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THE CORVALLIS EXTENSION WORK.

The educational work carried on by the Agricultural College is so immensely important that the Legislature ought not to hesitate for a moment to support it liberally.

Nor should there be any comparison between its "extension work" and that of other institutions. There is no relation whatever between the plans and purposes of the Corvallis faculty and those of other schools.

These purposes of the Agricultural College should be considered by the Legislature strictly on their own merits, without reference to the demands of other schools, and they should be supported in proportion to their usefulness for the present and the future.

Extension courses in agriculture cost a good deal of money, but they pay heavy returns. There is no better investment for the public funds.

By passing the Agricultural College bill for an extension fund the Legislature will simply be doing its plain duty to those sections of the state where conditions have heretofore been unfavorable.

Why All This HULLABALOO. Secretary Knox's reply to the British protest against the Panama Canal law... "Why all this hullabaloo?"

Mr. Parsons' other objection does not seem well founded. He avers that the "contract" under which the workmen affected by the act must come is void, as being against public policy.

It becomes Senator Root, who has himself been in charge of our foreign relations, to embarrass his successor by furnishing ammunition to the British.

their money-bags before their country. That is why they are so generally distrustful in the country at large and why their opinions have weight in industry and the size of their fortunes.

A QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE. The teachers in the Lincoln School, or in any other school, have full authority under the law of the land to require their pupils to wear proper attire.

Indeed it is greater. Judges recognize that parents are far more likely to be foolishly indulgent than teachers and therefore they always tend to the limit in regulating the morals and manners of the young.

Whatever their motives may have been, these youths showed themselves to be very young indeed in mind, if not in body. Their brains must develop for many, many years before they attain to fair maturity.

Have the Lincoln boys heard of this escapade and do they fancy their teachers would have less moral courage in dealing with them than the superintendent of the village school?

One of the criticisms of the workmen's compensation bill advanced by Representative Parsons is worth consideration by the judiciary committee.

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can quell. If Turkey should renew the war, the old saying, "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," would apply, for Russia is almost sure to join the Balkan allies and to assist them in totally extinguishing Turkish power, not only in Europe, but in Asia as well.

Travelers are constantly making discoveries in remote parts of the earth which remind us of the near kinship between the most civilized and the most savage races of mankind.

The people of Nigeria would in honor and therefore they have not preserved the natural tall any more than Europeans or Americans. As we know from biology, it is the function which produces the organ, and these people long ago abandoned tree-climbing.

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local prejudice against dealing in money, which was as old as Moses, and we understand readily enough why the spirit of the times compelled Shakespeare to label his miser "Jew."

What a figure Shakespeare would make of Andrew Carnegie on the stage. The Pharisaical conceit, the vicious humbuggery, the illimitable vanity, the smug hypocrisy of the posturing dollar bag would set the whole world in a roar.

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DOOM OF LEGISLATURE FORESEEN

Judge Lowell Detects Danger in Lack of Courage of Present Body. PENDELTON, Or., Jan. 22.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian advises that the Judiciary committee of the Senate has adversely reported the so-called "Lowell bills," intended to bring the statutes constituting the Oregon system of government within the realm of reason, and if reports as to the cause be true, presumably this ends all effort in this Legislature either to perfect the direct primary law, reform the corrupt practices act, restrict abuse of the initiative or eliminate the petition nuisance.

I am not a member of the body of lawmakers sitting at Salem, hence I cannot accept the conclusion, but I desire to say that the battle is not over. These bills were drawn by me as a consistent friend of the Oregon system, which includes the direct primary, the initiative, the referendum and the recall. In the past two years I have conferred with large numbers of our citizens on the subject of the state to ascertain the condition of public sentiment toward these laws, and have found an almost unanimous demand through Senator Barrett, or something kindred thereto. I am confident that sentiment continues, and that the legislative timidity is born of a shadow.

It was hoped by thoughtful friends of these amendments that if the members of the committee to which they were referred would take them as a basis, together with other bills of the same general subject before them, and work out some wiser scheme, but apparently the bells of doom are beginning to toll for Legislative Assemblies in Oregon, and it is only a question of time when the subject will be referred to the voters.

Personally, I have no special pride in the amendments offered, but I am concerned for the perpetuation of popular government in Oregon, and no law can long endure which does not rest upon its own merits. It is not reasonable when a corrupt practice act will permit the expenditure of unlimited sums of money, as the present act does, that the Legislature should be allowed to tamper with the electorate measure.

NAVY STRENGTH OF POWERS. PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Would England, with her powerful navy on one side and Germany, Italy and Austria on the other, with their strength, have a better chance in case of war?

Root on Canal Tolls Indorsed. PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to the news dispatch that the Oregonian's Washington correspondent has some remarks of Senator Root are quoted concerning the law abrogating the tolls on coastwise ships using the Panama Canal, I feel that Root is absolutely correct in his views both from a legal and moral standpoint.

Es-Senator Fulton is Neutral. PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(To the Editor.)—On this morning I am having indorsed Mr. J. N. Teal for Secretary of the Interior, in my remarks last evening at the hardware dealer's banquet. It is probably not important to any person other than myself that I should be correctly reported, if mentioned at all, I did not indorse Mr. Teal, or any other person for any position. I did say that it is important that the incoming Administration shall favor free tolls for vessels engaged in our coasting trade.

