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PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW REAL FACTS

The Oregonian is bitterly opposed to the plan of consolidation for the schools of higher education as proposed by the Marion County Tax Equalization league. It has been quoted as saying editorially before the introduction of the Zorn-McPherson bill the following:

"There is decision to place all the higher educational institutions under direction of a chancellor. It is a step in the direction of consolidation that may well go farther. From unified direction the next step ought to be consolidation of all the schools and welding into one great university. The implication of the present action may easily be considered as pointing to that ultimate objective. The observation is made without inside information, but it is logical. Eventually, and in time not too far in the future, it ought to be effected."

Dr. Zook, who has been invited to Oregon in connection with the chancellorship, says that surveys of many states show that economic conditions have created a new necessity for consolidation and eradication of duplications.

The Argus believes the people should be given an opportunity to learn the true facts in this measure without prejudice. There is so much material coming through as to the pros and cons that it is mighty difficult for the average voter to know what it is all about. It should be studied purely as a tax-saving measure, rather than to cloud the issue as to who the sponsors are.

"STICK TO THE ASSOCIATION"

"Stick to your association, in union there is strength." This good advice was given to the members of the Oregon Dairy Co-operative association here Tuesday night by Senator Schulmerich. In view of the world wide economic conditions it is hard to see the good that has been accomplished by the group, but the Argus will wager that conditions would have been much worse for the dairymen had there been no organization. Much propaganda is going the rounds intended as detrimental to the association and before taking all of this for granted the true facts should be learned from the organization itself. The dairymen will be in a better position in the long run by working together than through disunion.

The meeting Tuesday night cleared up a lot of questions and from all appearances made everyone feel better. Frequent meetings where everything may be told will be helpful to the dairy co-op.

HOOVER ON PROHIBITION

One must admit that President Hoover didn't mince words in his speech of acceptance. He stands directly for a change in the prohibition law, but is absolutely opposed to the return of the saloon. Franklin Roosevelt also opposes the return of the saloon. Mr. Hoover says that "to remedy present evils a change is necessary." He holds that the attitude against prohibition has caused disrespect for all law.

He attacked the democratic platform on the ground that it favored outright repeal, which would mean the return of the saloon. The democratic platform specifically states, however, that proper safeguards should be taken against the saloon's return.

Dr. Wilson in his radio debate for prohibition was not very complimentary to veterans of the World War when he said that the crime wave that has swept the country during the past few years was chiefly due to the training that our soldiers received during the war, which made them brutal, etc.—insinuating that most of our criminals are ex-service men. A check on the ages of the men in our prisons will hardly tally with the remarks of the dry leader. This is not the first time that Dr. Wilson has directed insulting remarks at ex-service men. These remarks are resented by veterans, who offered their lives for their country.

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In Other Days

Thirty Years Ago
 August 14, 1902—E. B. Tongue has gone to Seattle with a string of horses, among which are Mark Hanna, Portia Knight and Nigger Baby. They will be entered in the races to come off there soon, and from there will go to the state fair at Salem.

Albert Tozier, formerly of this city, is attending the Oregon Press association at Newport this week. Tozier is secretary of the state association and president of the national association.

Petitions are being circulated by the board of trade asking the county to appropriate \$100 for a Washington county exhibit at the state fair and \$500 for circulars setting forth the resources of the county to be sent to the Harriman railway lines.

Miller brothers of Gaston lost 70 tons of hay through stubble fire last week.

The Southern Pacific company will pay the damages incurred by the fire at the depot last week, owing to the fact that the flames were started by a passing engine.

Fifteen Years Ago
 August 16, 1917—Installation of gas mains in the city by the Portland Gas & Coke company is practically complete. A crew of 40 men is employed in making the connections.

Earl Donelson's big Cole-8 turned turtle three times on an embank-

Wolf Creek Route Engineer's Choice

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 persons farm lands through the rich Umatilla valley, the striking picture of the coast range from the summit near Buxton and the majesty of the Couber forests of fir on the slopes of the Coast mountains west of the summit.

