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## WHY NOT GROW OUR OWN SUGAR?

The state of Oregon buys for the various institutions
maintained at the expense of the taxpayers about 200,000
pounds of sugarannually. In these strictly state institutions,
such as the asylums for the insane, penitentiary, industria.
sehoobs, etc., there is a population of 5000 to 5500 .
The state also buys for the dormitories of the state
schools about 50,000 pounds of sugar annually.
Why may not the state grow and manufacture its own
sugar? The beets for making 250,000 pounds of sugar could
be grown on less than 100 acres of the kind of land belong-
ing to the state, in the farms of the state hospital or the in-
stitution for the feeble minded or the industrial school for
the boys here. Irrigation could be provided, to make certain
the needed moisture in dry months during the growing sea
son. Fifteen tons to the acre of beets with 15 per cent sugar
content could be relied upon, as an average. Perhaps a larg-
er tonnage. This would provide around 4000 pounds of sugat
to the acre.
Small sugar facteries are being maniuactured that could be
operated by the state largely by the state charges of any
one of several of the state institutions. The surplus could be
sold on the market. Louisana grows cane and manufactures
sugar for the market at its penitentiary; and self support
from this soarce is in sight for the institution.
It would be proper for the legislature at its next session tc
provide for a state sugar plant. It would be in line with the
state flax plant. The latter will within three years make pro-
fits sufficient to render the state prison self supporting-
And it will have led to the development of one of the
largest industries of the state for all time. Perhaps the larg
est of all the industries of Oregon.
A state sugar factory would lead to the development
of one of the greatest industries in Oregon, and one of the
most beneficial with the its indirect help to many other inmost beneficial with the its indirect
dustries, chief among them dairying.
With a per capita consumption in the United States of 11 stitutions may seem small. Around 40 pounds. But the canned contain sugar. Counting att these, the per capita consumptio perhaps up towards the point of the general average.
About 12 pounds of the sugar consumption of the Unite ose (corn sugar) goes into the cheaper kinds of candy. B glucose can be and is now granulated. It is sugar, with 74. sugar.
The commerce department of the United States has jusi issued a bulletin on candy consumption. A year has been con
sumed in gathering the statistics. Our consumption of cand is growing.
In 1926, the bulletin states, candy consumption in the United States amounted to $1,393,000,000$ por head of pop ulation, and was an increase of $60,000,000$ pounds, or 4.52 per
cent, over the 1925 consumption. Only nine states purchased creases in these states were negligible. Nevada was the largconsumer per capita, followed in order by Montana, Illin with consumptions of more than 13 pounds per capita an nually. Consumptions of 10 pounds per capita and over were York, Pennsy
chusetts.

## Under the heading, "Democracy and Education," the Port-

 land Telegram of yesterday printed as its leading editoria! school has been held to be the 'cradle of democracy.' Its greatwhich our national life is founded, by furnishing an intelliwhich our national life is founded, by furnishing an intelli-gent. self-respecting. liberty-loving citizenship. How can they are directed by teachers trained in an atmosphere of pe
ty tryanny, used to the adroit practices of a despot's cour and accustomed to see expediency put before right and jus-
tice? Apparently this is what is being done at Monmouth.
We are told that often honors and rewards go not to merit or ability, but to the student or faculty member who 'stands ture political who torted in itical intrigue, should not become somewhat dis rooms not only a false conception of school government, but ber of the Monmouth faculty, asked as to the effect of th Mussolini-like dictatorship assumed by the dean of women replied by another question, 'What is always the effect of
placing human beings in an abnormal environment $?$ ' He told of a number of school girl indiscretions which were explain
able as a natural reaction against unreasonable restraint. A assumes the defendant innocent until he is proved guiity, the
he can prove herself innocent. If the state is supporting a
school to teach its teachers deceit, a school whose diplomas
are given, not as an honest acknowledgement of work honest-
ly done, but as a reward for political services, or withheld to
satisfy a selfish spite, it is high time something should be y done, but as a reward for political services, or withheld to
atisfy a selfish spite, it is high time something should be
done about it. This institution, which is an important source
f educational and political leadership, should be kept like Caesar's wife, above reproach. A course in tyranny may make preparation for one who is to teach the broad principles of a
sane and tolerant demoeracy."
Has not the editor of the Portland Telegram been imposed
upon? Is not a terrible wrong being committed by that paper pon? Is not a terrible wrong being committed by that pape
in its recent attacks upon Miss Jessica Todd, dean of wome
t the Monmouth school?
She is represented to The Statesman editor as being a wo
nan of high character and fine ability. Though providin man of high character and fine ability. Though providin
home like and attractive housing and surroundings, she ha
been able to furnish to the students of that institution th
heapest living conditions of any institution in Oregonheapest living conditions of any institution in Oregon-
And comparing favorably in all respects with the best in
the whole country.
In 1918 , in the influenza epidemic, she nursed through their In 1918, in the influenza epidemic, she nursed through their
sickness 30 to 40 of the girls of the institution, when no other
nurse could be had. It is said that Miss Todd merely demands decency and mor
lity among the students at Monmouth. The people of Ore gon certainly would wish for no less.
ave run counter to the demands of decency, the managers
of the Portland Telegram ought to make amends for the

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& \text { terrible wrong that has been done to a womian of high stand- } \\
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$$ end her, and make it impossible for her private detractor breaker of the laws of God and man. grade of a moron or

Captain G. M. Walker's new boat, that will draw but tw feet of water with a load of 150 tons, will almost, in the ve
nacular of the river men, navigate on a "heavy dew." nacular of the river men, navigate on a "heavy dew." It
should be able to make the trip between Salem and Portland
3il the year through. Captain Walker is looking for a name for the new vessel, which is to be ready to go on the Willam-
tte run between the capital and the metropolis by the middle f July. Have you a name? a If you have a suggestion, Th
Statesman will be glad to get it to Captain Walker. Th United States engineers ought to make it unnecessary for
the new vessel to run on a heavy dew. And the people of the hole valley ought to insist upon such an improvement of the
channel to Salem, and on up to Eugene, as will provide still water the year through, and so connect this great valley by
water transportation with the deep sea ports of the whole
world. Looks like Hoover. And that will mean a sweeping Repu
ican victory in November.



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