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SHALL WE LOWER THE STANDARD?

Would Oregon be content with a lower standard of education to fit her sons and daughters for trained leadership than is now being offered by her state institutions?

Would she be willing to allow a condition to prevail which would actually make it impossible to admit hundreds of ambitious young people who apply for courses to fit them more adequately for life work?

Unless the crisis now confronting the Oregon Agricultural college, the University of Oregon, and the State Normal is met by the people May 21 the present high standard cannot be maintained. What is more, the doors will have to be closed on 1000 students in the fall of 1920 alone, and those admitted will get anything but a satisfactory education.

The millage income of the college and the university has increased but 3.8 per cent since the millage measure providing for the support of the institutions was passed in 1913, while the number of students has increased approximately 150 per cent.

Cost of maintenance brought about by war conditions and increased enrollment advanced with leaps and bounds. Class, office, and laboratory facilities have become entirely inadequate.

The crisis is actually here. The state schools need more money to meet advanced costs for general maintenance, for new buildings and equipment to take care of increased enrollment, and for salaries.

More than 150 staff members have resigned in the last 18 months, or an average of one every three and a half days. Many who have said they could not afford to teach under existing conditions have gone into commercial fields, while a large number have accepted positions in other colleges at material advance in pay.

Some who have received flattering offers to go elsewhere, however, have remained through loyalty or because of their interest in their work.

Oregonians who believe that the best crop produced in the state is after all her sons and daughters and who have their welfare at heart together with the best interests of the state will not fail to vote May 21 for the higher educational tax act.

HUNS OF ALL NATIONALITIES FOR HIRAM

The Statesman of Sunday made the statement that the Hun sympathizers of all nationalities and most of the worst elements in American politics are for Hiram Johnson for President.

Those elements constitute the main part of his strength. And for that reason, if for no other, the success of Hiram Johnson would be a calamity.

Part of South Dakota is more German than Prussia and in that section the voting was almost unanimous for Hiram Johnson as presidential choice.

Hutchinson county, which was known as the land of the Huns during the war and made no end of trouble for the government with its slackers, draft evaders and German sympathizers, went almost unanimously for Johnson. He got almost 1100 votes.

General Wood, who carried the state by a considerable plurality, and is a patriotic American soldier, received almost no vote at all in Hutchinson county. There were less than 100 ballots for Governor Lowden, who was second in the state.

In Lincoln county, which is of the same stripe, Johnson received nearly 1600 votes, although there were precincts in which not a ballot was cast for General Wood. It is well when a candidate can attract votes from all classes, but when the great bulk of his support comes from those who furnished aid and sympathy to the enemy in time of war he is reasonably certain to fail his country in time of peace. A man has got to be a thirty-third degree demagogue to get away with it on a platform of Americanism; and this is the platform under which the Johnson campaign is being camouflaged.

Big things are in the making for Willamette University. The laymen of the Methodist church of the Pacific Northwest have undertaken the task of raising \$100,000 for the immediate needs of the institution. The success of this campaign will open the way for larger things for Willamette. Willamette is now recognized as a school of high standards. Johns Hopkins University admits graduates of Willamette into their medical department without question. The rallying of its friends around the standards of the old institution now will open the way for grander things than have heretofore come to Old Willamette.

The big Hoover fight is in California. In that state, it is the worst against the best.

If you owned a navy, would you think of hiring Josephus Daniels to run it?

This writer would be satisfied with almost any of them excepting Hiram Johnson.

Although copies of that peace treaty were mailed to President Wilson soon after the vote of rejection, there is no official information that he has ever received it. Some one suggests that it must be going by Postmaster Burleson's justly celebrated fast routes.

It is estimated that the railroads of the country will need two billion dollars a year for the next three years in order to properly care for the burdens that are to be imposed on them. The remedy is to put them on their feet so that they can pay dividends, for if they cannot do



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that the payments would have to be made in paper promises.

BUSINESS FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The League of Nations is already doing business and there is plenty of business to keep it fully occupied. Moreover, there is conclusive evidence that the business will not diminish, even after the debris of the great war has been cleared away. The new system of world housekeeping will always call for the offices of the world's best servants.

