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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, SEPT. 5, 1916.

WANTED: ECONOMY.

The Oregonian not long since had occasion to challenge a statement by a seagrass contemporary that in the May primary the candidates who stood for economy were uniformly defeated.

WHO RUNS THE SCHOOLS?

The controversy over the transfer, or removal, of Mrs. Alexander from the principalship of the Benson Polytechnic School to an assistant principalship in the Washington High School goes straight to the question of the authority of the School Board over the teaching staff and the schools.

FEDERAL FARM-LOAN DISTRICTS.

An almost invincible case can be made for the erection of the four Pacific Northwest states into a Federal farm-loan district with a farm-loan bank at its financial center.

DILEMMA OF A JAPANESE.

From the point of view of the Japanese resident of the Hawaiian Islands, the dilemma of the Hawaiian Islands is not a new one.

THE FACE AGAINST THE PANE.

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"You may quote me as saying that I regard this talk about the happiness of children returning to school as all bunk," said the C. O. B. in submitting his ms. yesterday.

TEACHERS' POSITION UNDER LAW.

Right of School Board to Reduce Salary Denied by Writer.

(Portland, Sept. 4.—(To the Editor.)—The editorials of The Oregonian are usually so sound and well written that it is seldom necessary for your readers to disagree with them.

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and New Jersey have only 53,450 square miles with 2,664,493 rural inhabitants. If population were to govern, New England would not be entitled to a bank, for its rural population is only 1,097,336, but recognition of its obvious claims as an economic unit requires like recognition for the Pacific Northwest with 1,167,861 rural inhabitants in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, aside from Montana.

The relation of states to each other north of the California line is not that of the California line to the states north of it—Idaho, Montana and Wyoming—while California should be grouped with Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

ONE STATE ASSET. "No one who has ever been over that famous highway (Columbia River) will question its beauty and in a manner it is an asset to the entire state," declares the Crook County Journal.

After so handsome and deserved a tribute to the great roadway, it is not agreeable to find our Prineville contemporary protesting against the proposal to spend some \$70,000 of Government funds on the highway.

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manufacturers, the suspicion is unfounded. The European war having proved that, in order to prosecute war successfully, a nation must enlist all its industries in supplying its fighting men, the Naval Consulting Board invited the co-operation of five great technical societies having 80,000 members in taking an industrial census which would inform the Government by whom, where and in what quantities munitions could be made.

WE BELIEVE that no plan of National defense that is selfish will permit due to the outbreak of war, an profits to anyone, arising out of the National debt, to be used for the private gain of any person, for the great National necessity.

THE BODY which made this declaration and which represents the industrial and financial interests thus reposed in each manufacturer and its members, in answering the census questions, each manufacturer agreed to consider bidding upon regular Army and Navy contracts, to consider accepting them "on the basis of cost plus a reasonable profit."

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GLEAMS THROUGH THE MIST

By Dean Collins. THE FACE AGAINST THE PANE. (Being a sad, and song composed for the occasion of school opening by the Courteous Office Boy, who has to go.)

WILLIE, LITTLE WILLIE, with face against the pane, Looks out across the morn, And sure as you are born, He hears the old school bell.

"Tis a fearful thing at morning To be hustled from your bed, And to be doled up, without warning, Scribbled until your ears are red, And unto the schoolhouse routed.

"Willie, little Willie! Now do not act so silly, Says mother as beside her boy she stands, 'Your sister and your brother have gone; so you mind slipper—'

And the people, ah, the people, They that dwell beneath the steeple Of the schoolhouse, teaching children by the rules, They are neither man nor woman, They are neither brute nor human, They are ghouls—

"Willie, little Willie, I will beat you with my bill, The truant officer advises him, 'Your little sister Sue, Went to school without ado, And your chance to dodge your duty, Is all in vain.'

They whipped him with alppers, they put men with hair all white, They whipped him with sections of hose, But all the response that they got for their pains

And Willie, little Willie, with face against the pane, Refused to go to school, With all his might and main.

Oh, Willie, little Willie, with face against the pane, Who had the nerve to yell: 'I hate the old school bell; I drive me mad, inasmuch as Willie, little Willie, I rise up here to cry

That were not born to die. (Another note: We hasten to square ourselves with our friends on the teaching force by disavowing all responsibility for the above act of the C. O. B. We are, however, prepared to exchange notes with any of them on the subject. In the meantime we will hang the double cross of the triple order of Hooky Experts upon the C. O. B. and declare a national holiday—The Editor.)

