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Principal B. W. Barnes Presents Reasons for the Measure

GREAT HELP TO SCHOOL SYSTEM

What the Law Provides, and How to Get Results

Principal B. W. Barnes, one of the best educators of the county, sends the following communication to the Argus—and it should be read by all who have children in school, or all who have an interest in a better educational system:

A very important measure to be voted upon next November is "The High School Fund." This law was passed during the 1909 session of the state legislature. It takes the place of the old High School Law, which will be remembered as justly "swallow under" two years ago in this county.

The adoption of the old High School Law meant a fight for the location of the school building. There is nothing of this kind in the new law—in a word it is a "square deal" for all.

There should be in this county several high schools carrying full or part high school work and operating under the provisions of this law.

Hillsboro and Forest Grove each have a four year accredited high school, while Beaverton, Cornelius, Dilley, Gaston, Banks, Dist. No. 37 and Dist. No. 3 are all doing high school work, and would be benefited alike by this law.

The law provides that the high schools of the county shall be free to any pupil of the county who has passed the eighth grade examination. That the pupil may select the school which offers the best advantages, or is most convenient for him to attend. The county shall pay to the district treasury of the district maintaining a high school, or grades above the eighth, forty dollars each for the first twenty pupils who attend said school, thirty each for the next twenty pupils, and twelve and one-half dollars for all others, provided that the county shall not pay into any district treasury more money than is required to maintain the teaching force of the school.

You will notice that this fund cannot be used to build costly buildings nor to provide apparatus, this must be done by the district in which the school is located.

Laws similar to this are in effect in many of the states with the result that it has doubled the high school attendance. This for Washington county would mean a higher standard of citizenship.

I know that the "new comers" into our county have been surprised at the poor high school advantages they have found here.

Vote for the High School Fund. B. W. BARNES.

THE RECENT FAIR

Editor Argus: The Fair is over, and all we have left of it is a pleasant memory of the most beautiful apples ever seen in this section, or any other. The growers are to be congratulated on the quality of their fruit, and complimented for the liberal manner in which they responded to the request for exhibits, as some of them put a great deal of time and some expense in getting their display together.

Bernard Leis, of Beaverton, is to a great extent responsible for the fine apples, as it was from the use of the Aetna Spray he manufactures that made the fine fruit possible. He had 9 different varieties of apples all of top grade, which took blue ribbons, as well as the Winter Bartlett Pears and the Italian and Silver Prunes, which were extra-fancy, and also took blue ribbons.

Mr. Houston, who took the prize for the largest display used Mr. Leis' spray as did a great many others. The owners of the fruit gave us permission to take it to Portland where it is attracting immense crowds, who exclaim "Where is Hillsboro?" The different varieties each receiving their share of praise, the Gloria Mundi from J. T. Morrison, and the Blue Permaine of Bernard Leis receiving the most attention.

The Meier & Frank Company have through the use of their window shown Portland and the traveling public that right at Portland's door can be found land that will grow the finest fruit in the world, and that people do not have to go from one to 500 miles away to buy fruit land of the highest grade.

Now that we are on the map, we are going to try to stay there, and with this object in view every one who believes in the future prosperity of Hillsboro and Washington County are urged to attend a meeting in the City Hall, Friday night, at 8 o'clock, to devise ways and means to continue the good work that has been started by the fruit men, and so generously aided by the Meier & Frank Company, of Portland.

N. H. ALEXANDER, Sec.

ABUSING THE INITIATIVE.

Initiative for Matters of General Interest.

"The initiative privilege is a valuable right and the people of Oregon are fortunate in the possession of the same. It is a right though that should be used with discretion. If the initiative is invoked indiscriminately it will be of injury rather than of benefit," says the Pendleton East Oregonian in its issue of July 12.

"By the nature of things the initiative should be used for the settlement of questions that are of general state interest and questions upon which the people at large are capable of judging. It was proper that the direct primary law be enacted under the initiative. The law could not have been enacted in any other way. Legislatures elected under the old convention system would never have passed the direct primary law. It was proper that the corrupt practices act be enacted under the initiative and referendum. That law pertains to political morality and the people were able to judge of the merits of the law. It is all right to settle the normal school problem under the initiative. The legislature has utterly failed to handle the question.

"But the most glaring abuse of the initiative is on the part of those who have proposed county division measures. Eight bills have been filed asking for the creation of new counties or for the changing of boundary lines. In each case the question involved is of a purely local nature; not of state interest. It will be impossible for the people of the state to judge of these measures with intelligence. All division disputes should have been held in abeyance pending the passage of a law calling for the settlement of such disputes by the people directly concerned. The county divisionists, however, have refused to wait. They have submitted their bills in hopes the people will vote blindly for them. They have abused the initiative privilege and they should be rebuked for doing so. Every county division bill should be voted down.