"On the other hand, the shipping along the Columbia river is picturesque, the great suspension bridge at St. Johns is worthy of interest and the annual fertile alfalfa and wooded hills in certain sections of the Scappoose-Vernonia route have a beauty found only in the Oregon country.

"Logged-Off Areas Shock
 However, the logged-off areas on the Scappoose-Vernonia route present a picture of bare, naked hills, unshaded and unclad, save for the scattered, grinning snags and fireweed stalks, a scene indescribable to one searching for the green land of yesterday."

In discussing the cost factor in detail, the report continued:
 "The Scappoose-Vernonia route is estimated to cost \$495,422.30 less than the Wolf creek route. In addition, the mileage of new maintenance is 10.68 miles less by the Scappoose-Vernonia route, which, estimated at the annual cost of \$300 per mile and capitalized at 4 1/2 percent for 30 years, would give a capitalized saving of \$87,042. On the other hand, there would be a slight reduction in deferred maintenance, which would be utilized as to be diverted between Portland and Scappoose. This estimated at \$100 per mile would capitalize at \$34,556, or a debit against the Scappoose route."

Two Routes Compared
 "The Wolf creek route can be extended from year to year as a connection can be made to old roads at Sunset camp and Banks, and the Scappoose-Vernonia route must be built in its entirety before it can be of much service as a short road to the sea. If funds can be made available, the Wolf creek route, but the operation of the route, which is entirely completed, will require five years to open the entire section between Hamlet and Scappoose. But, as the route would not be entirely completed, the traffic might prefer to use the lower Columbia river highway; therefore, no value is accordable to this saving."

The differential in ultimate cost of the two routes, stated in the report, follows:

	Wolf Creek	Scappoose-Vernonia
Saving in original cost		\$495,422.30
Saving in new maintenance		\$7,042.00
Reduction in present maintenance	\$4,556.00	
Saving by operating costs	1,975,791.85	
Total	\$1,110,847.85	\$502,464.30
Net saving by "Wolf creek"	\$ 608,383.55	

"By any combination it is apparent that while the Scappoose-Vernonia route is cheaper in the first cost, this is offset by the cheaper operating cost of the Wolf creek route. It is held by some that as operation is not chargeable to highway funds, items of operation cost should not be considered in the cost analysis. This is considered fallacious, as the highway department is the custodian of the public funds derived from motor vehicle operation, and since all funds are derived from the motorist, the saving in cost of operating over a route should be considered as well as the construction costs. If the latter be not true, no improvements to existing routes can ever be justified."

Routes Well Balanced
 "In other respects the routes appear well balanced. The snowfall increased rapidly both in the amount and duration both the 1000-foot elevation, which is a feature of considerable importance in this route, as much of the traffic will be unaccustomed to driving on snowy and icy roads. But on the other hand, the routes are not notably more prevalent on the Scappoose-Vernonia route, particularly along the Columbia river and the Nehalem rivers.

The report concludes:
 "Summing up the various factors, it would appear that the major consideration for the construction of this highway is the service to the people of the metropolitan area of the city of Portland and the northern part of the Willamette valley, comprising more than one-half of the population of the state."
 "Beyond question, these people desire primarily a route to the coast resorts requiring a minimum of time."

Injunction Issued By Court on Sale

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 Judge Bagley; Tillamook County Creamery association vs. O. H. Peterson, confirmation; Inguald Olsen vs. O. H. Glover et al. dismissal; Hazel P. Olson vs. E. E. Bolich et al. overruling motion; May Cook et al vs. O. H. Peterson, confirmation; L. H. Reeves vs. C. H. Fry et al. voluntary non-suit; Liquidators vs. J. E. Edwards et al. order satisfying judgment; State Land Board of State of Oregon vs. Thomas Bilyeu et al. order; P. C. Lynch vs. Robert C. Bolich et al. default and judgment; and Commercial National bank vs. John H. Howell et al. default, judgment and decree. County Judge Tompkins issued orders in the following estates: Thomas Tell Huntley, Mary Dunwald and Hannah Sider, and for the guardianship of Adam Roemhild and Augusta Roemhild.

