

COOS BAY TIMES

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EDISON AND LIBERAL EDUCATION.

THOMAS A. EDISON is reported to have given, the students of Yale some very plain statements in an address delivered there recently. He told them that he had no need of, or place for, the students of either Yale or Harvard, in his line of work; in fact, that the so-called liberal training which was given them rather worked against them to the advantage of the young man who had worked his way up with the practical knowledge of the world and of men.

Mr. Edison's genius as an inventor is unquestioned, and in uttering these sentiments he finds himself in a very respected company these days but fortunately for the destiny of the classical training, he is not likely to find all its advocates flocking to his side because he has sounded these clarion notes. Others, scarcely less notable, have voiced similar sentiments. Not the least among them was Herbert Spencer, who in his essay on "Education," took precisely the same stand that Edison takes.

No one contends that education, no matter of what kind or in what department, ought not to be practical. It should give one a better and more effective grip on life, enabling one to live a fuller and a richer life. All this is practical, but it is practically that means far more than that of either Spencer or Edison. The whole trouble is, that they, along with those who think with them, have whittled down the idea of the practical until it means scarcely more than the pursuit of the necessities for physical existence, or rising a little higher than this, the creation or working out of something that the world can make use of, a commodity fit for the market.

To educate and to train a child does not mean simply the equipping of one to be a more efficient bread winner. If this were so, then educators have been on the wrong track for many long centuries. But experience has proven it to be otherwise. Human life cannot be interpreted only in terms of the physical side of man, and yet there is a strong tendency in this country to make the educational standard of just such a nature. And so there has been much said and done to exalt technical training and to belittle the old training and culture in the classics received by our fathers. They were instructed and edified in those studies that helped to make their life not only an inspiration to others, but a joy and comfort to themselves. By contact with the noblest minds of the ancients, their own lives were made fuller and richer.

But, we are asked, what practical good is all this delving in the thoughts of those who have been consigned to antiquity? What is the use of pouring over subjects that cannot be turned to account in our every-day life of winning for the world a living? Again we reply that it depends upon what meaning we give to the term, a practical life. If it means what a person has and does, then let us eliminate from the curriculum all that makes for a broad and liberal training, and acquire only technical knowledge. But if the term, a practical life, means all that Jesus Christ put into it, then a liberal education, so far from being a superfluity, is of incalculable benefit in pitching one's life high, and in giving a broader and saner outlook on the lives of others. We are often told that such and such a person rose to distinction without any college education, as tho' it were an argument for the futility of the college. It would be nearer to the truth to say that they attained their mark in spite of, not because of, their handicap. We have had no means of calculating how much more effectively they would have acquitted themselves had this obstacle been removed.

And so, with all due respect to Mr. Edison's view about the practical efficiency of the training, we feel that it would be a serious loss if life's definition were so narrowed as to make all education tend towards material advancement to the neglect of the culture of the mind as an aid to a higher mental and moral life.

RULE OF THE PEOPLE

THE people of Oregon and the United States are in the midst of one of the greatest political revolutions since the establishment of the government.

The effort to bring the government back to the people is being stubbornly resisted by the politicians. At the recent meeting of the Coos County republican central committee one of the old school politicians stated that he had enough of this "progressiveness." It had "progressed too many offices into the demerits," he said. Yes, and the man who said it and others like him and the vicious principles and policies which they promulgated until it fastened bossism and political misrule upon the people, are the ones who are responsible for recent republican defeats.

Republican party principles are alright, but too many republican politicians have been all wrong. This Coos County republican politician may have had all the progressiveness he wants, but he has not had all he is going to get. The people will have their way, no matter what instrumentalities are adopted as the means to work out their will. The initiative and referendum and recall are mere instrumentalities.

The politicians have endeavored to defeat and damn the laws returning to the people the right to rule themselves. They call it freak legislation. Nevertheless, Oregon has led the entire United States in political progress and the other states are quickly falling into line.

The American people have created and accumulated wealth amounting to \$140,000,000,000. Four men own \$2,000,000,000 of it; and 10 men own and control \$30,000,000,000, or nearly one-fourth the total. Every man is entitled to every cent that he earns, but not to any share of what some one else earns.

There is a conviction among this people that when a few men own and control a larger part of the total wealth produced and accumulated by all the people of America during 250 years, they must have come into possession, through special privileges in the law, of some of that earned by the other 90,000,000. The determination to eradicate these special advantages is now going on in this country.

The people do rule, they always have ruled, they always will rule.