At the start the new League has its hands so full that it can hardly attend to all the business awaiting its decisions. It is already evident that the League must be enlarged in the number of its members and the scope of its good offices. And, above all, it has been proven beyond a doubt that its ultimate success depends on the co-operation of the United States.

To conform with the principle of the self-determination of small nations ancient empires were split up into a number of self-governing states. This was an act of justice based upon one of the famous fourteen points. But multiplying small nations tremendously increases the chances of war. Justice may be satisfied by such division, but peace only comes through unity; and unity can only be acquired by a competent League of Nations.

All fore-thinking statesmen knew that the first effect of the peace treaty would be to settle one big war at the risk of a dozen little ones. Without the services of a universally represented League to look after all conflicting claims the present peace would prove nothing but an armistice, a breathing space, a rest between rounds, while the old forces of catch-who-catch-can were lined up anew for another trial of armed strength. The inclusion of a League of Nations in the peace treaty forestalled any such denouement.

But the League itself has not developed so rapidly as the complications it was designed to settle. Tiresome problems have cropped up with startling rapidity in Europe, Asia, northern Africa and even in South America, including racial, religious and economic antagonisms calling for worldwide consideration—and the League at present consists of just six nations, France, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Japan and Brazil.

There are troubles that have been fermenting for centuries. There are grievances that have bloomed suddenly from the bitterness of the war. All of these to be settled by the nucleus of a world league—for that is all we have at present. That these war menaces have been kept in bounds is a speaking tribute to the wisdom of the thinkers who conceived the idea of universal arbitration, backed by the majority force of all nations.

So the newborn League is wrestling with the mass of hot complications that the Versailles treaty, like all peace treaties, left smoldering in many inflammable vicinities. China, but for its faith in the final action of a truly representative League, would not have accepted so quiescently the ravishment of Shantung. Japan, but for the probable intervention of the League, would certainly have pushed her aggressions far beyond their present limits.

Only confidence in the League held back the Jugo-Slavs from promptly propelling the impudent D'Annunzio and his opera bouffe followers into the arid-cooling waters of the Adriatic when they made their gallery-stand play at Fiume; an action that would probably have started a new war in southern Europe.

The Syrian revolt against French control, under the arrogant kingship of Emir Feisal, might have led to the complete subjugation of Syria by France through a short, sharp war of reprisals, but that the League prevents any one nation from taking such matters entirely into its own hands, as was the case when every nation according to its own armed strength could be a law unto itself.

So also the Arabs in Palestine and the Euphrates valley, were not their chiefs convinced that somehow or other the League will right their proclaimed wrongs, would be incensed to the point of armed insurrection against the British troops maintaining order in those portions of

the disrupted Turkish empire. Under the old regime a clash with British troops would have ended with large slices of new territory added to the British empire. Today the League is attending to these matters and their decision binds the premier in London as tightly as the least influential Arab chieftain on the banks of the Euphrates.

Poland, Finland, Ukraine, Hungary, Albania are all being held in leash by the moral power of an ideal, rather than a reality, since the League that is to be is at present only in the egg. But this ideal has made fighting unprofitable even for the most bellicose of these youngsters, since the supreme council will adjust all claims irrespective of new boundaries acquired by force. These little fellows, though they have small faith individually in the big fellows who fought in the war, have complete confidence in any decision they arrive at collectively.

The world has now organized such a court of appeal; but the mass of business every day presented for its adjustment proves how important it is for that court to be made more all-inclusive. We have a League of Nations but not THE League of Nations as it will eventually be constituted. We must have a League commensurate with the amount of business its formation has already developed.

WORDS THAT WERE TABU.

Most newspapers have an index expurgatorius in which are listed all the tempting words banned at the time of its compilation as of bad usage. It is amusing to read one of those lists, drawn up for a New York newspaper 50 years ago, a long discarded list, frowning on such words as aspirant, bogus, collied, commenced (for begun), employee, indorse (for approve), humbug, ignore, jeopardize, lengthy, loafer, ovation, posted (for informed), predicate, progressing, reliable (for trustworthy), rowdies, taboo, talented, and vicinity (for neighborhood.) Most of these are now quite respectable and would have the freedom even of those newspapers which once spurned them. Thus, as ever, do the heresies of today become the gospel of tomorrow. Thus does progress march.