High Schools Lower Average of Tuition

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 Six county men were ordered to American Lake camp yesterday for training in the ambulance corps. Those who will go are Paul C. Long, Anthon Frenzel, Hugh E. Miller, Evan Ranes, Ivan Donaldson and W. B. Portuow.

Estate of Soldier Who Died in Service Filled
 Estate of Thomas Tell Huntley, who died in service in France on September 20, 1918, was filed for probate Thursday upon the petition of Mrs. Helen Huntley Williams, as sister. The estate amounts to \$9800 from a war veteran's insurance policy. Mrs. Williams was appointed administratrix by County Judge Donald T. Tompkins and heirs named in the petition are two brothers, three sisters and six nephews and nieces of a deceased sister.

Aloha Home Robbed Twice During Week

Report that her home had been broken into twice within four days was made by Mrs. Viola Sundberg at Aloha to the sheriff. A dozen jars of canned fruit was stolen from the basement and a quantity of vegetables from the garden Friday. While visiting with neighbors Monday afternoon, the house was broken into again and a brown leather purse containing personal articles and \$5 was taken.

Irrigationists Visit Pastures in County

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 with every indication that the crop will run about 250 pounds to the acre. He declares that if he had not used water he would not only have had no seed crop after the stock had been pastured.

"Irrigationists are visiting in Washington county, where application of water is a practical possibility, is a matter of economy," declared Cyrus, in commenting on the irrigation project for student attendance. He estimated that 10,000 acres of bottom land on the Tualatin river and its tributaries which are flooded in the winter and must be used almost entirely for spring crops that unimproved pasture is not return much income, dairymen here are turning their attention to growing of irrigated pasture on this land. Canary grass or Ladino clover created on these bottom lands will return more income than will spring crops and will also lessen dairy production costs.

"The present status of the dairy business has made it imperative that more pasture be utilized as a means of decreasing cost of producing milk and butter fat. Pasture in Washington county is concerned mainly with three crops primarily: alfalfa, irrigated Ladino clover or Canary grass where there is too much water to make growth of Ladino clover possible, and Canary grass on wet swampy ground where it is too wet to grow other crops."

Rogers Re-elected Veterans' Officer

H. S. Rogers of Hillsboro was re-elected vice-chairman of the Second Oregon volunteer regiment of Spanish-American war veterans at the recently held reunion of the association at Laurelhurst park in Portland Sunday. The reunion is held each year celebrating the anniversary of the fall of Manila.

Captain Herbert L. Heath, who was captain of company A and now residing in Manila, was the honored guest, speaking on present conditions in the Philippines. He was formerly editor of the McManville Register. Colonel Percy Willis was president of the association and Judge Deich secretary. The principal officers have served for seven years. Music band and orchestra from Scout Young number two, United Spanish War Veterans.

Veterans from the old Second Oregon regiment from Washington county attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd and R. F. Buck of Forest Grove; C. J. Herb of Banks; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Doughty of Aloha; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spiering and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rogers of Hillsboro; and E. L. Jensen, formerly of Hillsboro and now residing at Garibaldi. Nearly a hundred veterans and their families attended.

Books Ordered for Elementary Grades

Two new books on geography to be used in the fifth and seventh grades of county elementary schools and to be purchased by the districts that more pasture be utilized as a means of decreasing cost of producing milk and butter fat. Pasture in Washington county is concerned mainly with three crops primarily: alfalfa, irrigated Ladino clover or Canary grass where there is too much water to make growth of Ladino clover possible, and Canary grass on wet swampy ground where it is too wet to grow other crops."