No man should talk of "the people" in the third person.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

Kindly rush out a special edition for the following mental emission. Do not care to have it spaced with the ordinary everyday hack work. There is more where this came from, which will either be burned up or paid for per line, according to the market developments after this is shown its fate.

For your special information, and to avoid confusion, will state that this is a poem, to-wit:

To have a missing sense of two is something to deplore; And yet the man who lacks a few may count his blessings o'er. The man who's deaf,—his lot is drear. Yet, in the dime-show's throng He sees the play, but cannot hear The illustrated song. To council meetings he can go, Nor hear, nor care a rap About that great forensic flow, The Straw and Coppel scrap. No gentle music can he hear The whistles, though, can't burst his ear On those O'Kelley boats. The blind man's fate is sad indeed; Yet have you thought that he Deprived of vision, cannot read The leap year poet-ree? And should he be both blind and deaf (Which seems more than is due him) He still can render humble thanks No one can read it to him. Ah, (to be brief), there's death it self, A thing for all to fear. And yet—the dead man doesn't know The railroad isn't here. Digs it. (As a guaranty of good faith.) —I. J. K. The latter signature is NOT to be published but supplies the editor somebody to lay it onto in case of an uprising.

THE WEATHER

What is it that's more talked about than all things else on earth, but never in zeal or earnest, in anger or in mirth? What is it that people of all degree discuss and never quit, all seasons, through, from morn till night? Why only simply—"It." It is cool or warm, or windy or calm, or cloudy or rainy or fair. Is it droughty or damp, or frosty or "nice" or fragrant or balmy air? All people from miss to great grandpa, though expressing no wisdom nor wit will make remarks about the weather, calling it simply "It."

PRAY, PARDON THESE BLUSHES

Many Unite in Praise of the Special Railway Edition of The Times.

WHAT THE STATE PRINTER THINKS OF IT

Salem, Oregon, March 21, 1912.

Mr. M. C. Maloney, Editor Coos Bay Times, Marshfield, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

I am today in receipt of copy of your special railway edition of the Daily Times. It is a magnificent paper in all respects—matter, arrangement and printing. Several of the cuts—namely timber or forest scenes—are works of art. It should do a great deal of good in directing attention to the resources and possibilities of the country tributary to Coos Bay. Accept my congratulations on the issuance of so valuable a paper. Sincerely yours,

WILLIS S. DUNIWAY, State Printer.

ANOTHER PORTLAND OPINION

Portland, Oregon, March 21, 1912.

Mr. M. C. Maloney, Editor Coos Bay Times, Marshfield, Ore.

Dear Sir:—

Through the courtesy of a friend in your city I have just received a copy of the recent issue of the railroad and prosperity edition of your paper, which I am reading with great interest.

From every standpoint it is a splendid issue, reflecting great credit upon the publisher and should materially add to the growing interest in Coos Bay section of our state in whose development in every direction your paper is having such a large part.

Truly yours, HOWARD C. VAN METER, Committee on Publication for Oregon.

PAPER WAS A SURPRISE

(From Coquille Herald.)

The Coos Bay Times of Saturday last consisting of 52 pages is before us and we are amazed at the production of so creditable a paper emanating from a town the size of Marshfield. It is printed on good quality of book paper, the front page containing a map depicting the routes of the several railroads proposed together with steamship lines leading to important places on the continent. Beautiful halftones portray the many industries of Coos Bay together with cuts of enterprising men who were factors in the up-building of the city. Statistics interesting to our residents, as well as valuable to those contemplating a home in our favored section, are given upon all subjects in an attractive manner. It is the best edition of a newspaper we have been privileged to scan for many a day, and if the citizens of Marshfield view the true worth of the paper one-half as much as we do, they have cause to be proud of the owners and workers who made possible the execution of so valuable a work.

CREDITABLE EDITION

(From Marshfield Sun)

The Coos Bay Times last Saturday issued a special edition of the newspaper containing 52 pages. It was printed on book paper and finely illustrated with half tones. The issue is a highly creditable one and many copies are being sent to different parts of the country. The newspaper gives accounts and illustrations of all the resources and industries of Coos Bay.

"A FINE NEWSPAPER"

(The Times got out a special number Saturday, consisting of 52 pages, printed on book paper. The work is largely along the boom order, and sets forth clearly the many advantages and opportunities of this place. Just how the paper was gotten out the same time a daily paper was printed, the work all being done on one press is a mystifying question. The newspaper man, The Times is entitled to all the credit possible to heap on it for the issue, which seems to have met a long felt want on every hand.—North Bend Harbor.

