct a campaign in Clackamas county that will result in the erection of a substantial armory building here.

HARMONY RULES OVER REPUBLICAN Union—J. J. Milley, Viola—J. M. Hayden, West Linn No. 1—John P. Clark, West Linn No. 2—A. K. Ford, Wilsonville—Charles Wagner, Willamette No. 1—Harry Shipley, Willamette No. 2—George Delbok.

BALMER GUILTY OF STATUTORY CHARGE JURY RETURNS VERDICT AFTER TWO HOURS DELIBERATION—SENTENCED FRIDAY.

After two hours and 12 minutes of deliberation, a jury in the circuit court Tuesday afternoon returned a verdict of guilty, convicting John Balmer, of Canemah, on a statutory charge. He will be sentenced Friday by Circuit Judge Campbell.

Only the defendant and his wife testified for the defense, while the state placed neighbors and Balmer's 12-year-old stepdaughter, the state's principal witness, on the stand.

The jury was composed of W. H. Blair, D. B. Fox, Solon Kinzer, John J. Hattan, Nixon Blair, W. H. McClellan, John Wise, A. G. Phelps, Seth Young, W. A. Garner, F. P. Nelson and J. M. Hollowell.

HELP FOR WORKING WOMEN Some Have to Keep on Until They Almost Drop. How Mrs. Conley Got Help.

Here is a letter from a woman who had to work, but was too weak and suffered too much to continue. How she regained health:—

Frankfort, Ky.—"I suffered so much with female weakness that I could not do my own work, had to hire it done. I heard so much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound that I tried it. I took three bottles and I found it to be all you claim. Now I feel as well as ever I did and am able to do all my own work again. I recommend it to any woman suffering from female weakness. You may publish my letter if you wish."—Mrs. JAMES CONLEY, 516 St. Clair St., Frankfort, Ky.

No woman suffering from any form of female troubles should lose hope until she has given Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fair trial.

This famous remedy, the medicinal ingredients of which are derived from native roots and herbs, has for forty years proved to be a most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism.

All women are invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special advice—it will be confidential.

REV. J. K. HAWKINS RETURNS TO OREGON CITY AFTER THREE WEEKS IN COUNTRY.

Rev. J. W. Hawkins, pastor of the First Methodist church, is back in Oregon City after spending three weeks in the Clarks districts with six workers from the local church. Work in the community had elapsed.

About 40 converts were secured through the meetings conducted by Rev. Mr. Hawkins. A census showed the families in the Clarks districts listed religiously as follows: Baptists, 2; Catholic, 6; Lutheran, 3; Presbyterian, 1; Adventists, 1; Evangelical, 1; Welch Congregationalists, 1; Methodist, 19; no preferences, 7.

The future of the work at Clarks rests now with Dr. T. B. Ford, district superintendent. He will hold an all day community service June 11. A basket dinner will be one of the features of the session.

A Springfield man has invented a butter mold and will make 200 of them per day.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

Trouble in Sandy High School. CHERRYVILLE, Ore., May 25.—(Editor of The Enterprise).—My attention has been called to a statement in your paper of May 19 under the Eagle Creek news relative to some trouble in the union high school at Sandy. As that statement gives a very indefinite account of the cause of the cause of the trouble and leaves a very erroneous impression as to the outcome I desire to make a statement on behalf of the school board.

Previous to this trouble the board has had no occasion to express its attitude on the subject of dancing in connection with the school. The high school principal, having no specific directions from the board, on being approached by the students in regard to the matter, several days previous to the occasion, exercised his judgment and requested that they have no dance. The students carried out their plans secretly and sprung it after the play with the results intimated by your correspondent. The principal thereupon suspended those whom he thought most guilty and called a meeting of the board to consider the matter. As there is a great difference of opinion in regard to dancing the board did not see fit to discuss the matter from that point of view in this present case. They, however, considered the principal was acting within his powers in maintaining discipline and as evidence proved that the students were knowingly and wilfully doing a thing that they had been requested not to do it appeared to them to be a case of insubordination and so they upheld the action of the principal in suspending them. However, as the suspension, in some cases, interfered with the final examinations and as this was the first offense of this nature and further that it appeared that all suspended were equally guilty it was decided to reduce the time of suspension to one day, after which they were all reinstated.

The board did not wish to have it understood that they have taken definite action in regard to the matter of dancing in connection with the high school. They will probably take this matter up at some future meeting. Knowing the members of the board to be men greatly interested in the welfare of the school I think I am safe

In saying that the action they will take will not be a narrow minded one dictated by religious prejudice nor one so loose as to draw criticism from those who believe that students of that age should be guided in their social affairs by older heads. I am quite sure that their action will have the general approval of parents, will command respect from the students and work out for the best good of the school.

GEORGE B. COUPER, Mrs. Jonrud Writes.

BORING, Ore., June 6.—(Editor of The Enterprise).—In the issue of The Enterprise for May 18 were two columns of news from Kelso, one by the undersigned who is the regular correspondent to The Enterprise from this locality, the other from some one who related an occurrence at Sandy in connection with a Union high school entertainment in which Kelso high school student, causing a great deal of resentment. I wish to state that I was not the author of said item. My news items in that issue were in another column and under the large head lines.

MRS. ROBERT JONSRUD.

PORTLANDERS FINED; SENTENCE SUSPENDED A. H. Glet and Edward Nyden, both of Portland, who were arrested last Saturday by Deputy Fish Wardens Jewell and Moreland, entered a plea of guilty before Justice of the Peace Slevens Tuesday afternoon and were fined \$50. Upon the recommendation of District Attorney Hedges and Warden Jewell the fine was remitted.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE Chris Weismandel in a Ford and Austin Nichols in an Overland collided on Main and Sixth streets early Monday night. Beyond bent fenders, neither car was damaged. Weismandel was going south on Main and Nichols was turning from Sixth into Main at the time of the accident.