Wells Building to Be Remodeled Soon

Extensive improvements and renewals of floors and walls will be made in the Wells building, Second and Main streets, according to an announcement made Wednesday. "The recent fire in the building, while of no great consequence, furnishes the opportunity to remodel the second floor for offices for which the proprietors have been waiting for some time. The central location of this building with windows on the court house square will make very pleasant offices. We contemplate the construction of a modern stairway, a third extensive improvements and renewals to floors, walls, etc."

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Forest Grove Will Play Compton Nine

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 pions and runner-up were entered in the tournament. Verboort finished the regular schedule with a one-game lead over the Grove team, having won 12 games and lost 2, while the Merchants won 11 and lost 4. Verboort defeated Forest Grove 9 to 2 in an exhibition game two weeks ago.

Tongue Appointed Bankruptcy Referee

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 The district was split up because of the inconvenience caused creditors by having to go into Portland on all bankruptcy cases in the past. Under the re-organized plan the first creditor meeting must be held in the county where the bankruptcy occurs, according to Mr. Tongue.

Grading of First Street to Start

Grading of north First street outside of the city limits was resumed this week by a county crew. About a half mile of the road remains to be graded. Last Saturday the road will run parallel with the railroad track and eliminate two crossings.

Officers Report on Assembly at Salem

Reports on the presidents' and secretaries' assembly at Salem last week were given at the regular luncheon meeting of the local Rotary club last Thursday by J. M. Person, president; J. L. Anderson, secretary, and M. H. Stevenson, past-president. Committee appointments were also made.

Cured Mutton Can Rival Venison Meat

"Old Man Depression" takes another blow on the chin. Any farmer who is in need of cash or who others can lay in a supply of meat that rivals canned venison or smoked ham for use during the winter months. Mutton is our cheapest meat right now and this year most of the sheep are in excellent condition. Legs and shoulders are best cured and smoked, while the smaller pieces are best utilized if boned and canned.

County Democratic Club to Be Started

Plans for the organization of a democratic club to work for the party in Washington county were started Friday evening when members of the democratic central committee for the county met at the chamber of commerce here. W. P. Fisk, Sherwood, was appointed chairman of the committee to organize the club.

Combination Ticket to Legion Session Ready

Mail orders now are being accepted for combination tickets for the four feature events of the national American Legion convention to be staged in Portland's huge Multnomah civic stadium, according to word received by P. L. Peterson, commander of the local American Legion post, from the

Hazeldale Couple Celebrate Sunday

Hazeldale—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brooks celebrated their silver wedding anniversary August 13. The guests included Mrs. R. H. Harbert of Eugene, J. S. Brooks of Albany, Mrs. Will Tidale of Albany, Mrs. Alma Friele and baby daughter of Terra Falls, Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson of Carrington, N. D.; Mrs. R. Beadle and son Roy of Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Yoran, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kaiser, Mr. and Mrs. Will Emery and daughter Audrey, and R. P. McHenry, all of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. George Watson of Aloha. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were the recipients of many beautiful presents and good wishes.

Sherwood Man Bound Over to Grand Jury

Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, L. A. Hetherington of Sherwood, was bound over to the grand jury when arraigned before the justice court. Bail was set at \$1000.

Janssen Gets Contract For Well at Beaverton

A. M. Janssen Drilling company was Monday night awarded the contract for drilling a 10-inch well for the Beaverton municipal water system. The new well is near the city reservoir above Wood's nursery. Janssen in the contract guarantees 150 gallons a minute.

Public Forum

HAS IDEA TO MAKE MONEY AND BEAUTIFY THE CITY
 August 15, 1932.
 Editor, Argus.—It seems to me that an enterprising man who knows how to make and how to apply a good quality of white-wash might be able to pick up a goodly number of dimes, and at the same time add much to the good looks of the town.

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