CREDITABLE SPECIAL EDITION.

(From Grants Pass Courier.)

The Coos Bay Times of Marshfield brought out last Saturday a 52-page illustrated edition which is certainly one of the handsomest boom papers we have seen for many a day. The illustrations are superb, being finely printed, representing a wide section of country on Coos Bay. Every page is replete with most interesting matter and taken all together is a most creditable showing for Marshfield and the country generally around it. By the way, that country down at Coos Bay is attracting the attention of railroad men who have in contemplation a line which is to come up Rogue River to Grants Pass. The Courier extends to The Times fraternal greetings and right hand of good fellowship. Let them build their railway to Grants Pass and this city will meet them half way.

QUESTION OF THE DAY?

Does the thin woman worry because she has such a narrow outlook?

FORGIVE AND FORGET

Revenge may be sweet to the man who believes In the malice made methods of living. But happier far is the man who perceives That it isn't so sweet as forgiving.

Remembering wrongs may be all very well. That were once on a time so upsetting; But why on such things need the memory dwell, When there's joy to be had in forgetting?

Forgive and forget! and the light that will shine Where darkness was great will be glorious; The joy in your heart will be simply divine. For you'll know that it's virtue victorious.

WALT MASON THE POET PHILOSOPHER

HINTS TO BOYS. I would explain in formal terms, that digging up fat angle worms is healthful exercise; It makes a lad's lung action right, it bolsters up his appetite, improves his ears and eyes. But pulling weeds or planting peas is hard upon the neck and knees—it's not like digging bait; if they'd enjoy abounding health—which is a better thing than wealth—boys must discriminate. To play a frequent game of ball will make you handsome, strong and tall, a vision for sore eyes; but sawing wood will warp your back and put your inwards out of whack—avoid that exercise. If you'd acquire fine poise and style, each day you ought to swim a mile in some convenient creek, but do not paint the garden fence—such exercise is too intense, and it may make you sick. To walk ten leagues with hound and gun on rabbit's trail is splendid fun, that makes the muscles throb; but splitting kindling is a chore that makes the nervous system sore—let father do that job. In short, my dear delightful lads the jobs appointed by your dads are jobs the wise eschew; your dads can labor in the sun while you're enjoying wholesome fun that builds up brawn and teeth.

MARRIAGE KINSHIP TANGLE

Wedding of Ohio Girl to Stepfather's Brother Causes a Mixup. BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, March 23.—Miss Belle Holmes, of Belle Centre, this county, recently was married at Ravenna, Ohio, to Perry Lowe, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. A. Wharton.

A relationship tangle is made by this marriage that is difficult to unravel.

The bride is the stepdaughter of John Lowe, who is a brother of her husband. She married her uncle and became the sister of her father, while her husband is a son of his brother. She is her own aunt and her husband is his own uncle.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the republican nomination for the office of state senator for the

eighteenth senatorial district. I stand for the following platform: If I am nominated and elected will, during my term of office, fully perform the duties of my office and trust to the best of my ability I stand for the initiative and referendum, primary election law, and people's choice for United States senator, corrupt practices act, recall, initiative exempting personal property from taxation, good roads legislation favorable to farmers, legislation favorable to laborers, the regulation of firearms, opposition to the raising of salaries of state and county officers and greater economy in appropriations. I stand for Statement No. 10 ballot: "Statement No. One, more favorable to laborers." (Paid Adv.) I. S. SMITH

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Announcement is made that Prof. Raymond E. Baker, of Bandon, will be a candidate at the primary for the republican nomination for County School Superintendent. Mr. Baker is at present a resident of Bandon, but was superintendent of schools at Myrtle Point for two years, and organized the high school there and brought it up to the station of a full four years' course. During his superintendency there the schools of Myrtle Point had 84 pupils pass the state examination for eighth grade pupils, a large majority of whom entered high school.

Mr. Baker will, if nominated and elected, devote his entire time and energy to the duties of the office and will not use it as an adjunct to some other occupation. He will be Saturday for regular office day, being the only business day when teachers are free from school duties. Mr. Baker will also hold three teachers' associations in the county year as required by law, and will advance the cause of progressive education in every way that his official duties permit. — (Paid advertisement).

NOTICE

To the republican voters of the sixth representative district of Oregon, comprising the counties of Coos and Curry:

I hereby announce my candidacy for renomination and re-election representative for the sixth district and respectfully ask that you consider my candidacy before marking your ballot on April 19.