That little things are not to be despised is shown by the large illicit trading in postage stamps. New York waiters are going on another strike. Probably want a \$10,000-a-year tip guarantee.

What's the excitement here today? Inquire of the "Reds." "Interplanet series" explained a fan briefly. "The Earth plays Saturn for championship of the Universe."

SOCIALISM IS CALLED FAILURE

Majority of Socialists Oppose Religion and are Atheists. FORT STEVENS, Or., Jan. 19.—(To the Editor.)—In the opening sentence of Mr. Santee's communication to the Oregonian in support of Socialism, dated January 10, he takes up in substance the "theory" of governmental ownership. Has this panacea for all ills worked in practice as in theory? Let us see.

Co-operative socialistic farming communities have always proved dismal failures. Under no auspices or any circumstances have they netted the returns our delusionists have so boasted. I have not seen any of the Socialists platform against religion; but I do know that the majority of the leading socialists are opposed absolutely to all forms of religion, and are sure that the leading organ of Socialism in the United States, the Appeal to Reason (founded by one of the leading Portland socialists) is a platform for the instantly indulgent in trades on religion. I am equally positive that the local exponent of Socialistic vagaries, the Oregonian, is a platform for the instantly indulgent in trades on religion.

It is not strange that Carl Marx, the founder of Socialism, said: "We shall do well if we stir hatred and contempt against all existing religions, and against all religious ideas, and against all religious ideas of patriotism. The idea of God is the keystone of perverted civilization, the keystone of civilization, the keystone of liberty, of equality and of culture, is atheism." Maybe Bebel was dreaming when he said: "Christianity and Socialism are like two men who are fighting. One is like a man who is fighting under some form of mental aberration when in his 'materialistic basis of history' he writes in his 'atheism' that he does not believe in God. It is our duty as Socialists to root out the faith in God with all our might, nor is anyone worthy the name who does not consecrate himself to the spread of atheism."

Professor Santee's comparison of school conditions as they existed in 1845 with those of the present state is an important dispatch from Jeff Davis and his Secretary of State to Mason, Sidel and others in Europe. These dispatches give the strongest statement of the desperate straits to which the rebel leaders were reduced.

Retired Soldier on Canteen. No Substitute Ever Offered by Those Who Abolished It. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23.—(To the Editor.)—The stand The Oregonian is taking in regard to the Army canteen should be gratifying to the men in the service.

It has always seemed strange to me that the enlisted men who are the only ones really interested, do not get a hearing on this subject. I served approximately 20 years in the Army and in the service long before a canteen was ever thought of, when we were afflicted with the post trader, and as he was called we were made up "pay for our whistle."

Why Do So Many Babies Die? The question is one the United States Government has set out to answer. An important page study of the subject of infants and infant mortality.

Mrs. Sage's Bird Haven—An illustrated account of the great hunting district a charitable and tender-hearted old lady has wrested from the grasp of the hunters and converted into rendezvous for game birds.

Bulgaria's Chance—Although the fact is not generally known, that chance was provided by an American newspaper reporter. An illustrated page.

Cry of the Cafe Habitue

Oh, Fate or Luck or Destiny. What'er may be that destiny That keeps our comrades on the go And stirs up trouble here below! Though you may run the world amuck, I beg of you, O Fate or Luck, Though you do all else that you like—O do not let our waiters strike.

Back in New York they strike, I see; But that comes not so near to me; The one idea that haunts my dome— What if they'd strike right here at home? In distant towns let battle be 'Twixt owner and the employe, Kind Fate, if that is what you like— But do not let our home waiters strike.

Attend my humble, heartfelt cry! Slave to the restaurant am I; Thy heavy hand I fain would dash From my innocent face and eyes, Let the world reel in wags away, But give me peace in my cafe; Let New York riot and strike, But do not let our waiters strike.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of January 24, 1863. The Council apportionment bill for Washington Territory, which was introduced by Mr. Moore of Walla Walla, gives the Eastern District, including Skamania and Klickitat Counties, four Representatives and 15 Representatives. The Western District, all west of the Cascade Mountains, five Representatives and 15 Representatives. The apportionment bill has a rider in the Capitol removal bill, and both measures are likely to be a failure in consequence.

Washington, Jan. 12.—In the House, Aldrich of Minnesota, offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and necessity of giving a bounty of 100 acres of land to each soldier of any old regiment, that has been located on any confiscated rebel plantation as soon as the Rebellion is crushed. Passed, 65 to 69."

New York, Jan. 12.—A naval officer states that he believes the pirate Alabama has gone or soon will go to the Eastern Hemisphere. Semmes is known to have contemplated for some time a cruise on the coast of Africa and Southern Asia.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Our blockading fleet has just captured some 100 important dispatches from Jeff Davis and his Secretary of State to Mason, Sidel and others in Europe. These dispatches give the strongest statement of the desperate straits to which the rebel leaders were reduced.

Her Husband as a Critic. Filicene Blissett. She (reading ready to go out)—What are you looking at? Her Husband—Im just watching whether that house opposite will be finished first or you.

WHEN MAN IS PERFECT. That is the subject of one of a number of absorbing special features that will appear in The Sunday Oregonian. It is a glimpse into the days of 1000 years hence, when the human family has evolved apace. The picture is drawn by prominent scientists.

25,000 Crooks—That is quite a lot of them for one small district, but Jack Rose reveals how they live and thrive in crime in one section of wicked old New York. This is the most absorbing yet in the Rose series.