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SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1903.

What does America owe to her Indian fighters, explorers, hunters, trappers, missionaries and adventurers? They, before all others, took the land and held many a dark and bloody ground for civilization. They held in trust, a home for posterity. Our institutions are their monuments.—Eva Emery Dye.

THE POOR FARM PURCHASE.

Since the county court purchased the farm near this city, to be converted into a poor farm for the maintenance of county charges, a warm debate has been going on in different localities, as to the expediency of that action.

Many objections to the move have been made, by citizens in all parties, and from various standpoints.

Briefly summing up the objections which have been raised against this action, the following points are pertinent at this time:

1. Where did the county court get authority in law, to buy this farm, since the law strictly provides that no county shall go in debt more than \$5,000, except to suppress revolt or to meet other like public emergency?
2. Was not the price paid, higher than is warranted by the prices of surrounding land?
3. Will it not require the expenditure of at least one-fifth of the purchase price, to put the farm in condition to fill the purpose for which it is intended?
4. Do the people of the county want a poor farm?

The East Oregonian will take up the various phases of these objections and endeavor to give the true situation that now confronts the county in the matter of caring for the poor. It is a subject which deserves thorough consideration by the people and the court. It should be discussed in its various lights, and to that end the matter will be presented from time to time in these columns.

FOR BETTER SCHOOLS.

State Superintendent Ackerman has signified his intention of supporting Senator Pierce's school tax bill, which has been introduced by him in the state senate, and which is being heartily seconded by every senator who favors higher valuation of property in this state.

In his report to the legislative assembly Superintendent Ackerman recommended that the fixed levy of five mills be raised to six mills, as a remedy for the scarcity of funds in many rural districts of the state.

The situation was fully appreciated by the superintendent when he offered this as a solution for the vexed school fund issue. He saw the low valuation of property that prevailed throughout Oregon, and also recognized the need of longer terms of school in many districts. He evidently figured that six mills on the present property valuation would provide sufficient funds, but would not the assessor in his effort to keep down an excessive school fund in the wealthy districts, place a still lower valuation upon property? As the school levy was raised, would not the valuation be lowered, thus allowing more and more property to escape just taxation, by exemption?

The increase of the fixed levy to six mills, as recommended by superintendent Ackerman would only serve

to deepen the injustice of taxation. The only equitable way to meet all the perplexing points in the school fund question is to make a fixed appropriation as the Pierce law proposes, and in addition to this, an apportionment to each district large enough to provide good schools for at least eight months of the year.

The state owes each child a public school education, no matter whether there be one child in a district or one hundred children. The law should be such that a term of school of a fixed duration should be held in each school district in Oregon each year, independent of all outside considerations. The districts should employ such teachers as may be necessary at wages proportionate to the requirements of their profession, and the county and state should furnish each district with sufficient funds for this purpose, just as regularly as other salaries are paid.

The meaning of the public school system is that it furnish each child the rudiments of an education, with no possibility of interference by any agency. The term of the public school should be a certainty, a fixture, so thoroughly ingrained into the organic law that no emergency could arise to curtail its length or scope.

If this great institution of a free people be made subject to the whims of men whose ideas of its usefulness may vary; if it be left to the mercy of assessment laws and individual opinions of courts or officials, it will certainly suffer.

The regular term of public school should be held, every year, with uniformity and regularity. The state has an enormous fund at interest; it has resources from which to draw sufficient means to guarantee eight months' school in each district, every year, whether it contains a dozen or a thousand scholars, and that is the only true meaning of the public school system.

The agitation for a new county down in one corner of Crook, is the forerunner of a season of pruning which will soon have to begin on the edges of the great empires of interior Oregon, which we call counties. There is room to hide half a dozen Eastern states in the vast area of Malheur, Crook, Lake or Harney and as enough people drift out into these regions, to hold offices, new counties must be laid out to accommodate them.

Oregon has set a most excellent example for her counties to follow. She is out of debt. She don't owe a cent. Don't forget this.

CAN DEMOCRATS WIN IN 1904?

The 13 states composing the solid South of recent years will have 151 votes in the electoral college of 1904. This leaves out Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, which have been carried by the republicans in most of the recent canvasses. A majority of the electoral college of 1904 will be 239, the entire college, with the existing number of states, comprising 476 members.

With New York's 39 electoral votes—and the narrowness of the republican margin in New York in 1902, and the democrats a hope of winning that state in the coming election—they would have 190 votes, or only 49 short of the number required to choose a president. New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana usually go with New York. Maryland is very far from being sure for the republicans.

The anti-Addicks republicans made Delaware democratic in 1902, and the unfortunate factional fight is not finished. The democrats led in the voting in Rhode Island in 1902. Nevada is likely to remain with the South a few years longer. These states, with New York and the solid South would give the democrats 242 votes in the electoral college, or three more than enough to elect, so that they could loose either Delaware or Nevada, if

they carried all the others, and still win.

The situation stands thus:

	Electoral Votes
South, excluding Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia	151
New York	39
New Jersey	12
Connecticut	7
Indiana	15
Maryland	8
Delaware	3
Rhode Island	4
Nevada	3
Total	242
Necessary to a choice	121

Majority 121
Unquestionably the proposed alliance between the South and East may have portentous consequences for the republican party in 1904.

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Its mane in a tangled dishevel,
When the rider is up in the seat for a run
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The bronk goes gyrating for all it is worth,
The limbs of perdition inside of the hide
Of the beast seem to hold a mad revel
When the cowboy swings up in the seat for a ride
On the back of his autogodevil.

But when it discovers its efforts are vain,
That hand of a master is grasping the rein,
It wisely concludes to surrender to fate
And pulls itself down to a traveling gait.
The master and beast soon are warmest of chums
And ready to face any racket that comes;
By night and by day, in the storm and the sun,
Together they work as if they were but one.

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—James Barton Adams, in Denver Post

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