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JOY ONCE MORE.

Oh, the comet came an' the comet went, An' there's joy once more in the settlement! We didn't burn, an' we didn't blaze, An' we'll go rejoicin' all our days!

THE AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

Of our public schools Americans have just reason for being proud. The American public school system is the greatest institution in the world.

Now this is a condition that does not prevail throughout the entire world. In England the school system is arranged with a view, not to promoting democracy but with a view to perpetuating class distinctions.

The rain this morning was rather bad for those attending the pioneer picnic at Weston but it was "fine dope" for the wheat men in certain sections where the need of more moisture was beginning to be felt.

The leader of a New York gang of thieves was killed by a woman with a rolling pin. The story recalls that of the man who returned home from a lion hunt to be killed by a banana cart.

Patten says once more that he will retire. He can afford to do so. May the school rooms be well filled next fall. This is a great day for the small boy.

TAKING CARE OF HOME FOLKS. The new clerk at the drug store returned a prescription to the customer with a request that he wait till the boss returned.

A CONFIRMED PESSIMIST. How is your wife, John? John (the waiter)—Well, I don't know, miss. When the sun don't shine she's miserable, and when it does she says it fades the carpet.

the state is reimbursed for its expense through obtaining a higher standard of citizenship.

TURN THEM ALL DOWN.

In discussing the varied aggregation of county division bills now up for consideration the Eugene Register has the following: Now it is to be a Clark county sliced off from Grant county. With all these new county schemes on foot, the wisest thing the people of the state can do is to vote "No" on all of them as a reminder to new county boomers that they must pass the whole proposition up to the legislature for enactment of a law leaving division and formation of new counties to the people directly interested, both as to territory set off and the old county or counties from which to be taken.

It is a household affair in which the general public should not mix and in which they really do not care to inject themselves by their vote. Many a man has gotten a well deserved licking for mixing in a family row. Only one county in Oregon has ever been created by the people and that was Hood River, but that was after Wasco county gave its consent to separate and the people did no great harm in this instance.

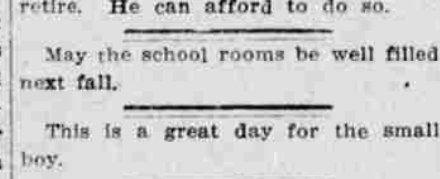
The propositions now up are different, especially the ones affecting Lane and Douglas counties and the people of these two counties will feel that the people of Oregon have taken snap judgment and forced upon them a condition not warranted by the situation unless the people of these two counties see fit to submit, by their own votes, to the proposed divisions.

Let the people of Oregon put this whole county division proposition up to the legislature to arrange a division law that leaves settlement of such questions to the voters in the territory affected. Such a just and equitable law was passed at the last session, but retiring Governor Chamberlain for reasons best known to himself, vetoed it.

Vote "No" on all county division schemes and let the legislature straighten this matter out for the common good of all the people.

The job proved too strenuous even for him. He tried to work to twelve-hour a day trick, seven days a week, and play the other twelve seven days

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HE GOT THE DOCTOR. Professor Hugh W. Ransom of Harvard has been working as a laborer in the Cambridge subway in order to compile certain statistics at first hand.

CHARLES M. SCHWAB. We have the word of Mr. Andrew Carnegie for it that Charles M. Schwab knows more about steel than any man alive, therefore when United States Commissioner of Labor Neil hauls the indefatigable Charles M. over the coals for the shocking conditions the commissioner says exist in the Bethlehem Steel Works, said Charles M. says he's sorry, and gives no other excuse than that he's been too busy to notice it before.

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