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LUNCHES FOR
SCHOOL CHILDREN

IT WILL BE interesting to Marshfield people, where a limited hot lunch is just being introduced into the high school, to know that Philadelphia has adopted the "health squad" test on a large scale and will watch the effects of different kinds of diet upon 2,400 school children. The experiment will involve no hardship for the children. On the contrary, it will be a treat for some of them, and it may produce results of lasting benefit.

The purpose of the experiment is to show whether it might not be desirable to furnish lunches to children free or at less than cost in certain parts of the city, if not in all the schools. Eight schools in congested districts have been selected for the test.

In four of these schools a noonday luncheon, consisting of milk, soup and rolls, will be sold to the children at 3 cents, or half its cost. The funds available for the experiment do not permit any further reduction. In the other four schools the present habits of the children will not be disturbed. It has been observed that most of the children in the congested districts either go without luncheon or spend their pennies for pretzels, pickles and candy.

At the beginning and end of the experiment, which will last several months, the two groups of 1,200 children each will be submitted to physical examination and also a mental test. It is expected that a striking gain in weight and mental alertness will be shown on the part of the properly fed group.

The idea of having a city attempt to improve the diet of its school children is not new. In some of the world's largest cities free lunches in the schools of the slums are necessary if the classroom instruction is to amount to anything, for when the body is half-starved the mind works poorly.

Appropos of the Philadelphia experiment a Boston writer calls attention to the lunch problem has been worked out in Medford, Mass. At the Medford high school milk, cocoa, soup, sandwiches, rolls, cake and other articles are sold, nothing costing more than 3 cents. Many articles cost only 1 cent, and the average boy or girl is found to be content with a 4-cent lunch. The school board makes this luncheon pay for itself.

The non-advertising merchant goes forth to his lair at the rising of the sun, and lo! no man interfereth. He standeth around all day, like unto a bottle of castor oil, and the people with the shekels come not unto his shanty. He advertiseth not his wares and his face is forgotten on the face of the earth. Who hath dried apples? Who hath figs spoiled gingham? Who hath calico made befo' de wah? Who hath stale baking powder without end? He that knoweth not the way to the printer.

COLONEL HOFER
ON RAILWAY

Salem Editor Booms Coos Bay
In Portland Inter-
view.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 9. — The Journal prints the following:
"Coos Bay has passed the point when that corner of Oregon is longer to be neglected by the railroad magnates of our country," said Colonel E. Hofer, president of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress. He was in the city taking part in the Taft reception as one of the officers of the German-American society of this state and is highly pleased over the situation so far as railroad development goes for the neglected areas of the state.

"Capital is offering to help Coos Bay in various ways, and the people down there now have their choice of several distinct propositions, and it seems to be a race to see who is going to close a deal first to get into the Coos Bay territory. I predict two railroads will go in there together."

"It took several years to get railroad people interested in the Tillamook country, but the Harriman and the United systems are now going into Tillamook as fast as men and money can build there. Two railroads are going up the Deschutes and it was years before that pass into the heart of Central Oregon would even be considered."

Coos Bay Electric.
"Two combinations of capital are at work trying to get rights of way and surveys into Coos Bay from Roseburg, while work on the Coos Bay, Central Oregon and Eastern is pushing right along. Roseburg put up \$6,000 to help complete the survey for that line, of which Grimes, Hanley and Shellenberger are the directors."

"They have over 100 miles of first class location survey, and nearly as much right of way. The Burns division has been incorporated with a \$50,000 holding corporation, just as the Coos Bay end was financed. The Boise section is well under way, and an election will soon be held to organize the first district."

"Our organization secured the enactment of the district railroad law of Idaho. The first district has been organized out of Boise, including that city and a large part of Ada county, and the project has the backing of the solid business men of Boise, and all the commercial organizations and the city and county government. The district will be submitted to a vote and a suit brought in the supreme court to test the new law. That the supreme court of Idaho will give the people a chance to try the new system of railroad building no one can doubt."

