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**SETTLE IT THIS TIME.**

This is about the "seventh time the proposition of closing Aura and Lillesh streets has been taken up by the Commercial club or by the city council. Will the matter be adjusted this time or will it be left unfinished as usual?

It should not be an impossibility to close the two streets in question and at the same time satisfy all concerned. The convenience of the O-W. company requires the closing of the streets. The present arrangement is unsatisfactory and it is dangerous. The railroad is not unreasonable in asking for the closing of the streets. If the company is to operate here it must have sufficient room for its purposes. If the freight division is to be brought here the company will require more room than at present and it will be up to local people to assist the company in getting such land as it will need. It will be good business for us to treat the railroad company right.

But it is true also that the property owners who might be affected adversely by closing Aura and Lillesh streets must be considered. Because the railroad needs the streets does not mean that small property owners should be injured without compensation in order to give the company what it needs. There should be some way of arriving at the damages and benefits that will result from the

closing of those streets. If it can be shown that some property owners will suffer bona fide damages then, the matter should be made right with them. The East Oregonian is of the opinion the railroad company will be ready to do what is reasonable along this line. Railroad officials are not monsters who try to crush poor men and widows and orphans whenever they can. As a matter of fact they are usually very liberal in dealing with people who have property affected by their lines.

What the situation calls for is a man who can take hold of this street closing proposition with both hands and work out a solution that will give the company what it needs, will be satisfactory to the property owners and will incidentally prevent any lawsuits. Maybe Dan P. Smythe, president of the Commercial club is the man for the job. If he can handle it he will be entitled to a leather medal for up to this time all efforts to settle the affair have been futile.

**WELL TO DROP IT.**

Nothing more is being said in the press regarding a move to refer the appropriations of the agricultural college, the state university and the Monmouth normal school. The silence indicates that the McMinnville people may have taken a second thought and decided to drop the matter. If so they are showing splendid judgment.

Such a wholesale referring of school appropriations this year would have been inexcusable. It would have seriously injured the schools and would have placed Oregon in a bad light before the thousands of colonists who are rushing to the northwest to locate. Few people of intelligence would care to settle in a state that is so narrow or so parsimonious as to be forever fighting and hampering its institutions of learning.

To refer the school appropriations would also bring the referendum into disfavor. The referendum is not an instrument to be used for revenge or any other unworthy purpose. It should be used sparingly and it is doubtful if it should ever at any time be used to hold up an educational appropriation. The schools are usually entitled to all the money they can get and to more. Money expended in upbuilding the colleges and in increasing their efficiency is well invested.

If they have dropped the referendum move the people of McMinnville have shown good sense. Were they to continue with such a program they would hurt others but they would themselves no good. They would bring state wide reproach upon McMinnville and make the name of that town a by-word of hate among thousands of students and former students of the state schools.

**WHY THE UNDERLINGS?**

News reports from Danville show that 35 indictments have been returned against men who are charged with election offences. But the story says that those indicted were all "workers about the polls." No leading politicians or citizens are in the list. In this particular the case is similar to the New York custom house investigations which resulted in the conviction of some weighers and wharf hands but of no "higher ups." Why don't the investigators get the

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