Very truly, (Paid Adv.) S. P. PIERCE.

FOR ASSESSOR

I will be a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of assessor of Coos county, at the primary election to be held April 19th, 1912. I served as assessor of this county from 1895 to 1898, inclusive. My motto: "Justice to all." I respectfully solicit your support.

(Paid ad.) K. H. HANSEN, Myrtle Point, Or.

FOR ASSESSOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for Assessor for Coos County at the primary to be held April 19, 1912. (Paid adv.) GEO. E. PEOPLES

HON. C. S. JACKSON, FOR PROBATING ATTORNEY.

"I will impartially enforce the criminal laws without fear or favor important to restore public confidence in the Courts."

(Paid ad.) —C. S. JACKSON, Roseburg, Or.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby respectfully announce my candidacy for the nomination for the office of Joint Representative, subject to the will of the Republican voters of Coos and Curry Counties, as expressed at the coming primary election.

If elected I shall endeavor to perform the duties of my office in a manner that will meet the approval of all. Respectfully, (Paid Adv.) A. J. MARSH

AMONG THE SICK.

Dan Roberts, engineer of the Alert who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mercy hospital the first of the week, is reported getting along nicely.

Mrs. Grindol of Bunker Hill who recently underwent an operation at Mercy hospital is reported getting along nicely.

Duncan Douglas yesterday underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils. Throat trouble compelled him to give up his course at Oregon Agricultural College a short time ago.

Miss Annie Smith and Miss Helen Wicks, her cousin, who is here from Richmond, Cal., left this afternoon for Allegany to spend Sunday. From there Miss Wicks will go to Ash, Ore., to visit at the J. E. Parker home and Miss Smith will return to Marshfield.

Levi Helsen who has been suffering from fever for several weeks is now able to sit up at his home and is reported to be rapidly convalescing.

Miss Mable King, who has been seriously ill with appendicitis at her home in Bunker Hill, is reported much improved today.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The launch Tramp sailed today for Port Orford and Gold Beach.

The Nann Smith sailed this afternoon for Bay Point with a cargo from the Smith mill.

The steamer Washington is due in tomorrow or early Monday from San Francisco with passengers and freight.

The Homer arrived in this morning from San Francisco with a cargo of general freight. She will sail late Sunday or early Monday.

Capt. C. E. Edwards now plans to launch his new boat next Tuesday. The boat will be christened the Rainbow and will be one of the classiest crafts that have ever plied the Coos Bay waters.

The dredge Beaver which has been in service near Sumner while the Larson dredge Oregon was being repaired was brought down from there today. The Oregon will resume work on the Catching Inlet project soon.

Thirty-seven longshoremen are now employed loading the Bessie Dollar. She will take on 2,500,000 feet of lumber at the Smith mill and will sail the latter part of next week for Puget Sound, where she will complete her lumber cargo and take on coal for her trip to China.

NEWS OF ARAGO AND VICINITY.

Frank Fish and family, who have been living a few miles below Coquille the last three years, are now living at their home in Fishtrap.

Mr. Clarence Barklow and Miss Mable Houghton were united in marriage Wednesday, March 20, at high noon. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents and was witnessed by relatives and friends of the young couple. Mr. Barklow and his bride will make their home in Norway. This young couple are highly respected by all their acquaintances who wish them a happy voyage through life.

Miss Lola McAdams, who has been spending a few weeks at the Tenn Robinson home, returned to her home in Coquille Thursday.

Miss Merle Radabaugh has been engaged to teach the coming term of school in the Strang district on Fat Elk. The school will open the first of April.

Mrs. J. H. Radabaugh and children visited at the Henry Radabaugh home a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkston went to Coquille Saturday on the boat and returned the same day.

Eathan Wimer has moved from his ranch on Fishtrap to his father-in-law's place a few miles from Coquille.

Gus Schroeder and family have moved onto Mr. Wimer's place at Fishtrap.

Miss Grace Miller is visiting in Coquille.

The upper Fishtrap school will open April 1.

Mrs. Charlie Wilcox underwent an operation at Myrtle Point a few days ago. She is reported getting along nicely.

A Big Showing of Spring Styles in Suits

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The Electric Shoe Shop

IS WHERE THEY BUY SHOES FROM \$1 PER PAIR UP.

THE ELECTRIC SHOE SHOP 130 So. Broadway Marshfield

Be Sure and Move

All the potatoes you care to sell this season. The present prices are too high to last. Highest cash price on day of delivery.

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