"I have explained this several times in The Journal and I believe it is the greatest discovery that has yet been made in the world of modern promotion enterprises. In a way, it is as great a discovery as ever emanated from the brain of Edison, and if the corporation interests do not find some way to stop its going into operation it is all off with the old system of fleecing the people to build railroads."

"If a district can be organized like a drainage district or irrigation district and a railroad built by the owners of the land just as they would go about building a canal to carry water at the expense of the property benefitted, and the property owners own it, then all such districts as cannot get outside capital to build for them will build for themselves."

"It is a labor proposition and I believe every laboring man in the state will vote for the proposition if it ever gets up to his action at the ballot box. It is not antagonistic to capital, but is a new and additional asset of creative wealth that emanated from the brain of a common, ordinary cow puncher in Harney county—the Honorable Bill Hanley."

Capital for Coos Bay.
"I am advised that capital is ready to take the Coos Bay and Central Oregon off our hands, reimburse all the money put into the survey and right of way and promotion of that enterprise, and construct the line. Chief Engineer Haines was given an option on this property for this very purpose, as it was deemed best to have the whole enterprise where it could be turned over to a transcontinental system as early in the game as possible."

"That point has arrived and two

WITH THE
TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

May we be helped to learn
the way of life. To live in such
thoughts and deeds as shall
make us of good heart and of
kindly spirit.

—Selected.

COMMONPLACE LIVES.

"A commonplace life," we say and
we sigh,
But why should we sigh as we
say?

The commonplace sun in the com-
monplace sky
Makes up the commonplace day.
The moon and the stars are common-
place things,
And the flower that blooms, and the
bird that sings,

But dark were the world and sad
our lot,
If the flowers should fall and the
sun shine not—
And God, who studies each separate
soul,
Of our commonplace lives makes
His beautiful whole.

SUSAN COOLIDGE.

All the old-fashioned boys have
been located, except the one who
used to spit on new shoes.

When a woman confesses to a
poor memory, she says it isn't long
enough to reach from the dining
room to the kitchen.

Russell Ketchum from Everett,
Wash., and Marguerite Wiseman
from Seattle, Wash., entered the
fourth grade on Monday.

There is only one thing left in
some homes in which parents exact
obedience from their children: They
do make them go to school.

The women are always telling of
brutal husbands, and the men talk
a good deal about men who are
cruelly imposed upon by their wives.

It occasionally happens that a
man tries to be nice to every one
through a desire to make a better
showing of friends than his enemy.

What has become of the old-fash-
ioned people who complimented a
baby by saying: "It's so smart I
fear you will never be able to raise
it!"

Very few religious women believe
that their husbands will be saved,
but believe that all knowledge of the
frying process will be mercifully
blotted out of their memory.

They say a girl can't walk fast
wearing the extreme high heels.
Still it is surprising how rapidly
some of them cover the ground in
traveling the path that can never be
retraced.

Men don't like to be found fault
with before other men, and women
can't get over the humiliation of be-
ing found fault with in the presence
of other women; people don't like
fault-finding any way you can fix it.

The Proper Term.
Whenever couples wed for gold,
Instead of Cupid's honey,
They really ought, so we've been
told,
To call it matri-money.

—Exchange.

Why wouldn't it be a good idea
to send out a marriage revivalist: a
man to get old bachelors into the
notion of marrying? It would be
very touching to see of Coos Bay's
old bachelors George Goodrum,
Judge Guerry and Will Ekblad,
get up in meeting and acknowledge
the error of their ways.

sets of capitalists are negotiating for
the construction of the line through
to Roseburg and on to Ontario. If
the Harriman interests hold their
line in the canyon of the Deschutes
they will have to hustle and may be
put into the same position of being
paralleled as they were in the Des-
chutes.

"In all these matters there is a
psychological moment which must
be taken advantage of or be lost for-
ever. In the language of another
Big Bill.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which, if taken at the flood, leads
on to fortune."

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