It happens in language, in economics, in politics. Tomorrow conservatives will be found stoutly defending the program which yesterday's radicals drew up. Perhaps an appreciation of this fact ought to produce a philosophic calm, but it is

quite as likely to produce temper. And yet it is as absurd to swear at the conservative man as it is to denounce the dam in the stream and the brake on the engine.—Home Sector.

PEACE PARLEYS.

Germany can make a separate peace with America's lower house of congress, but there is still the White House to be reckoned with.

PICTURESQUE.

Former Senator James Hamilton Lewis, the prairie sunburst, is an active candidate for the Democratic

FUTURE DATES.

April 16, Friday—Illustrated lecture at the city library by Richard Craven of Boston, representative of the National Humane society.
April 16, Friday—Marion county conference of Interchurch World Movement.
April 17, Saturday—Debate between Willamette university and College of Puget Sound.
April 18, Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Moosejaw.
April 19, Monday—Lads and Dads meeting at Y. M. C. A.
April 19, Monday—Moving pictures and lecture on Alaska by Blacklock Lewis, Alaskan traveler.
April 20, Tuesday—Registration for voters closes.
April 22, Thursday—Willamette Glee club concert at Grand Opera house.
April 23, Friday—Howard Everts Weed, landscape architect of Portland, to address Salem Art league at public library.
April 23, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Pacific university.
April 25, Sunday—Blossom day.
April 25, Wednesday—Boy Scout entertainment at armory under auspices of Salem Elks.
April 30, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and McMinnville college.
May 30 and May 31—“Awakening of Spring” pageant Opera House, hospital benefit.
May 1, Saturday—May day and junior week end at Willamette university.
May 3 to May 6—Second annual Oregon Jersey jubilee.
May 6, Thursday—Banquet of Jersey cattle breeders at Marion hotel.
May 14, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college.
May 14 to 16—Older Boys conference in Salem.
May 11, Tuesday—Intercollegiate debate, Willamette vs. O. A. C.
May 14 and 15—Nineteenth annual convention of Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers, in Salem.
May 18, Tuesday—Pacific Coast Ad club automobile excursion passes through Salem.
May 29, Saturday—William Howard Taft speaks at armory.
June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.
June 19 and 20—National gypsy-tour motorcycle events in Salem.
July 4 to 10—Annual encampment of Oregon national Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine in Portland.
June 23, Wednesday—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem.
June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.
July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

nomination for vice president. This is a hard job for a man to be an active candidate for. It belongs to rheumatism and inactivity. If Ham can make it as an active candidacy many folks will wish him well. He will lend color to the campaign, at any rate.

IN CASE OF SICKNESS.

A Cincinnati druggist has bought one million dollars' worth of whisky for medicinal purposes. We can see where there is going to be a lot of sickness in that town. The whisky itself was only \$1.30 a gallon, but the taxes brought it up to \$4.

A WOMAN'S NEEDS.

A California woman asks a divorce because the husband has given her but \$2 in eight months. By this time any man should know that a lady cannot live on \$2 a year. That would hardly keep her in talcum powder. Nobody will blame the wife for demanding a legal separation.

HOME TREATMENT.

Nowadays when a man finds that he has a wife who can make a decent job at cutting his hair he begins to realize what a treasure he has.—Exchange.

IN A FUME.

There is a general strike in Fiume. Mostly what the people want is more wages and lower prices. It would

seem that an able-bodied poet like D'Annunzio should be able to dispose of a grievance like that in short order. This is an adjustment for poets, anyhow.

Her father had given her a wonderful set of mink furs for Christmas. She was in raptures over their beauty. “And to think such wonderfully beautiful furs could come from a low little sneaking beast.” Her mother's expression was pained. “Why, daughter, how can you speak so of your father!”—Successful Farming.

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Today, Friday, April 16, at 10 o'clock

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