What's the Hurry? Dallas News. Miss Bright (to her small brother): Willie, put Mr. Borlignak's hat down; you might damage it—besides he'll want it in a few minutes.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From the Oregonian of Sept. 5, 1891. Detectives Sam Simmons and Joe Day distinguished themselves yesterday afternoon by stopping a runaway on Oak street, seriously endangering their own lives and limbs.

Jack Dempsey tendered a few of the Portland and Spokane ball players a clam chowder banquet in McNamara's refreshment parlor last evening.

The ladies connected with the Women's Exchange are making strenuous efforts to have everything in readiness for their grand opening on Tuesday.

The stockholders of the Morrison Street Bridge Company will hold their annual meeting on October 5, whether or not they will sell their bridge.

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The salmon fishing season is now over and the fishermen will soon have the last of their fish packed and off their hands. Over 3000 barrels in wholes and halves have been packed at Astoria this year and have brought nearly \$12 a barrel on the average.

J. G. Deardoff, one of a late party that ascended Mt. Hood, says: "The mountain has changed materially the south side since I last ascended it eight years ago. One large ridge has been broken and carried down by the wind and avalanches. Smoke and steam are still issuing from the mountain."

Any person not familiar with the region would say, on looking over the hills and valleys, that there were no hills here, that nothing was there save hills, ravines, trees and dense underbrush. Such is not the case, however. Although we have but little proof of the fact, from any number of teamsters and dealers from small towns in our vicinity, that a pretty good knowledge of country about Portland.

LAW FOR EACH FIELD OF WORK

Writer Suggests Courts Made Up of Men Versed in Special Requirements. PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(To the Editor.)—The law being simply the customary rules that the majority of people agree to follow in their respective dealings with one another, it is public as exemplified in the Government, a knowledge of what these customary rules are should be a matter of first-hand information of the person, in his particular line.

I venture to say that, after having been stripped of the ancient verbiage and lawyer-devised tactics, strategies and niceties of court procedure, the best qualified man to judge as to what is right and what is not right in the field of his own work, is the person whose codes in existence, admitting by their existence that particular customs operate within the confines of this field of endeavor, that after having established a court of law or arbitration, call it what you will, wherein only the laws of contract, building and architecture will be discussed, the Judge of this court naturally will be men pre-eminently in the work of builders, men taken from the ranks of the profession for the time being, for the benefit of their profession and for the public.

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Why should a man entirely unfamiliar with the actual business of the world be permitted to handle its works of art? Why should a man who has no brain with dusty concepts, He has no experience in finance, in horse trading, in steel work, with ships, with mechanics, with building, with agriculture, with delivery, with justice, and with the public will have more confidence in them, realizing they are not specialists in any of these fields? Why should a man entirely unfamiliar with the actual business of the world be permitted to handle its works of art? Why should a man who has no brain with dusty concepts, He has no experience in finance, in horse trading, in steel work, with ships, with mechanics, with building, with agriculture, with delivery, with justice, and with the public will have more confidence in them, realizing they are not specialists in any of these fields?

MOTHER OF CRIPPLE IS GRATEFUL. Response to Appeal for Aid Answered. PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(To the Editor.)—As the mother of Albert Mumbrauer, the little cripple boy, whom your paper and your readers so greatly befriended, permit me to express my sincere gratitude for all the kindness shown my boy. I am a proud woman and hesitated long before applying for help, but your kind words and the work was so sick and that I could get but little to do and that I could never get my boy the treatment and medicine I needed, I came to you for help. Immediately response came and some of the best doctors in the community were referred to me by a good man said he would be responsible for the hospital bills: Mrs. Scott Sweetland, of Vancouver, sent \$1 and an elderly gentleman, Mr. W. B. Mumbrauer, the money for the boy to give him a start. Otis Akni has operated on Albert and Dr. Earl V. Morrow has assisted. Frank Walker and the nurses at the Good Samaritan Hospital have shown great interest.

Pay of Army Officers. PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—(To the Editor.)—A argues that the First Lieutenant of a company of the Oregon National Guard receives \$50 per month the year round from the United States Government; that is when he is home from duty. How many would receive \$50 per month salary? B argues that he only receives pay while he is with troops at Mexico or at encampment. SUBSCRIBER.

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All for Elm Trees. SEVER, Or., Sept. 5.—(To the Editor.)—On August 30 a recipe was asked for saving elm trees. A solution of whale oil sapon dissolved by boiling eight pounds, add 100 gallons of water, and fortified with a good, standard nitroline preparation, will kill the lice and cut off the honey dew if sprayed profusely and in hot weather. The same recipe must every year. M. J. KRUTZ.

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