"Insist that the initiative be used only when it may be invoked with propriety."

The Hobble Skirt.

What a combination a hobble skirt and the man who rocks the boat would make!—Philadelphia Inquirer.

We imagine a woman with a hobble skirt on feels like a man does when his suspenders break in company.—Clayton (AIA) Record.

According to a New York dispatch, the hobble skirt had its "disappearing rapidly." It was not supposed anything in a hobble skirt could disappear rapidly.—Kansas City Star.

German Gleanings.

Germany exported nearly 2,000 tons of lead pencils in 1909.

Nolesseous paper for theater programs is a German novelty.

The Berlin police department is provided with an extensive typewriting telegraph system.

The Berlin police recently gave the contestants in a boxing bout orders not to hit hard, and when one of the overzealous boxers scored a knock-down he was at once disqualified by the referee.

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INNUMERABLE BILLS CONFUSE THE VOTER

Numerous Division Measures Would Change State Map Beyond Recognition.

"Business men of Oregon will do well to take note of the innumerable county division bills for the consideration of the people next fall. Already so many division measures have been filed with the secretary of state that if half of them are adopted the map of Oregon will be so changed that it will not be recognized even by a native son," declares the Pendleton East Oregonian in its issue of July 25.

"Furthermore the indiscriminate creation of new counties cannot fail to increase taxation. This state cannot create ten new counties and provide for ten additional sets of county officers and hope to get along with present levies. The divisionists make assertions to the contrary. But that is 'campaign' talk. That same argument was advanced in favor of the creation of Hood River county. Yet E. A. Schiffler, a Pendleton tailor who owns property in Hood River, found his taxes increased 61.4 per cent the first year of the new county's existence. It is the history of every new county that division brings on increased taxation. This is only natural.

"Another feature of these division fights is the fact that division measures are sprung when the people residing in the proposed new counties do not want division at all. Take for instance the Orchard county scheme. Manifestly the people residing in the greater portion of that proposed county do not want division. Two of the four towns included in Orchard county are hotly opposed to the division. They are Weston and Athena. They have good reason for being opposed. Division will mean increased taxation and that business now held by Athena and Weston will be diverted to Walla Walla. Milton people imagine they will get that business. But they won't. Milton is practically a suburb of Walla Walla and such it will always remain. If Orchard county carries, that business will be lost to this state.

"The Orchard county measure was drafted in secret by a little clique of Milton business men. It is purely a selfish measure. Representative men living right in Milton and in Freewater are opposed to the proposition. In communications to this paper they have so declared themselves. Even the newspapers of Milton and Freewater have failed to take up with the

proposition. Neither the Freewater Times or the Milton Eagle advocates the division measure editorially and this fact has caused much comment. The Weston Leader and the Athena Press have declared themselves as utterly opposed to division.

County Division Increased Taxes 61.4 Per Cent. (East Oregonian.)

That county division means increased taxation for the secessionists is shown by the experience of E. A. Schiffler, the well-known local tailor, who owns some property in the city of Hood River. To the East Oregonian Mr. Schiffler has exhibited his tax receipts and they show that during the first year of the existence of Hood River county Mr. Schiffler's taxes increased 61.4 per cent. His 1908 taxes, which were paid in Wasco county, amounted to \$55.50. His 1909 taxes, the first levied after the creation of Hood River county and which he paid on February 14, 1910, amounted to \$128. Therefore the creation of the new county cost Mr. Schiffler the sum of \$72.50 during the first year of Hood River county's existence.

"I have always said that it is foolish to divide counties," declared Mr. Schiffler. "It only means additional expense and increased taxation."

THE ONLY SOLUTION. (East Oregonian, July 9.)

Voters of Oregon will be compelled to pass upon 32 legislative measures when they vote this fall. The number is entirely too large and many of the measures are of such a nature that voters simply cannot hope to judge intelligently as to their merits.

Conspicuous in this class are the eight county division bills that have been filed. Each of these measures pertains to an issue that is strictly local in character. The people of the state at large are not interested in county division disputes. The average voter cannot hope to judge of the merits of these division bills. From one side he will be showered with literature favorable to division; from another quarter he will be implored to vote against division. Often people residing in the proposed new counties do not want division so carry.

Now what is the poor voter to do? In the view of the East Oregonian there is but one logical way to settle county division problems. All those problems should be held in abeyance until a law has been enacted leaving the settlement of such disputes to the people who are directly interested in them. It is pretty certain that such a law will be passed by the next legislature. Such a law was passed by the last legislature, but for some unknown reason was vetoed by Governor Chamberlain following the close of the session.

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